



Rawlings News

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Principal's Point

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

Hello Rawlings Families,

Happy November! We are looking forward to another exciting month of learning here at Rawlings. Our next SAC meeting is Nov. 16th at 3:15 pm on Zoom. Email Ms. Lori Ann at Dipental@pcsb.org for the link. I hope to see you all there. The 27th Annual Great American Teach-In is November 18th. Please contact Lori-Ann DiPenta, our Family Community Liaison, if you are interested in participating. This event will be in person this year!

Congratulations to our Rawlings Teacher and Support Employee of the Year. Our Teacher of the Year is Ms. Bouknecht and our Support Employee of the Year is Mrs. Ingerson. Miss Bouknecht (Miss B) has been a classroom teacher at Rawlings for five years. She has taught first, second and third grade during her time here at Rawlings. Mrs. Ingerson (Ms. Donna) is our Head Plant Operator. She makes sure that our school is clean and safe for all our scholars. She also supports technology needs and is a board member on our PTA. Congratulations to Miss B and Ms. Donna on this well-deserved recognition.

I would also like to congratulate Mrs. Kyriacou and Mrs. Bennett on their Retirements. Mrs. Kyriacou has been a paraprofessional at Rawlings for 12 years with 24 years in the District and Mrs. Bennett has been our school counselor for 8 years, with 30 years in the District. Join me in wishing them both the very best in this next chapter of their lives.

Last, school will be closed for all students and staff November 22nd – 26th for the Thanksgiving Holidays. If you recognize this day, I wish you and your families a Happy Thanksgiving. Again, thank you for all you do every day to support your child's learning experience here at Rawlings!

Rebecca Moore, Principal

Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

Though there isn't a chill in the air, it is November, it's fall. We have been in school for more than one marking period at this point-hard to believe! Students are well-adjusted in their classrooms and learning is underway. Sometimes the excitement of holidays and the inevitable time change wears out our children. With all this excitement it is challenging to stay on a regular routine. It's important to try to stay on your usual schedules so your child is rested and ready to learn. So we are ready to welcome the fall "fallback" time change this weekend, Sunday, November 7th at 2:00 AM. I hope you all can enjoy the extra hour with your family!

Coming SOON.... November 29th through December 16th is the assessment window for MAP. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress, developed by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). It is a computer-based program that does the following; establishes students' precise instructional levels, identifies areas to focus on for academic growth, compares students' academic progress with other students in the class, grade, school, district, and/or nation, tracks academic growth over a school year or over multiple years, and projects proficiency on high-stakes tests such as the FSA. We look forward to gaining this information to inform and support us in student learning. First-5th grade did take this assessment in September so we are looking to see student growth in Reading and Math. Kindergarten will also take MAP in December. Students will only be tested on Tuesday through Friday as sometimes Mondays are challenging. When you hear they will be testing, please encourage your child to do their very best.

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** Nov. 16th at 3:15 pm on Zoom. Email Ms. Lori Ann at Dipental@pcsb.org if you would like to participate.

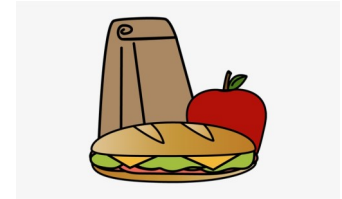
Great American Teach-In is November 17th

If you are interested in sharing your profession or hobby with your child's class, please click on the link below and fill out the form to be contacted by Lori-Ann, Family and Community Liaison
<https://forms.office.com/r/AAsLyv1saR>



Rawlings Family Lunch Munch

We do not have any Family Lunch Munch events scheduled at this time.



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

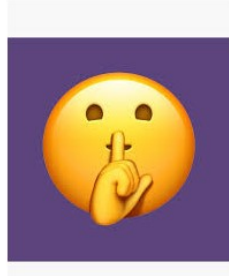


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Summary of MK Rawlings Elementary Family and Parent Engagement Plan

The 2021-2022 Family and Parent Engagement Plan (FPEP) for MK Rawlings Elementary states: Our school Compact and Parent Involvement Plan is jointly developed by parents and other stake holders. In an effort to build the capacity of our parents we will offer math, reading, writing and science family involvement events, testing information nights and parent conferences. Additionally, our staff will build their capacity by participating in professional development to increase parent communication, in order to create an atmosphere that is conducive to parental involvement and highest student achievement. We also coordinate with other federal programs such as Title I, Title II, Title III, the National School Lunch Program (NCLP), Voluntary Prekindergarten Education Program (VPK), and Headstart. Each year we review our Compact and Parent Involvement Plan, parent input is essential to this process. Parents will be notified of the review date in our March newsletter. We offer flexible meeting times by scheduling parent events on various days of the week and in conjunction with other family activities, in an effort to reach as many parents as possible.

Rawlings Guidelines for Success			
Setting	Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe
Hallways/School Grounds	<p>Listen and follow directions</p> <p>Use kind words and actions</p> <p>Use quiet voice, hands and feet</p> 	<p>Walk directly to where you are going</p> <p>Take care of school grounds and property</p> <p>Take care of your personal belongings</p> 	<p>Walk <u>facing forward</u> at all <u>times</u></p> <p>Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself</p> 

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Rawlings Guidelines for Success			
Setting	Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe
Library	<p>Use a quiet voice so others can focus on their reading</p> <p>Listen to and follow adult directions</p> 	<p>Use the numbered placeholders when looking at a book</p> <p>Return the book to the correct location</p> <p>Return your library book</p> <p>Follow technology expectations</p> 	<p>Enter and exit quietly and calmly</p> <p>Use walking feet</p> <p>Sit properly at the tables</p> 



Retirements

This month we said goodbye to two amazing women. Lynn Kyriacou retired on October 8th after 24 years of service. Cindy Bennett retired November 1st after over 30 years of service to Pinellas County.

We wish both of them an enjoyable retirement, but they will definitely be missed by Rawlings!

Employees of the Year!

Lynn Bouknecht is Rawlings Teacher of the year!
Donna Ingerson is Rawlings Support Employee of the year!
You both make Rawlings a better place!



Rawlings Music Live Presents: Winter Concert

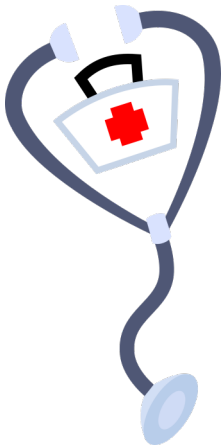


Featuring:

- Grades 1&2
- Rawlings Orff Chamber
- Rawlings Orff Ensemble
- 4th Grade Chorus
- 5th Grade Chorus
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Xavier L. Allen-Reddick, Director of Music
Mary Anderson, Art Director

December 15, 2021 6:00 p.m.



CLINIC NEWS YOU CAN USE!

Just a reminder to keep your student home if he or she isn't feeling well. Some general prevention tips include:

- The best way to prevent illness is to avoid being exposed to the virus.
- Avoid close contact with sick people and stay distanced from other people.
- Wear a face covering/ mask over your nose and mouth.
- Do not touch your eyes, nose, and mouth.
- Cover your cough or sneeze with a tissue, then throw the tissue in the trash and wash your hands.
- Wash your hands often with soap and water for at least 20 seconds or use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.
- Clean and disinfect frequently touched objects and surfaces. Bring a water bottle to school to stay hydrated.

STEM:

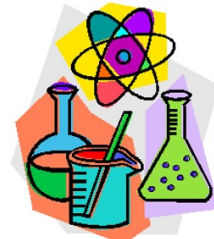
2nd – 5th Grade STEM Academies are beginning the 1st week of November. 16 students from each grade level received an application. If more students are interested, they will be placed on a waitlist and receive an application if spots become available. Each academy will meet weekly from 3:15 PM-4:15 PM after school with snack in between the end of the school day and STEM starting.

Below are the following days for each grade level:

Tuesday: 5th Grade

Wednesday: 2nd Grade

Thursday 3rd Grade & 4th Grade



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Partners and Friends!**

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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

11/9 Fall Picture Retakes
11/10 Mid-Term Reports
11/17 Great American Teach-in
11/22—11/26 Thanksgiving Break
12/10 Kindergarten Pajama Day &
visit with Santa
12/15 Winter Show 6pm
12/16 Kindergarten performance 9am

 
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