



# Rawlings News



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## Principal's Point

School Hours: Monday—Friday, 8:35-2:35

Hello Rawlings Families,

September is here and we are very excited and looking forward to another successful school year. This year we are very proud that Rawlings earned a “C” based on last year’s FSA scores. We are only six points away from a B! Congratulations again to all of our teachers, staff, students, parents, mentors and volunteers for this huge success.

Please join us on September 18th for next SAC meeting. The meeting will be in our Media Center at 3:00 pm. The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community – parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation (developing and evaluating) of our school improvement plan. I am hoping to see you all there!

If you have not done so already, please consider joining our PTA. Membership fees are \$5.00. Funds are used throughout the year for many exciting after school events, including our Fall Festival. PTA also purchases snacks for the 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students during the FSA testing season and 5th grade end-of-year T-Shirts. Stop by the front office for a membership form.

Our first Lunch Munch is September 12th. This is a special day that we invite parents or family members to eat lunch with your child. Only family members on the white student information cards may join for lunch, unless you are accompanied by someone on the white card. I am sure that many of you have noticed our new pavilion that covers our picnic tables right outside of the cafeteria. This was made possible by the Rotary Club of Pinellas Park and their outgoing President, Mr. Astarita. They funded and installed this wonderful addition to our campus. We cannot thank them enough for this generous donation.

Communication is vital to your child’s success in school. I encourage you to keep the lines of communication open with your child’s teacher. All teachers have an email through the district if that is more convenient or you are more than welcome to call the school and leave a message if you have any questions or concerns. Teachers usually return phone calls after the school day is over.

I am looking forward to a successful year partnering with you in your child’s education! As always, I appreciate your support as we all work together to make this school year the best ever.



Rebecca Moore, Principal

### Curriculum Corner by Jeane Morehouse, Assistant Principal

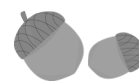
MAP is a promising assessment program new to us this school year. MAP has been piloted with great success in other Pinellas County Schools. MAP stands for Measures of Academic Progress, developed by Northwest Evaluation Association (NWEA). It is a computer based program that will replace “cycle” assessments for progress monitoring in grades K-5 reading and math and grades 3-5 science. It will also replace the Stanford-10 as the “summative” assessment in grades 1-2.

MAP Growth Assessments :

- establish a student’s precise instructional level
- identify which areas to focus on for academic growth
- compare a student’s academic progress with other students in the class, grade, school, district, and/or nation
- track academic growth over a school year or over multiple years
- project proficiency on high-stakes tests such as FSA

The MAP assessments will be in September 1-26 for grades 1-5, December 1-22 for kindergarten through 5<sup>th</sup> grade, and February 26-March 2, March 13-23.

We look forward to gaining this information to inform and support us in student learning.



#### Mission Statement

“Educate and prepare each student for college, career and life.”

#### Vision

“Always expect the best - 100% student success.”

**Membership:** Thank you to everyone who joined PTA already. For those who have not, we are always accepting members. Dues are \$5 and membership forms can be found in the front office. You do not have to volunteer for events unless you would like to!

**Fall Fundraiser:** Be on the lookout for the “Joy to the Seasons” fundraiser order packet. The fundraiser will run from Tuesday, September 5<sup>th</sup>, 2017 to Monday, September 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017. Please make sure all order forms and payments are returned on time!

**Fall Festival:** The annual PTA Fall Festival will be on Friday, October 20<sup>th</sup>, 2017 from 6pm-8pm. Mark your calendars! More information will be available as we get closer to the event. If you would like to volunteer, please email Sara Malee at [malees@pcsb.org](mailto:malees@pcsb.org) or leave your contact information with the front office.

Title I Annual Missed Meeting Notification

On Thursday, August 17<sup>th</sup>, Rawlings held our Title I Annual Meeting and Back to School Night. We had a good turnout, but realize some families were unable to attend. During our Title I Annual Meeting, we discussed the following: the Compact, our schools and LEA Parent Involvement Plan (PIP), Title I budget, academic expectations, assessments, Title I Parent’s Right to Know, and the Title I Program. Please email Mrs. Oester, the Title I contact, at [oesterj@pcsb.org](mailto:oesterj@pcsb.org) if you have any other questions or concerns regarding our school or our Title I Program.

This month, teachers will be sending home a blue trifold entitled: Parents Right to Know/Title I News. Please look for this Title I information in your child’s backpack and agenda.

Connect for Success

All 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students are eligible to check out a laptop computer from Rawlings Elementary to use at home. This opportunity is made available with Funding from Title I. In order to receive a computer, parents of the child must attend a short (10-15 minutes) but mandatory training. The first training opportunity will be scheduled for Friday, September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:45am in the media center. An RSVP letter will go home with students the week of September 5<sup>th</sup>.

Guidelines for Success

- Be Respectful**
- Be Responsible**
- Be Safe**
- Be an Active Learner**

**Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings  
ATTENDANCE Information!**

*Your child’s education needs your help!  
Please ensure timely arrivals and pick-ups!*

**School Hours: 8:35am~2:35pm Monday~Friday**

**What your child can miss in 10 minutes:**

- Important morning announcements
- Morning class meetings
- Calendar math
- Independent reading
- Direct instruction for assignments
- 3 tardies now equals 1 absence



**Volunteers and Mentors needed  
for the new school year!!**

Please email Lori-Ann at [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org) after completing and sending in your volunteer registration form and copy of photo ID.

Volunteer opportunities this year will be sent out in email form.

## PE NEWS

The Rawlings Elementary physical education department will be testing your child in the five health components of fitness this year. We will be striving to help students understand the health components of fitness, how to assess them and then how to use their personal information to develop a lifelong fitness program that they enjoy.

Pinellas County uses the Fitnessgram testing protocol. Fitnessgram assesses the five health components of fitness which are: aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance and flexibility.

- Aerobic capacity / cardiovascular endurance will be measured using the Pacer test.
- Body composition is determined by either skinfold measurements or Body Mass Index. The BMI is a calculation of the ratio of weight to height. Our school will use the height and weight method. Weighing and measuring will be done discreetly during class.
- Muscular endurance is measured by using the curl up which measures abdominal strength and endurance and the trunk lift which measures strength and flexibility.
- Muscular strength is tested by push ups.
- Flexibility is measured by the back saver sit and reach test.

Each test measures minimal fitness and compares the students score to the healthy fitness zone for their age and gender. The test also gives the students pointers on how to either improve or maintain their fitness level. It is our goal to help students make good choices in their fitness activities so they can live a long, healthy life. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact your child's physical education teacher.



### It's Chorus Time!

4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Chorus –  
Remember to bring in your  
permission slip by **September 8<sup>th</sup>**!

### Counselor's Corner by Cindy Bennett

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year! I am Cindy Bennett, the school counselor. This is my 5th year at Marjorie Rawlings Elementary School, and I have 26 years of experience in the Pinellas County School System. As your child's counselor, my goal is to be an advocate for your child and promote student success through a focus on academic achievement, social/personal, career and multicultural/global citizenship development. During the school year, I will be providing individual and group counseling and classroom lessons to ensure that we reach our common goal of 100% student success. I look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year. Please contact me at (727) 547-7828, extension 2111 or e-mail me at [Bennettci@pcsb.org](mailto:Bennettci@pcsb.org) with any questions or concerns. Have a great school year!



## Rawlings Family Lunch Munch

Lunch Munch is held once a month on various days of the week to provide opportunities for families to have lunch with their students and encourage a family school connection. It also provides parents with an opportunity to meet their child's classmates and connect with other parents. Keep an eye out for reminder stickers in your student's agenda.

**Please remember, visitors must be on your child's white office card in order to eat lunch with them.**  
**They must bring an I.D.**

### 2017-2018 Lunch Munch Dates

Tuesday, September 12<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Wednesday, October 18<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, 2017  
Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Wednesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
Thursday, March 15<sup>th</sup>, 2018  
April-TBD  
Monday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2018

## **THANK YOU!**

### **Adopt a class donors**

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(Mrs. Arrison's class)  
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### **Business Partners**

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### **Donations**

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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**

### **September Events**

Sept. 1-26—MAP testing for grades 1-5  
Sept. 4—Labor Day holiday—no school  
Sept. 5-18—PTA Fall Fundraiser  
Sept. 8—Parent training for Connect for Success computers (grades 3-5 only), 7:45 am in Media Center  
Sept. 12—Lunch Munch  
Sept. 18—SAC Meeting, 3:00pm, Media Center

### **Looking Ahead**

Oct. 17-23—Book Fair  
Oct. 20—PTA's Fall Festival, 6:00pm-8:00pm  
Nov. 15—Great American Teach-in  
Dec. 15—PTA's Parents' Night Out  
March 2—PTA's Movie Night

## **Calling all 5th Grade Families for Enterprise Village!**

Enterprise Village is coming up and we need volunteers. Our date is Monday, December 11. We need approximately 50 volunteers from 7:30 a.m. until 2:30 p.m. on this day. If you are a registered volunteer and would like to volunteer for this exciting event, please write a note in your child's Agenda to his/her homeroom teacher. If you are not a registered volunteer, please fill out a volunteer registration form and submit it along with a copy of your driver's license to Ms. Lori-Ann in the front office. Thank you for your support!

**The Great American Teach In is Coming Soon !!**  
Wednesday November 15, 2017  
Please email Lori-Ann at [dipental@pcsb.org](mailto:dipental@pcsb.org)  
Or call 727-547-7828 if interested

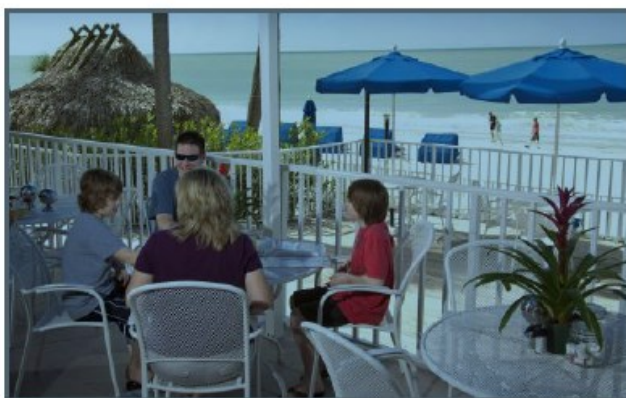


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