



Rawlings News

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2021-2022 School

Principal's Point

Dear Rawlings Families,

April is here and we are getting ready for FSA testing. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade scholars will be taking the FSA test in April and/or May. Make sure to check the testing schedule for your child's testing days. Testing begins promptly at 8:50 each day. It is important to make sure your child has a good night's rest, eats a healthy breakfast, and starts their day off in a positive way. Our teachers and staff have been working hard to prepare our scholars throughout the year and I am confident that our students will perform successfully on this test. This is their time to shine and show what they know! I wish all our scholars the very best.

A huge thank you to PTA for purchasing snacks and mints, and SAC for purchasing the 2021-2022 FSA T-shirts for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students and teachers. Our next SAC meeting is April 12th at 3:15 PM on Zoom. I hope to see you all there.

Our Spring Music Concert will be April 21st at 6 PM. Join us at 5:00 PM that same evening to view our Science Experiment boards (Science Showcase) prior to the concert. As we are bringing this school year to a close we are beginning to plan our end of the year activities and programs. More details will be coming soon. Thank you for all that you do each day to help our school to be the best!

Ms. Moore

Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

This month I would like to talk about kindness. I have noticed an increase in students being unkind with their words. I would like us all to remember to help our children think about their peers and remember that other people may be experiencing difficulties that we may not know of. Let's remind our children to use words to make things better. If someone says something mean to another person, they have a choice to acknowledge it or ignore it. If one chooses to acknowledge it, they can you do it in a smart way. Say, "that's not very nice." I also tell our students that they do not have to receive unkind words, they may have to try hard but, they can ignore it. Generally, a person who calls others unkind words is trying to get attention. Let's help our children know not to give others who use unkind words attention by acknowledging mean, rude, and untrue remarks. Also, hitting in response to a rude statement will not help the situation, it will make it worse. Use words, not hands. If someone says something very egregious to your child, it's best to report that to an adult at school. I have a poster in my office with the word THINK. Each letter stands for a word that has a question to reflect upon what we say. T-Is it true? H-Is it helpful? I-Is it inspiring? N-Is it necessary? K-Is it kind? Let's have our children THINK before they say something.

Mission Statement

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

Vision

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

School Advisory Council (SAC)

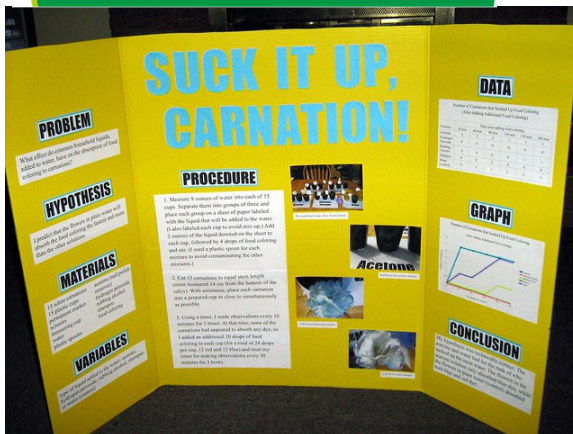
SAC is a team representing various segments of the community, which meets to discuss our school's academic plan and progress and helps create the School Improvement Plan (goals and objectives for the school). The next SAC meeting will be on April 12, 2022 at 3:15 pm on Zoom.

Email Ms. Lori Ann at Dipental@pcsb.org if you would like to participate or have any questions.



Pinellas County Science Showcase and STEM Expo

On May 14th at St. Petersburg
College, Clearwater campus
Open to all Students,
Parents & Public
10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.



hello
SPRING

Virtual Volunteers and Mentors needed!!

New: Volunteer registration is now **online** at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration. Please fill out application online and then contact Lori-Ann at 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

If you would like to help the school by doing volunteer work from home please contact Lori-Ann at dipental@pcsb.org



RAWLINGS MUSIC LIVE PRESENTS

SPRING CONCERT 2022:

“FOR THE LOVE”

Featuring:

Grades 3, 4, and 5

Rawlings Chorus

Rawlings Guitar Ensemble

Rawlings Orff Chamber

Rawlings Orff Ensemble



THURSDAY, APRIL 21, 2022 @ 6:00 P.M.

STEM:

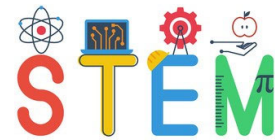
The last week for STEM is the final week of April. The last days are as follows:

2nd Grade: Wednesday 4/27/22

3rd Grade: Thursday 4/28/22

4th Grade: Thursday 4/28/22

5th Grade: Tuesday 4/26/22



April is... Volunteer Appreciation Month!

Volunteers are just ordinary people with extraordinary hearts. They offer the gift of their time to

teach, to listen, to help, to inspire, to build, to grow, to learn. They expect no pay, yet the value of their work knows no limit ...

They've known the unexpected joy of a simple hug. They've planted tiny seeds of love in countless lives. Volunteers are just ordinary people who reach out and take a hand and together make a difference that lasts a lifetime.

FSA Testing 3-5

April 5 & 6 – 3rd grade FSA ELA

April 7 – 4th & 5th grade FSA Writing

May 3 & 4 – 4th & 5th grade FSA ELA

May 5 & 6 – 3rd grade FSA Math

May 10 & 11 – 4th & 5th grade FSA Math

May 17 & 18 – 5th grade Science

5 tips to reduce TEST ANXIETY in CHILDREN
Big Life Journal

1 PUT TESTS INTO PERSPECTIVE

- Encourage children to do their best, but remind them that one test won't make or break their future.
- Tell them they will be **loved and valued** no matter what test score they earn.
- Explain this test will provide **helpful information** about what they're great at and what they still need to practice.

2 HELP THEM PRACTICE

- If your child is nervous, start by **asking why** they feel nervous.
- Consider **finding practice tests** online you can discuss together.
- **Don't push your child** to study for the test; these tests are meant to measure what your child already knows.

3 PROVIDE USEFUL TEST-TAKING TIPS

- Answer the **easiest questions first**, mark difficult questions and return to them later.
- Use **process of elimination**, crossing out the answer choices you know are wrong.
- Make an **educated guess** when needed.
- **Read** all the answer choices before choosing one.
- If penalized for incorrect answers, don't guess **unless** you can eliminate some answer choices.
- If aren't penalized for incorrect answers, **don't leave any questions blank**. If time is about to run out, bubble something for each unanswered question.

4 TEACH CALMING STRATEGIES

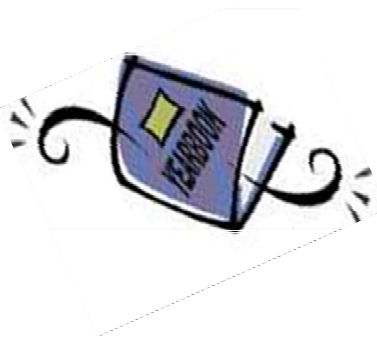
- Experiment with **calming strategies** to find some go-to techniques.
- **Remind** they won't know every single answer on the test, and that's okay.
- Give them a **plan** for what they will do if they don't know an answer.
- Equip your child with a few strategies that effectively calm them. Spend some time practicing these strategies before test day.

5 PROVIDE ENCOURAGEMENT

- If your child voices a negative statement, like, "I know I'm going to fail," **acknowledge your child's feelings**: "I know you're feeling nervous about the test. Tests can be scary."
- Counter with a **positive and encouraging statement**: "You've practiced really hard and learned a lot this year. You might know a lot of the answers and get a higher score than you're expecting."
- You can also leave your child **encouraging messages** in a backpack or on the mirror with dry-erase markers.

BONUS TIP: HELP THEM FEEL THEIR BEST ON TEST DAY

- Choose movement and exercise
- Get plenty of rest
- Stick to your usual bedtime routine
- Avoiding excessive screen time
- Providing a protein-rich breakfast in the morning, like oatmeal or eggs
- Keeping conversation positive, encouraging, and lighthearted
- Share laughter and sing favorite songs on the way to school, if driving.
- Listen to our Big Life Journal playlists on Spotify!
- Leave your child with a big hug and words of encouragement



Yearbooks on sale NOW!

Order Yours Today! Limited Quantities Available!

M.K. Rawlings PTA is selling
The 2021-2022 Yearbook for \$10.00 order now!

Hurry while supplies last!

Credit card/debit card payments only!

Call Donna @ 727-289-1293

Leave a message on answering machines.

Please give us the following information:
Child full name, Teacher name, and Grade
with your payment:

Sales will be from

April 4, 2022–April 15, 2022

5th Grade Yearbook Tribute Love Line



For only \$5, one picture of your child can be placed in a section *exclusively* for the fifth graders in this year's yearbook. Pictures can be baby, sports, or just your favorite photo you have taken with your phone. Picture can be no bigger than a 5x7 if you are scanning them, include the child's name in the email and teacher name. You may also include a 30 word message to appear with the student's picture. This will appear on a quarter of a page within the yearbook. If you would like more space and more pictures, each quarter page is \$5.00 up to a whole page for \$20.00 Cash or Credit card ONLY!

Please make sure you have sent in everything by **Friday, April 15.**

The picture or pictures can be email to ingersondo@pcsb.org
along with your 30 words or less message.

Thank you for helping make this year's yearbook memorable!

Thank you, Partners and Friends!

DoubleTree Beach Resort
Treasure Island Fun Center
Astroskate
Publix

David and Tracy Blanck of Blanck's Flooring

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

April 14 – 5th grade to Enterprise Village

April 15 – No school

April 21 – 6pm Spring Concert

April 22 – Midterms go Home

May 14 – District Science Showcase

May 26 – Last day of school, Early release
at 12:55pm

June 6 – Summer Bridge begins

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