



Rawlings News

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Principal's Point

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

Hello Rawlings Families,

Happy October! We have lots of exciting things going on at Rawlings this month. First I would like to introduce our new Front Office Clerk, Mrs. Aimee Miller. She has been a Rawlings Team member for many years so most of you already know her. We are so happy to have her on our Front Office Team now. Our first cycle of MAP testing is complete with all our students. This data will provide us valuable information on your child's instructional focus. Mid-term reports were sent home on September 9th. This is a "mid-point check-in" before the first report card goes home on October 19th. If you have any concerns or questions, please make sure to contact your child's teacher to ask to schedule a conference. All teachers will be reaching out for conferences during the month of October. Our next SAC meeting is on Tuesday, October 12th at 3:15 via Zoom. If you are interested in attending there will be a link on our website to join. I hope to see you all there. There is no school for all students on October 8th. This is a teacher work day. Oct. 25th – Oct. 29th is Red Ribbon Week. The theme this year is: **Drug Free Looks Like Me**. Throughout the week, students will have the opportunity to show their commitment to be drug free by participating in Spirit THEME DAYS. A flyer will go home with all students indicating the themes. Just a reminder that it is so important that all of our scholars are at school on time every day. The first bell rings at 8:40 and school starts promptly at 8:45. Our days are packed full of exciting learning opportunities and we want to make sure they are there for every second. Again, thank you for your continued support.

Rebecca Moore, Principal

Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

One thing about education is that teachers work *really, really* hard. We are working to shift the hardest work to students. Why? We want students to do the big thinking and the awesome brain growing work. How do we do this? We give students some direction and set them off to grapple—in education it is called a *productive struggle*. What does it look like?

Reading: When a student doesn't know how to say a word we may support them in sounding out the letters and then saying all the sounds together. They can also chunk the parts they know. If a child doesn't know what a word means in a sentence we can have them read the words around the unknown words to find clues. After these attempts you can tell you child the word.

Math: We may give them a word problem and have them think about strategies they know to solve it on their own or with friends. If they want our help we can ask them, "What have you tried so far?" When they talk about it out loud or with a peer they may make a connection that deepens their thinking.

Science: We can ask them questions that make them ponder and reflect. We can remind them of a situation that connects to what they are working on. For example, when we tell students water can be a liquid, solid, or gas, we can boil some water and ask them what they see. We can go into the freezer and pull out ice cubes and then talk about it. We can ask them about what they say.

When we, *teachers and parents*, positively push children to do the thinking, stopping ourselves from telling them the answers, it strengthens their thinking ability. It often takes longer however, the long term results are **investments** in the development of stronger thinkers.

Mission Statement

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

Vision

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

School Advisory Council (SAC)

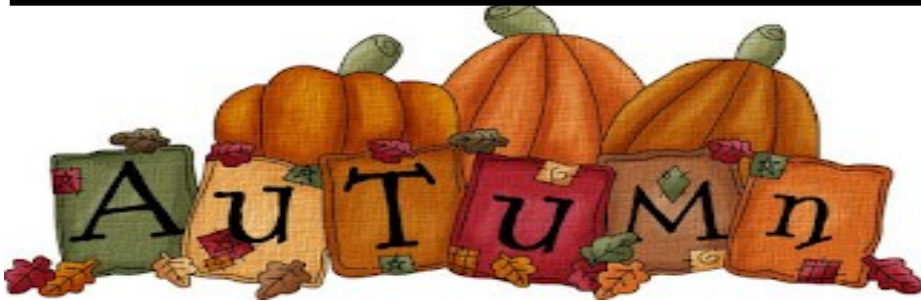
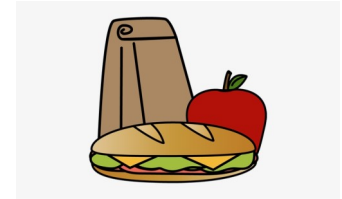
SAC is a team representing various segments of the community, which meets to discuss our school's academic plan and progress and helps create the School Improvement Plan (goals and objectives for the school). **The next SAC meeting will be on Tuesday October 12, 2021 virtually.** If you have questions, please email Lori-Ann: dipental@pcsb.org

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://tinyurl.com/3j626t2r>

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

Virtual Book Fair October 22nd–November 4th

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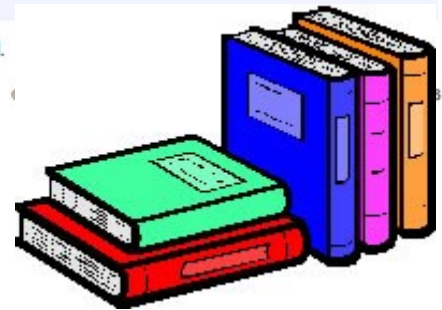
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School Uniforms

Rawlings is always in need of gently used uniform bottoms. If you would like to donate, please drop them off in the front office. Thank you!



Unity Day October 20th
Students ay wear an orange shirt to show kindness, acceptance, inclusion, and stand up against bullying. Uniform bottoms are required.






Title I

Parent's Right to Know

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 or 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.

Rawlings Guidelines for Success			
Setting	Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe
Cafeteria	Use quiet voices and kind words Listen to and follow adult directions Use manners like "please" and "thank you" Use a Level 1 voice 	Raise your hand and ask permission to get up during lunch Clean up your mess If a trash can is full, use a different one Use the restroom before coming to the café 	Walk at all times Stay in your line order Leave space between you and others in line Hold tray with both hands Eat only your food 

PBIS



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Setting	Be Respectful	Be Responsible	Be Safe
Recess Areas	Follow adult directions. Use kind words and actions. Follow game rules and play fair. Invite others to play and take turns. 	Walk promptly to your line when your teacher calls. Solve problems peacefully. Use equipment appropriately. Tell an adult if someone is hurt. 	Stay with your class within the boundaries. Play with caution. Keep your hands, feet, and belongings to yourself. 

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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

- 10/6 Walk to School Day
- 10/7 End of the 1st Marking Period
- 10/8 No School for Students
- 10/19 Report Cards go home
- 10/22-11/4 Virtual Book Fair
- 10/20 Unity Day
- 10/25-10/29 Red Ribbon Week



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