



# Rawlings News



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## Principal's Point

2020-2021 School Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:45-2:55

Hello Rawlings Families,

Happy October! We have lots of exciting things going on at Rawlings this month. Our first cycle of MAP testing is complete with all of our students. This data will provide us valuable information on your child's instructional focus. Mid-term reports were sent home on September 17th. This is a "mid-point check-in" before the first report card goes home on November 3rd. If you have any concerns or questions, please make sure to contact your child's teacher to ask to schedule a conference. All teachers will be reaching out for conferences during the month of October. Our next SAC meeting is on Monday, October 12th at 3:15 via Zoom. If you are interested in attending there will be a link on our website to join. I hope to see you all there. There is no school for all students on October 26<sup>th</sup>. This is a teacher work day. Oct. 26<sup>th</sup> – Oct. 30<sup>th</sup> is Red Ribbon Week. The theme this year is: *Be Happy. Be Brave. Be Drug Free.* Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to show their commitment to be drug free by participating in Spirit THEME DAYS. A flyer will go home with all students indicating the themes. Just a reminder that it is so important that all of our children, face to face and online, are at school on time every day. The first bell rings at 8:40 and school starts promptly at 8:45. Our days are packed full of exciting learning opportunities and we want to make sure they are there for every second. Again, thank you for your continued support.



Rebecca Moore, Principal



## Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

Our first cycle of MAP testing was completed early this year so classroom teachers would have a clear picture of your child's strengths and possible challenges in reading and math. This data will provide us valuable information on your child's instructional focus. Teachers will be setting up conferences for October so they may share information about your child's MAP scores. Here are a few items to get familiar with before your conference:

### How it works

MAP Growth is a computer-adaptive test. If your child answers a question correctly, the next question is more challenging. If they answer incorrectly, the next one is easier. This type of assessment challenges top performers without overwhelming students whose skills are below grade level.

### What it measures

MAP Growth uses a RIT scale to accurately measure what students know, regardless of their grade level. It also measures growth over time, allowing you to track your child's progress throughout the school year and across multiple years. Once your child completes a MAP Growth test, they receive a RIT score.

### Your child's RIT score

RIT scores have the same meaning across grade levels. If a fourth-grade student and an eighth-grade student have the same RIT score in reading, then they are testing at the same level in that subject. This stable scale allows teachers to accurately measure each student's academic growth throughout the school year and over time. You can use your child's RIT score to help them meet their goals. For example, students can enter their RIT scores into our college explorer tool to see which colleges and universities they're on track to enter.

### Mission Statement

"Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life."

### Vision

"Always expect the best - 100% student success."

## **Title 1 Annual Meeting**

On Thursday, September 24th, Rawlings held our Title I Annual Meeting and Back to School Night. The video link was shared with classroom teachers to add to their virtual presentation. Within the Title I Annual Meeting video, we discussed the following: our School Compact, our schools and LEA Parent Involvement Plan (PIP), Title I budget, academic expectations, assessments, Title I Parent's Right to Know, and the Title I Program. The video is posted on our school website if you were unable to attend. Please email Mrs. Oester, the Title I contact, at [oesterj@pcsb.org](mailto:oesterj@pcsb.org) if you have any other questions or concerns regarding our school or our Title I Program.

## **Parent's Right to Know**

As a parent of a student attending a Title I Pinellas County Public School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's teachers:

- Whether the Florida Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- Whether the Florida Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of circumstances.
- The teacher's college or major, and any advanced degrees, if so, the subjects and degrees
- Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.
- Review Principal's Attestations (in the Principal's office and LEA office)

In addition, you have the right to be provided information on your child's level of achievement on the Florida Standard Assessments. This information will be available at your child's school.



## **Pinellas County Schools Referendum benefits teachers and students**

The renewal of Pinellas County Schools Referendum will be on the Nov. 3 ballot. The Referendum boosts reading, art and music programs, provides up-to-date technology and textbooks, and helps recruit and retain quality teachers. Voters have supported the Referendum every four years since its initial approval in 2004. An independent citizens committee oversees Referendum spending to ensure money is spent as voters intended. Every penny of the funding benefits Pinellas teachers and students. For more information, please visit [www.pcsb.org/referendum](http://www.pcsb.org/referendum).

The Referendum is up for renewal November 3, 2020  
**[www.pcsb.org/referendum](http://www.pcsb.org/referendum)**



### **Coming soon! Online Book Fair!!!**

We will be having a  
**Scholastic Online Book Fair!**  
Our OnlineBook Fair will be held  
on-line from  
**November 30-December 13.**  
More info to come!!

## **School Advisory Council (SAC)**

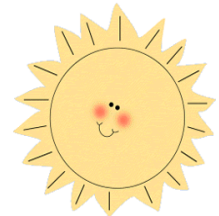
SAC is a team representing various segments of the community, which meets to discuss our school's academic plan and progress and helps create the School Improvement Plan (goals and objectives for the school). **The next SAC meeting will be a virtual meeting on Monday, Oct. 12 at 3:15 pm. If you would like to participate, please email Lori-Ann to get the link: [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org)**

## **Congratulations**

to **Aliana** in 4th Grade  
for winning the  
myON Back-to-School Reading Challenge!

Aliana won a **Kindle Fire!**

**Way to go,  
Aliana!**



## **Rawlings Family Lunch Munch**

We do not have any Family Lunch Munch events  
scheduled at this time.

Please check back for updates later in the year.

## Virtual Volunteers and Mentors needed for the new school year!!

**New:** Volunteer registration is now **online** at [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration) . Please fill out application online and then contact Lori-Ann at [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org) after completing.

Following our Summer Break all PCS Volunteer profiles were placed as: **INACTIVE**. All returning volunteers must re-activate in the Volunteer System prior to volunteering. Please re-activate your volunteer account.

To sign into the Volunteer System, please use the **Google Chrome browser** and go to: <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>

Enter your username and password: User ID: **V. Last name, first initial** Example: **Charkm** Password: Your **Last name** (Capitalize the first letter only) followed by the 4-digit **Birth YEAR** Example: **Chark1990**

At this time volunteers and mentors are not allowed on school campus following district guidelines for Covid 19. This will be reevaluated at a later date. All volunteering and mentoring will be virtual until notified otherwise.

### **Red Ribbon Week! October 26-30, 2020**

Will we be recognizing Red Ribbon Week the week of October 26<sup>th</sup>-30<sup>th</sup>. This year's theme is "Be Happy, Be Brave, Be Drug Free"! Be on the lookout for a flyer that includes a week of theme days for your child to participate in.

### **STEM Academies**

STEM Academies will begin the week of November 30, 2020. That is the week we come back from Fall Break. Applications/interest forms will be going home around the beginning of November!

## **Great American Teach-In is going virtual! Coming Soon! Wednesday, November 18, 2020**

If you are interested in sharing your profession or hobby with your child's class virtually, please click on the link below and fill out the form to be contacted by Lori-Ann, Family And Community Liaison.

[https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb\\_3ye\\_PH\\_3hfAUavPdtGiKbiWOqiZaBUOEo3UUhXSDJZVFU0OFM4UjRYSNDVSIZMWS4u](https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=BZM8c9c5GkaGb_3ye_PH_3hfAUavPdtGiKbiWOqiZaBUOEo3UUhXSDJZVFU0OFM4UjRYSNDVSIZMWS4u)



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# Rawlings Guitar Ensemble

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**Meeting Time: TBA**

See Mr. Allen-Reddick for details  
[allen-reddickx@pcsb.org](mailto:allen-reddickx@pcsb.org)

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**RML presents:**

# **Rawlings Drum Club**

**A Multi-Instrumental Ensemble**

Meeting Times: Wednesdays after  
school until 4:15 p.m.

See Mr. Allen-Reddick for details

[allen-reddickx@pcsb.org](mailto:allen-reddickx@pcsb.org)



**JOIN RAWLINGS  
CHORUS TODAY!!!**

**Open to all 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders**

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**Meeting Days: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade-Tuesdays @ 1:15 p.m.  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade: Wednesdays @ 2:05 p.m.**

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**See Mr. Allen-Reddick for details.  
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## Thank you, Partners and Friends!

### Adopt a School

Pinellas Park Rotary Club  
Pinellas Park Rotary Florida Foundation Inc

### Donations

DoubleTree Beach Resort  
Publix  
Walmart  
Boys and Girls Club



To become a classroom partner, a donation of \$100 in the form of cash, money order or materials is given to a teacher. For more information, contact Lori-Ann DiPenta at 547-7828

## Upcoming Events

### October 2020

Monday, October 26—non-student day  
October 26-30—Red Ribbon Week

### Looking Ahead

Nov. 18—Virtual Great American Teach-In  
November 21-29—Thanksgiving Holidays  
Nov. 30-Dec. 13—Online Book Fair  
December 19-January 3—Winter Holidays



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