



# Rawlings News

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## Principal's Point

**2021-2022 School Hours: Monday-Friday, 8:45-2:55**

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here! The year's end always brings with it a tremendous sense of accomplishment and delight. So many things have been accomplished this year and throughout all these activities, projects and programs, most of all, our scholars have demonstrated great character as well as a desire for life-long learning! Your child's learning experience was possible because of our wonderful teachers, staff, volunteers, mentors and you as their parent. To our 5th graders - congratulations on your achievement! I wish you all the best as you move on to Middle School. If this is your last child to leave Rawlings, I would like to thank you for your support, time and effort over the years. I am confident that each of them gained a firm foundation for their education while here at Rawlings.

I encourage you all to continue to support your child's learning throughout the summer. Spend time reading, writing in a "summer journal", practicing math or visiting your local public library. The last day of school for students is May 26<sup>th</sup>. **Students will be released at 12:50 so please make plans accordingly.** Report cards will also be going home with each student on the last day of school.

Thank you again for your support this year and working with me to make this the most successful year ever! As I enter my retirement, I trust that you will support the new Administration at Rawlings. I will miss you all dearly and the years I have spent at Rawlings will **ALWAYS** remain the best and most proud memories of my life! I wish everyone a safe, relaxing and restful summer!

*Thank You*

Sincerely, Ms. Moore

### Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

Since this is the last newsletter of the year and my last year, last month, it is only fitting that I wish you all well. My 10+ years at Rawlings has been rewarding and fulfilling in so many ways. I was hired by Ms. Moore, who I have enjoyed partnering with and learning from. I have had the opportunity to meet and work with many fine teachers and staff members, who each offer their unique strengths and individual personalities. I have met so many delightful, hardworking students and have had the opportunity to give them my support through their teachers, visiting in classrooms, and individually. Lastly, my time with the parents of Rawlings has been so positive. I have enjoyed the opportunity to greet, chat with, and find solutions with so many of you. My retirement is bittersweet as leaving Rawlings, fine school is sad however, the memories I take with me are priceless and will remain in my heart.

Best to all of you, Ms. Morehouse

#### 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 May 10, 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.

Next SAC meeting will be in Fall 2022!



## Pinellas County Science Showcase and STEM Expo

On May 14<sup>th</sup> 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](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)



## Title I

### 6 Practical Tips for Summer Parenting

“I’m bored.” The dreaded and inevitable words most parents hear at some point during the summer break.

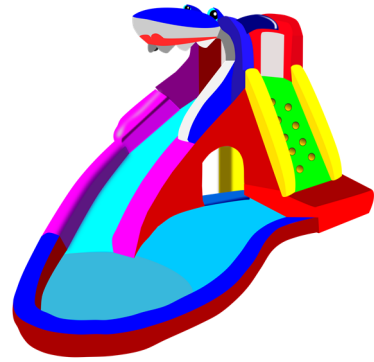
For many working families, summer time isn’t always full of pool parties, trips to the playground or amusement park, and endless playdates.

Children have a lot of free time on their hands and it can be overwhelming to maintain their day-to-day activities. So how can parents keep their children structured, organized and active in the summer months?

1. Schedule fun. Together with your children, come up with your summer “bucket list” or list of activities the family wants and can afford to do this summer—trip to the zoo, beach vacation, backyard camping adventure, etc. Next, map out the activities on a calendar so the children know exactly when their adventures will take place. This will give them something to look forward to.
2. Resist the urge to overschedule. During the school year, parents know exactly when and where their kids will be each day. When it comes to the summer, parents often feel a need to schedule every minute of the day from drama camp to soccer practice to carpools to the park. While having a consistent routine is important, it’s also imperative to allow time for unstructured downtime.
3. Set aside time each day. The biggest mistake parents can make is getting caught up in all of those posts and pictures of other parents’ summer activities on social media. Your child doesn’t need a Martha Stewart or Pinterest worthy activity, all they need is a loving connection with you. So, whether it’s running through the sprinkler together, roasting marshmallows in the backyard or even just counting the stars on a blanket before bedtime, do at least one thing a day to connect and have fun.
4. Encourage your child to try something new this summer. There’s no time like the summer to encourage your child to try a new activity. Maybe he wants to take swimming lessons, or a painting class, take-up a new sport or attend a summer camp. New activities encourage brain development and build your child’s focus and creativity. But remember, don’t go overboard in the scheduling of activities!
5. Limit technology. When it’s hot outside and kids are bored, screen time has a way to swallowing up all of their time. Parents can easily fall into the trap of technology becoming the babysitter. Replace that screen time with daily reading and regular trips to the library. Books open the imagination and creativity in every child.
6. Create structure and set boundaries. Summer routines are sure to be different than school routines, but it’s important to remember the necessity of routines. Children need to be freed of the tight structure of the school year, but they also need the security of knowing that some things will remain the same. Keep the same bedtime, maintain the same chore schedule, etc. You can easily discourage behavioral problems by ensuring a structured environment.

## Volunteers Needed for end of the year activities !!

Please email Lori-Ann at [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org) if you are an approved volunteer or if interested in becoming a volunteer use this link [www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration)



Congratulations to our 5th grade PRIDE Winners!

Math- Bryson W  
Science- Joseph H  
Writing- Aniyah A  
Social Studies- Natalie W.

### PBIS

#### Parenting an Angry Child?

Connected Families is here to help. Jim & Lynne Jackson began Connected Families in 2002. Their team is committed to bringing content and support to families that will challenge, encourage, and equip you to be the thoughtful and confident parent you long to be.

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#### Four Guiding Insights

1. Judgments Keep Us Stuck
2. Sensory Overload Feeds Anger
3. Payoffs Make Anger Powerfully Addictive!
4. Kids Need Skills to Manage their Anger
5. Build "Addiction-Busting" Skills
6. Soothe Outbursts

\*Heal Shame with Grace

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your years of  
service  
to  
Rawlings



Elementary!!!

**Thank you,  
Partners and Friends!**

**DoubleTree Beach Resort  
Publix Pinellas Park  
Culver's Pinellas Park  
Hamiltons Florist  
David and Tracy Blanck of Blanck's  
Flooring**

**Upcoming Events**

May 14 – District Science Showcase  
May 24 - Water Day  
May 26 – Last day of school, Early release  
at 12:55pm  
June 6 – Summer Bridge begins  
  
2022/2023 School Year begins August 10.

**Uniform Drive for Fall**

**Please donate any gently used  
and freshly washed  
uniforms that your child may  
have outgrown.  
Please place them in a bag and  
drop them off at the front office.  
Thank You !**



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