



Rawlings News



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2021-2022 School

Principal's Point

Dear Rawlings Families,

It's hard to believe that January is over and we are well into February. Mid-terms went home with all students on February 4th. Make sure to take some time to talk with your child about their progress and set goals to improve. February 8th is our next SAC meeting. It will be at 3:15 pm on Zoom. The link will be posted on our school website. I sure hope to see you all there. February 7th-11th is Social Services Week. This is a time to recognize our amazing social service staff at Rawlings- Kanani Cullum- School Counselor, Megann Rogers- Social Worker, Bryce Allen- School Psychologist and Jessica Polski-School Nurse. Feel free to send an email or message to thank them for their hard work keeping our scholars physically and emotionally safe. This month we will be having a virtual Reading event. A link to our event will be sent home through DOJO on Monday February 14th. Last, there is no school for students on Monday, February 21st. This is a teacher and staff work day!



Take good care, Ms. Moore

Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

It's getting to be that time of year when we are planning for the FSA, Florida Standards Assessment and the SSA, Statewide Science Assessment. These are the show what we know, dance recital demonstrating our learning! Testing for 3rd grade reading and 4th and 5th grade writing will be the week of April 4th. All other testing will take place in May. As a rule, we do not test students on Monday. It is possible we would have a make-up session on a Monday. It is best that students do not have non-urgent dental appointments or healthy doctor appointments during the school day, during testing as this is very disruptive. We want our students to be *calm, refreshed, and happy* when approaching their tests, so they will do their very best. More specific dates will come out from me on the FSA/SSA Testing Letter and teachers will be able to give exact dates.

Please see the Test Taking tips in this newsletter.

Mission Statement

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

Vision

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

FSA Testing Readiness Tips

Getting Ready All Year

- Make learning a priority every day.
- Show interest in your child's school work.
- Support 100% attendance.
- Look for everyday opportunities to have frequent conversations and listen attentively.

Test Day Support

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep.
- Insure your child arrives to school on time.
- Be sure your child eats a healthy breakfast at home or school.
- Encourage your child.
- Keep a positive attitude.
- Talk and listen to your child.
- Provide time for relaxation and exercise.

Test Taking Strategies

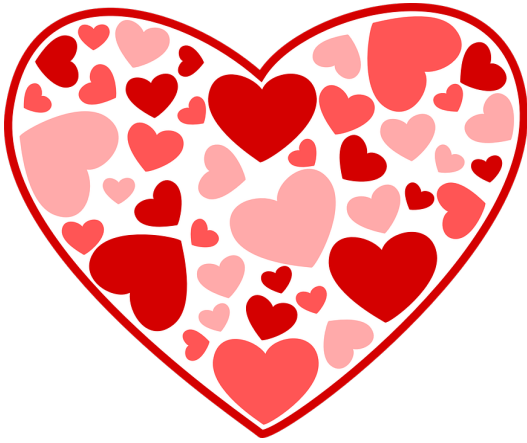
- Make sure to read and follow all directions. Reread if necessary.
- If you are still not sure of the correct answer, choose the best answer.
- Do not leave any questions unanswered.
- On multiple choice questions, avoid the temptation to choose an answer until you have read and thought about all of the choices. Eliminate the answers that you know are wrong, then make your best choice.
- On multiple-select questions, read the question carefully then choose the best answers.
- When you are finished, check to see that you have not skipped any questions.
- If you have time, re-read to be sure you are satisfied with your answers.
- Check math work since simple computation errors are sometimes made.

Check out <http://fsassessments.org> for more information.



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 February 8, 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, please email Lori-Ann: dipental@pcsb.org



Pinellas County Schools

DreamBox Family Math Night

Feb. 16, 2022

4:30 PM - 7:30 PM



[Family Night Link](#)

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.

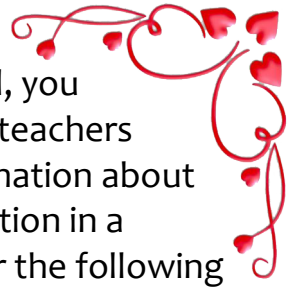
To sign into the Volunteer System, please use the **Google Chrome browser** and go to: <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>

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

Title I: Reminder



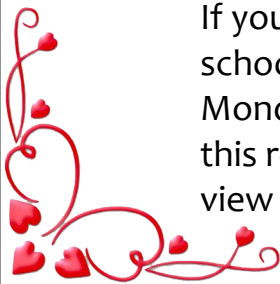
As a parent of a student attending a Title I Pinellas County Public School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give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

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your child's school at 727-547-7828. You may call the school between 7:30 and 3:30pm, Monday through Friday and ask to speak to Ms. Rebecca Moore, regarding this request. An appointment will be made for you to come to the school to view this information.



PBIS

Family Engagement Resources

Resources available in Florida:

[Help Me Grow Florida](#) - Website contains resources for families to promote healthy child development.

[Family Resource Center of South Florida](#) - Website contains resources for families for mental health and child welfare concerns.

[Florida Academic Standards](#) - Website includes information for parents on the academic standards associated with state-wide testing.

[Community Resources](#) - Florida Department of Education website includes links for resources for families.

[Florida Office of Early Learning](#) - Website contains resources and links for families.

**Roses are red, Violets are blue,
Listen to me while I read to
you!**



February Family Engagement Read Aloud event will take place the week of February 14th.

There will be a link to access our February Read Aloud event located on Dojo and our school website. We've recorded many staff members and teachers sharing a favorite story. The link will remain active until Friday, February 18th. We hope you find time as a family to grab a hot cocoa and some popcorn and cuddle up to listen to the stories.



♥ *Happy Valentines Day* ♥

New ESE Parent Connector program: The Exceptional Student Education Department is launching a new parent services program. ESE Parent Connectors will serve as school-based ESE contacts for staff and families.

Make a Difference at our school. Become an ESE Parent Connector.

The Exceptional Student Education Department is launching the ESE Parent Connector program. The program empowers parents of students with disabilities to support Exceptional Student Education at our school. Help increase ESE awareness of processes, information and resources at our school. ESE Parent Connectors will serve as school-based ESE contacts for staff and families. If you are interested in becoming an ESE Parent Connector or would like more information, please contact Tracy McMannus in ESE Parent Services at (727) 588-6062 or visit www.pcsb.org/e.se.



ELEMENTARY VIRTUAL TUTORING AND HOMEWORK SUPPORT

The ESOL department offers FREE tutoring to English learners who need help completing their homework and learning new concepts and skills.

Each tutoring session will include homework support followed by a reading lesson. The tutor is a Pinellas County Schools teacher and a fluent Spanish speaker.

WHEN: NOVEMBER 1, 2021 - MAY 13, 2022

**KG – 2ND GRADE:
MONDAYS FROM 4:00PM – 5:30PM**

**3RD – 5TH GRADE:
TUESDAYS FROM 4:00PM – 5:30PM**

CLICK HERE TO JOIN: [VIRTUAL HOMEWORK SUPPORT AND ELA TUTORING SESSION](#)

No registration needed!



For questions, email the ESOL Instructional Staff Developer
Anca Irimie, at irimiea@pcsb.org



TUTORIA VIRTUAL PARA PRIMARIA Y APOYO CON LA TAREA

El departamento de ESOL ofrece tutoría GRATUITA a los estudiantes de inglés que necesitan ayuda para completar sus tareas y aprender nuevos conceptos y habilidades.

Cada sesión de tutoría incluirá apoyo con la tarea seguida de una lección de lectura. El tutor es un maestro de las Escuelas del Condado de Pinellas y habla español con fluidez.

FECHA: 1 DE NOVIEMBRE, 2021 - 13 DE MAYO, 2022

**KG – 2 GRADO:
LUNES DE 4:00PM – 5:30PM**

**3 – 5 GRADO:
MARTES DE 4:00PM – 5:30PM**

CLIC AQUI PARA UNIRSE: [SESIÓN DE TUTORÍA DE ELA Y APOYO CON LA TAREA VIRTUAL](#)

¡No es necesario registrarse!



Para preguntas, envíe un correo a:
Anca Irimie, Personal de Desarrollo Instructivo ESOL al:
irimiea@pcsb.org

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

- 2/8 SAC
- 2/14 Candy Grams delivered
- 2/14 Read Aloud Event
- 2/21 No School for Students
- 3/7-3/11 Book Fair in the Media Center
- 3/9 FSA Night 5:30 pm
- 3/14-3/18 Spring Break
- 3/21 No School
- 3/25 Spring Individual Pictures
- 3/29 Report Cards go home



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