



Rawlings News

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2021-2022 School

Principal's Point

Dear Rawlings Families,

FSA testing is quickly approaching. All students in Grades 3-5 will be expected to participate. We are so excited for them to "Show What they Know!" In April, 3rd grade will be participating in ELA Reading, 4th and 5th grade will be participating in FSA writing. May testing includes FSA Mathematics for 3rd, 4th and 5th grade, and ELA for 4th and 5th, and SSA Science for 5th grade. Specific testing dates will be coming out soon. We are confident that all of our scholars will be ready to do their best. Don't miss out on our **FSA Parent Academy** on March 9th at 6:00 PM right here at Rawlings. Come and learn more about the assessments your child/children will be taking and how to make sure they are prepared to perform successfully. School will be closed for Spring Break March 14th-March 18th. Monday March 21st is a Professional Development day for teachers, no school for students. **School resumes for all students on Tuesday, March 22nd.** Have a restful and enjoyable week! Thank you again for partnering with me to provide a supportive and successful learning experience for your child or children at Rawlings!

Rebecca Moore, Principal

Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

How to Find Your Child's Just Right Book

Parents often feel in the dark about helping their child select a book to read from home, the library, or the bookstore. As your child moves through the school year and gets older their reading level changes. This amazing reading growth is fantastic, but how do you help them find a **just right** book? There is an easy way to help your child choose a **just right book**...

First have your child select a book that interests them.

Next, have them open up to a random, complete page.

Then have your child read the page.

-If they make no errors or have no struggles then the book is **too easy** for them.

-If they struggle a lot with many words and it is clearly difficult then the book is **too hard**.

-If your child has about three challenges they can read through then there is a good chance you have just found your child's **just right** book.

Happy Reading!!!!

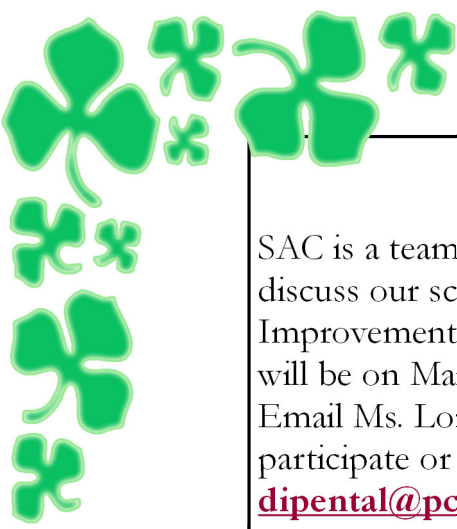
Please be sure to join us in the media center for FSA Parent Academy on March 9th at 6:00 PM. The book fair will be open before and after the FSA presentation.

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 March 8, 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 or have any questions, please email Lori-Ann: dipental@pcsb.org

Please join us if you are interested in having input in the development of our school's Title I Comprehensive Needs Assessment for the 22-23 school year.



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.

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 2022 Family Science Event



Marine Biologist Bay

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Join us Wednesday, March 30th at 6:00PM to explore Marine Biologist Bay.

Your challenge will be to use problem solving and the scientific method to design and build your own plankton with neutral buoyancy. It will take positive communication and social skills to interact effectively with your family and others throughout the process.

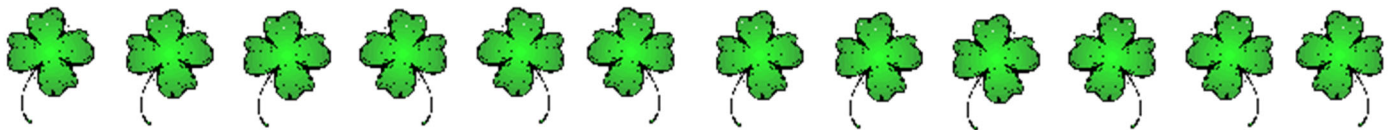
Are you up for the CHALLENGE?

When: Wednesday, March 30th

Where: Rawlings Café

Time: 6:00-7:00

Event begins PROMPTLY at 6:00PM



Spring Book Fair

March 7-11 in our Media Center

Daily from 8:00—3:00

Wednesday March 9th from 5-6pm and after
FSA Parent Academy for 30 minutes.



On-line Book Fair will also be
available from 3/7—3/25

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/marjorierawlingselemschool3>

PBIS

Using a Family Routine Guide for Young Children with Challenging Behavior

Children engage in challenging behavior for a variety of reasons, but all children use challenging behaviors to communicate messages. Challenging Behavior, typically, communicates a need to escape or avoid a person/activity or communicates a desire to obtain someone/something. Once parents understand the purpose or meaning of the behavior, they can begin to select strategies to change the behavior. They can do this by selecting preventative strategies, teaching new skills, and changing the way they respond in an effort to eliminate or minimize the challenging behavior (The Center on the Social and Emotional Foundations for Early Learning).

The **Family Routine Guide** (see link below) was developed to assist parents and caregivers in developing a plan to support young children who are using challenging behavior.

[Routine Based Guide \(vanderbilt.edu\)](https://www.vanderbilt.edu/peirce/center-on-social-and-emotional-foundations/early-learning/family-routine-guide)



Your Parent Input is needed!

Please complete the very brief survey below regarding the use of Title I funds for the 2022-23 school year. Our allocation for the 2022-23 school year is \$136,710.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/XF8FQM5>

Thanks for supporting the schoolstore.com fundraiser! Proceeds benefit the clinic, student achievement and staff appreciation.





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

The Ross Family – Mrs. Fletchers Pre K class

Business Partners

- DoubleTree Beach Resort
- Publix – Park Blvd/Belcher
- Keep Pinellas Beautiful
- Barbara Ponce Library
- 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

- 3/2-3/11 PTA Fundraiser
- 3/7-3/11 Book Fair in the Media Center
- 3/8 SAC Virtually 3:15pm
- 3/9 Book Fair Evening Event 5:00-6:00, then after FSA Parent Academy
- 3/9 FSA Parent Academy 6:00pm
- 3/14-3/18 Spring Break
- 3/21 No School
- 3/25 Spring Individual Pictures
- 3/29 Report Cards go home
- 3/30 Science Night 6pm



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