

# Rawlings News

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**December 2021  
January 2022**

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2021-2022 School

## Principal's Point

Dear Rawlings Families,

Happy December! I have been spending most of the school day in classrooms observing your child or children being active learners. I am proud of all of the hard work and accomplishments that I see and hear as I have conversations with them about their learning. I am also proud of the outstanding instruction that our teachers and staff are providing to our scholars each day.

During the month of December, your child/children will be taking the next round of MAP assessments. This assessment is extremely important as it has a direct correlation of how your child will perform on the FSA (Florida Standards Assessment). All students in grades 3-5 take the FSA assessment in the Spring. Make sure to talk with your child about the importance of focusing and doing their best!!!

Our school will be closed December 20<sup>th</sup> through January 3<sup>rd</sup> for the Winter Break. School will resume for all students on Tuesday, January 4<sup>th</sup>. Make sure to check the "Upcoming Events" section of this newsletter for our January events. I wish you all a very Happy Holiday Season and a safe and healthy New Year!

Rebecca Moore, Principal

## Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

On Thanksgiving Day my granddaughter, a bright fifth grade student, asked me how to do a task. I started to answer and her dad, my son, stopped me. "Mom, don't tell her how to do everything or she won't learn to problem solve and think on her own." My mom-eyes and gave my son the *mom-look* and as my brain processed that, I agreed completely. We must allow children the opportunity to have a productive struggle with home and school tasks as they will be better for it. The more we *allow* them to think the better they will think. Yes, some things must be taught while other tasks, children need time to grapple with and have productive struggle. Give it a try with your children over the Winter Break.

**productive struggle:** to proceed with difficulty or with great effort that yields results, benefits

**grapple verb** : to begin to understand or deal with something in a direct or effective way

Do be careful when you make this suggestion to your parents on behalf of your child(ren).

I hope you will enjoy this wonderful family-centered season with those who matter most.

Happy Holidays!

### Mission Statement

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

### Vision

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

# Rawlings PTA Movie Night

## December 10, 2021




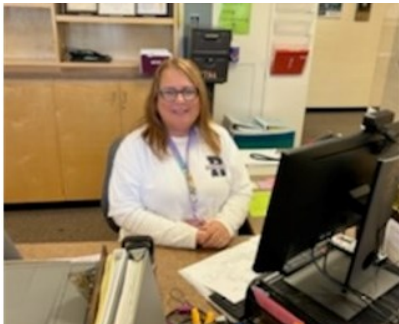
Please join us on Friday, December 10<sup>th</sup> in the courtyard for Movie Night. Gates will open at 5:30PM and the movie will begin at 6:00PM.

Pizza, snacks, and drinks will be available for purchase to enjoy during the show. All items will cost \$1.00 each.

Please bring a blanket or chairs so you can be comfortable while enjoying our featured Disney film: *Luca*! Rain or shine the show will go on.

A DVD of Disney Luca will be raffled off immediately after the movie.

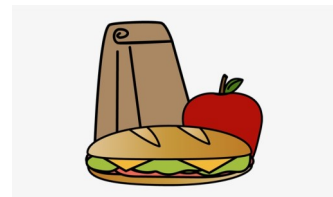
All children must be accompanied by an adult.  
Sponsored by: M. K. Rawlings PTA and 



It is with great pleasure that we introduce Mrs. Kim Qualls! She is our new front office clerk. We are so happy she has joined our Rawlings Family.

## Rawlings Family Lunch Munch

We do not have any Family Lunch Munch events



## 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 January 11, 2022 at 3:15 pm on Zoom. Email Ms. Lori Ann at [Dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:Dipental@pcsb.org) if you would like to participate.



## **Virtual Volunteers and Mentors needed!!**

**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

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

# A big THANK YOU goes to our Great American Teach-In Volunteers!

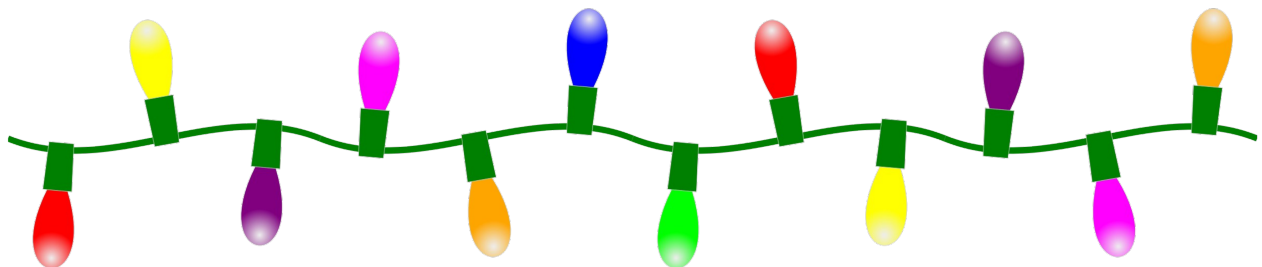
November 17th could not have been such a huge success without the many volunteers and parents who shared their professions, expertise and talents with our students. A huge thank you to Rawlings parents and staff who helped give contacts for some of our presenters as well. We look forward to another successful event in November 2022.

It is not too early to think about next year! If interested contact Lori-Ann at 547-7828. Thank you to all those involved!

Allen Lambert  
John Hopkins  
Jim Espinosa  
Amy Nulph  
Kelsey Cruise  
Brooke Robbins  
Marie Molina  
Mirela Ledenko  
Erin Fields  
Erik Janis  
Jerry Tippett  
Amadou Diop  
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Family Math Night at  
Rawlings Elementary  
Save the date!!  
January 19, 2022 @ 5:30 pm

Participate in fun math activities that can support your child at home. More information to come.

## Title I

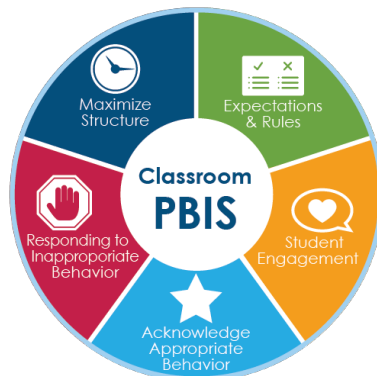
Check out our school website! <https://www.pcsb.org/rawlings-es>  
Under the Resource tab and Title I, you have access to our:

- 2021-22 School Improvement Plan
- Parent and Family Engagement Plan
- Parents Right to Know
- Title I News
- School-Parent-Student Compact

There are also additional links to:

School grades and AYP information: [http://  
schoolgrades.fldoe.org/](http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org/)

Florida's School Public Accountability Reports (SPAR): SPAR Report and link: [http://doeweb-  
prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/year1415/  
nclb1415.cfm?dist\\_schl=52\\_435](http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbspar/year1415/nclb1415.cfm?dist_schl=52_435)



## Research supports five essential practices for classroom PBIS

Classroom teachers have the flexibility to design specific classroom management strategies that are responsive to their students' cultures and fit with their own personal style of teaching. Those strategies should be aligned to the five categories that research has linked to positive student outcomes:

1. Maximize structure in the classroom with predictable routines and a safe, orderly environment
2. Teach, monitor, and reinforce expectations and rules that are aligned to the school-wide expectations
3. Actively engage students by providing culturally responsive instruction that includes high rates of opportunities to respond
4. Use a continuum of culturally responsive strategies to acknowledge appropriate behavior
5. Use a continuum of culturally responsive strategies to respond to inappropriate behavior

# Rawlings Music Live Presents: Winter Concert

- Featuring:
- Grades 1 & 2
  - Rawlings Orff Chamber
  - Rawlings Orff Ensemble
  - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus
  - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus



Xavier L. Allen-Reddick, Director of Music  
Mary Anderson, Art Director

December 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.



## Mark Your Calendar for Ready, Set... Kindergarten!

### Rawlings will host our event on Thursday, January 13, 2022 at 5:30pm in our school media center.

If your child will be attending kindergarten NEXT school year, 2022-2023, make sure to attend a Ready, Set...Kindergarten event. You'll meet teachers, start the enrollment process and learn how to get your child ready for kindergarten. Some elementary schools will host virtual events and others will host events at their school.

## Thank you, Partners and Friends!

### Adopt A Class

Douglas Ashcroft- Mrs. Eells Pre K class

### Business Partners

- Publix on Park Blvd/Belcher
- Doubletree Beach Resort
- Treasure Island Fun Center
- Pinellas Park Rotary Club
- Heath Murphy of Jones Law Group
- Pinellas Park Police Department
- 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

- 12/10 Movie Night 6 pm
- 12/15 Winter Show 6pm
- 12/17 Kindergarten performance 9am
- 12/17 Marking Period ends
- 12/20—1/3 Winter Break
- 1/3 No School for students
- 1/4 School Resumes
- 1/11 Report Cards go home
- 1/13 Ready, Set , Kindergarten 5:30 pm
- 1/17 MLK Day No School
- 1/24—100th Day of School



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