



*Summer of 2023
Retirement
Memory Book*

Dear 2023 Retirees,

On behalf of Pinellas County Schools, thank you for your dedication and service to our students and community. You have embodied our core values, and through your work, you have enriched the lives of countless students and families. Although you are retiring, please know that the impact you have made does not end. Teachers, and all Pinellas County Schools employees, touch lives in ways that carry on for generations to come.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Pinellas County Schools family. We wish you good health, happiness and great fulfillment in your next chapter. Congratulations.

Kevin Hendrick

Pinellas County Schools Superintendent



Dear 2023 Retirees,

On behalf of the Pinellas County school board, I would like to congratulate you on your retirement!

We are grateful for the hard work and incredible dedication that you have given to the students and families of Pinellas County Schools. Many thanks to the educators, support staff, and administrators who have given so much to contribute to the success of our students. When you look back, we hope you will see with pride what incredible achievements your steadfast commitment has helped to build.

We wish you a very happy retirement filled with joy and memories you will cherish forever.

Lisa Cane

Chairperson of the Pinellas County School Board



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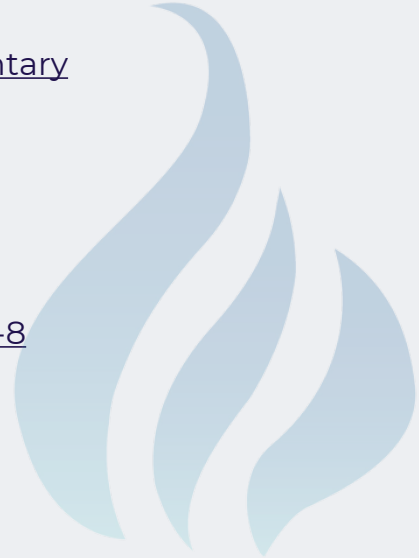


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Azalea

ELEMENTARY

Barbara Brunk

Teacher, 18 Years of Service



Marcus Landfair

Teacher, 30 Years of Service

Bardmoor

ELEMENTARY

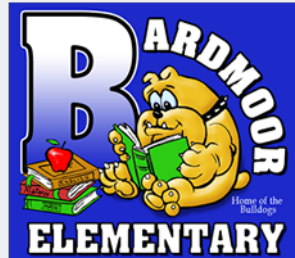


Mitchell Ray

PE Teacher, 32 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my favorite memories was a surprise baby shower that was given to me by the staff.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to traveling to different stadiums to watch the Rays and Bucs. Also, continuing to play shows with my band.



Bauder

ELEMENTARY



Cheryl Corman

Teacher, 24 Years of Service



Belcher

ELEMENTARY

Patricia Marr

Teacher, 25 Years of Service

Janeel Shulmister

Teacher, 5 Years of Service



Belleair

ELEMENTARY

Tracy Albritton

Teacher, 30 Years of Service



Phyllis Brown

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist, 27 Years of Service



Boca Ciega

High



Thomas Arneson

Teacher of Business Education, 38 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with great people

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with family and friends.

Vernell Harris

Campus Activities Monitor, 21 Years of Service



Carwise

MIDDLE

Treasure Devening-Glenn

Teacher, 22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I have made some wonderful friends and taught some of the brightest students. I have made lifelong connections with many people. I have loved my subject and my years in the classroom.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am a full-time Realtor and I am looking forward to opening up my own real estate office in Palm Harbor. I love to travel and go out on my boat while enjoying this beautiful Florida sunshine and water.



Barbara Geneux

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist, 19 Years of Service

Penny Kelly

Paraprofessional, 30 Years of Service



Clearwater Adult Education

CENTER



Anni Mallory

Teacher, 32 Years of Service



Clearwater Fundamental

MIDDLE



Sharon Beckett

Library Media Specialist, 33 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I worked with dedicated professionals that took teaching and the betterment of students as a mission.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to renovating/reorganizing my home and traveling.



Clearwater HIGH



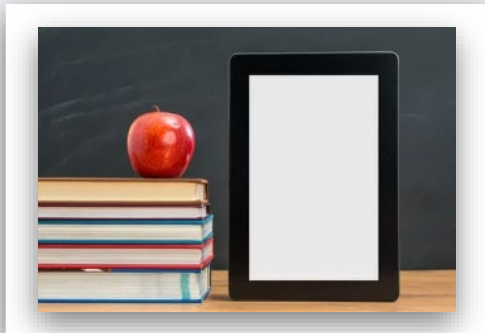
Sharon Zvarych

Teacher of Business Education, 7 Years of Service



Countryside

HIGH



Oceania Ertzberger

School Bookkeeper II, 27 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Being a part of my cougar family at Countryside High School.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling and spending more time with my family.



Cross Bayou

ELEMENTARY

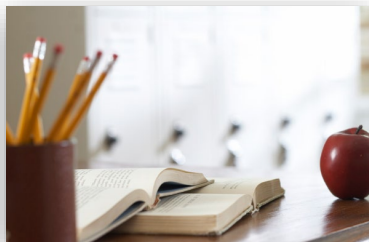


Linda S. Fairman

PE Teacher, 35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Watching our students, staff & community at Cross Bayou work together in character education. This resulted in our school being recognized as a National School of Character, the first in the Pinellas County School District.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I plan on moving to Washington DC to become a docent at the Smithsonian American History Museum.



Marla Gould

Teacher, 10 Years of Service



Curtis Fundamental

ELEMENTARY



Susan McElveen

Teacher, 37 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One favorite memory is the end-of-year 4th grade beach trip. All 4 classes, along with parents and tons of food for a picnic, trekked out to Sand Key Beach. We played all sorts of games and even had sandcastle-building contests!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Volunteering, working in my garden, kayaking, hiking, and traveling!



Cypress Woods

ELEMENTARY

Paula Pearson

Teacher, 13 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Lunchtime with coworkers

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Relaxing



Doug Jamerson

ELEMENTARY



Charlotte Walton

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 18 Years of Service

Brigitte Whipple

Teacher, 15 Years of Service



Dunedin Highland

MIDDLE



Miranda Bardhi

Plant Operator, 16 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I enjoyed my relationship with my co-workers and teachers. I loved seeing the students every day and making their day better!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I will be spending time with my grandchild and traveling as much as possible. I love the water, so boating and fishing are my favorite pastime.

Cecelia Smith

Teacher, 24 Years of Service



Fairmount Park

ELEMENTARY

Dayna Nichols

Teacher, 30 Years of Service



Forest Lakes

ELEMENTARY



Georgia Chaconas Madalvanos

Teacher, 20 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Most productive and satisfying were the years we had ESE Associates assisting our general education teachers so that we provided a true inclusion model for our students. All students' needs were met by the support staff their teachers shared. Proud to have been part of our PCS staff at Forest Lakes!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Enjoying working with my family at our Parkside Cafe'. Extended trips to Greece are also on my agenda!



Frontier

ELEMENTARY



James Pribble

Assistant Principal, 30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: My favorite memories all relate to the wonderful people I have worked with throughout my career. We made mistakes together and we learned from them as we figured out how to do things better for our students, families, and staff. We had a lot of laughter in the last 30 years. I am going to miss it!!!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to spending quality time with my wife (traveling, wine tasting, checking off things on the honey do list :) I am also looking forward to spending time on the farm we have in Kentucky and watching the beautiful sunsets from the top of the hill.



Fuguitt

ELEMENTARY



Ann Rasmussen

Teacher, 38 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I taught 1st, 2nd, and 3rd grade for 29 years and P.E. for 9 years. All my years were special.

I enjoyed being a part of the Fuguitt Family.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I plan to travel, play golf, go fishing and boating.



Garrison-Jones

ELEMENTARY



Miriam Skeim

Teacher, 40 Years of Service



Gus A. Stavros

INSTITUTE



Charla Pinnow

Secretary Bookkeeper, 25 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Spending the last 19 years providing an exceptional experience for the students of Pinellas County Schools as well as students from all over the state of Florida. Enterprise Village and Finance Park are programs that provide a necessary skill set and it was a privilege working with the students and teachers/staff.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling and spending time with my precious granddaughters.



Human Resources & Division

SERVICES



Nancy Velardi

Teacher and PCTA President, 22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Having a student tell me that I had renewed her love of English.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I will continue to be an activist for public education to assure that future teachers have an enjoyable experience teaching our students.

Lakeview Fundamental

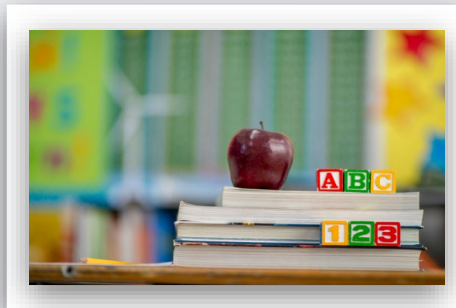
ELEMENTARY

Gwen Nicholson

Teacher, 30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Watching students blossom and improve each year. Seeing the fruits of my labor years later as former students achieve graduation milestones, attend medical and law schools, and find their unique calling. Feeling proud that I played a small role in their success. These are the things that made it worth overcoming challenges and persevering until the end.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Working at a pre retirement job with a healthy work-life balance. Having time for friends, hobbies, and some travel before I'm 65.



Lakewood

ELEMENTARY



Robert Grace

Plant Operator, 13 Years of Service



Lakewood HIGH

Lori West

Teacher, 16 Years of Service



Largo HIGH



Lisa Bagley

Art Teacher, 33 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: After school field trips with my National Art Honor Society students. We visited Artists in their Studios, Fine Arts Galleries, Local Art Museums, and hosted Guest Artists at our school. Introducing my students to opportunities for enjoying and pursuing art in their adult lives was the most satisfying aspect of my teaching career.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I will finally have time to create my own artwork! I also plan to volunteer.

Stephen Beck

Teacher, 36 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with the GOALS team and kids at Countryside HS for 19 years.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with my family, golfing, playing my guitar, cooking, and traveling.

Iris Keeley

Teacher, 41 Years of Service



Lealman Avenue

ELEMENTARY

Janet Perillo

Teacher, 12 Years of Service



Lealman Innovation

ACADEMY



Furlishus Proctor

Plant Operator, 20 Years of Service



Leila Davis

ELEMENTARY

Janet Krueger

Teacher, 25 Years of Service

Alzena Patten

Secretary Bookkeeper, 24 Years of Service

*Favorite memory at PCS: Working with students in the IVE classrooms.
Seeing everyone when they return for the new school year and they talk
about their adventures over the summer. Making friends*

*What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Travel, gardening, and
spending time with great grandchildren.*



Madeira Beach

FUNDAMENTAL K-8



Chenese Bush

Teacher, 42 Years of Service



Maintenance

SERVICES



David Rhodes

Heavy Equipment Operator, 30 Years of Service

Joseph Scalzo

Painter-Jour, 24 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: All of the people that I had an opportunity to work with during my career with PCS.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to having no schedule and being able to do what I want!



McMullen-Booth

ELEMENTARY



Starr Dillon

Teacher, 23 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with devoted, amazing, and fun loving teammates.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to visiting my grandchildren, traveling, and just relaxing!

Tanya Hilkert

Teacher, 15 Years of Service



Nancy Frederick

Teacher, 23 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Reading with the children and watching their faces light up. Friendships with other teachers.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Volunteer work with animal groups and for teacher friends, gardening, crafts, get back into shape, and catch up on neglected home projects.



Meadowlawn

MIDDLE

Kathleen Drayton

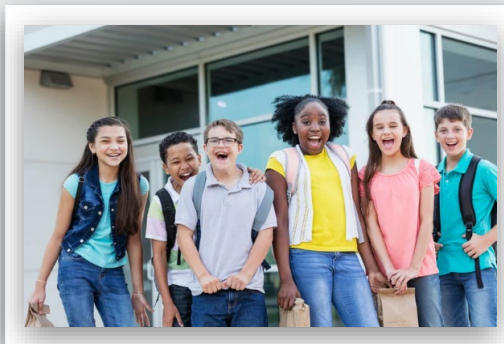
Teacher, 35 Years of Service

Sue Elsey

Reading Literacy Coach, 17 Years of Service

Jeffrey Smith

Teacher, 37 Years of Service check



New Heights

ELEMENTARY



Vanessa Sheeley

Paraprofessional, 35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with the children



North Shore

ELEMENTARY



Ann Yagle

Paraprofessional, 13 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Graduations hands down; watching the kindergarteners' and the 5th graders' ceremonies. There were always tears of joy and sadness as our kindergarteners were prepared to go on to their next grade level and our 5th graders leaving us to go on to middle school.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to spending time with family, volunteering, travelling and reading at my leisure.



Northeast HIGH

Bill Beale

Teacher, 22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: When students would come back the next year and thank me for being their teacher.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Not getting up at 4 A.M. during the school year. Golf, travel, and enjoying the Paradise life



Renee Mills

Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 8 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: was working at Northeast High. I really enjoyed working there.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I plan on traveling a lot with family and eating meals at some of my favorite restaurants!



Oak Grove

MIDDLE



Nazmi Gjyli

Plant Operator, 10 Years of Service



Oakhurst

ELEMENTARY

Monica Foley

Teacher, 35 Years of Service



Natalie Lai

Paraprofessional, 23 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with an awesome ASD team and making a difference in a student's life.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with my family, most importantly my grandchildren and traveling.



Oldsmar

ELEMENTARY



Corinne Murray

Teacher, 30 Years of Service



Osceola Fundamental

HIGH

Tracy Colton

Teacher, 15 Years of Service



Osceola

MIDDLE



Nellie Griffin

Teacher, 32 Years of Service

Marcene Juergens

Teacher, 38 Years of Service



Occupational & Physical Therapy

SERVICES

Anna Goodwin OTR

Occupational Therapist, 24 Years of Service

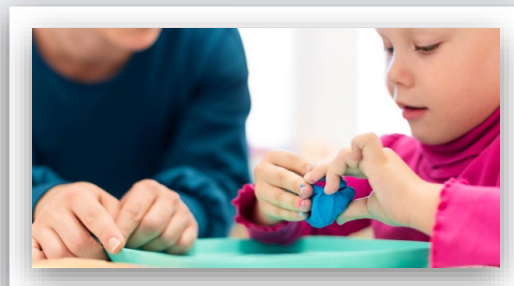
Favorite memory at PCS: Having Noreen Price as a supervisor. She defended my practice as an OT and she was very supportive and fair to all under her supervision.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Drinking coffee when I want. Not waiting for 'breaks' to travel, sleep, etc.

Sherri Malloy

Occupational Therapist, 25 Years of Service

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Relaxing and enjoying time with family, especially my grandchildren!



Pasadena Fundamental

ELEMENTARY



Sandy Dipple

Teacher, 21 Years of Service

LisShell Tegarden

Teacher, 35 Years of
Service



Perkins

ELEMENTARY

Mary Chedid

Teacher, 24 Years of Service

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with family, grandchildren and traveling.



Melanie Moore

Child Development Associate, 18 Years of Service



Pinellas Central

ELEMENTARY

Janet Wade

School Office Clerk I, 26 Years of Service



Police Department

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS



Barry Colbath

Police Sergeant, 11 Years of Service

Pinellas Park

HIGH



Carolyn Demartino

Family and Community Liaison, 12 Years of Service

Teresa Fiegel

School Bookkeeper II, 25 Years of Service



Pinellas Park

MIDDLE



Wanda Cohen Bullock

Secretary III, 16 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with my former Principal, Dave Rosenberger. It was always a pleasure working with Melissa Hill and her team as well as Dave Richmond and his team, and Susan Starling. I also learned a lot during our challenging school remodeling process.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to not having any demands on my time! I will be spending time with my family and friends on my own schedule!

Myra Glenn

Food and Nutrition Manager IV, 22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Feeding students in the beginning of my career and then having the opportunity to feed their children towards the end of my retirement!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Building our house in the country and raising farm animals. I also plan to visit every natural spring in the state of Florida!



Pinellas Technical

COLLEGE, ST. PETERSBURG

Joan Grandi

Teacher, 11 Years of Service



Joy Worley

Teacher, 10 Years of Service



Pre-Kindergarten Handicapped SERVICES



Lyman Zobell

Educational Diagnostician, 34 Years of Service

Prevention Office

SERVICES

Mary Knight-Martin

Social Worker, 25 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with my peers.

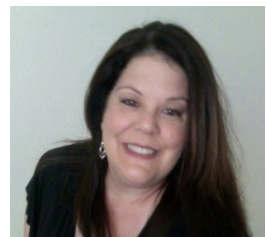
What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Enjoying my time off.



Psychological SERVICES

Heather Jakobiak

Psychologist, 31 Years of Service



Jean Whitaker

Psychologist, 22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I enjoyed working with children, parents, and other PCS professionals throughout my various assignments (e.g., Pre-Kindergarten Assessment Team, PCS elementary schools, and the PCS Private School Office).

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to renovating/reorganizing my home and traveling.

Safety Harbor

ELEMENTARY

Melissa Baby

Teacher, 35 Years of Service



Linda Serio

Secretary Bookkeeper, 26 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: My favorite memories during my career are working with staff and students to complete projects. Fun field trips, art projects and birthday books are examples of successful projects.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to enjoying time with grandchildren and traveling.



San Jose

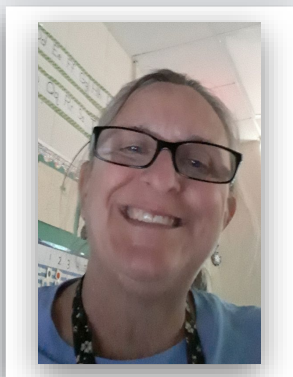
ELEMENTARY

Dori Gress

Child Development Associate, 15 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: When a student asked if there were dinosaurs when I was little. He was a Pre-K student! LOL!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with family and traveling.



Carol Marion-Smith

Teacher, 23 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I enjoyed helping children become better and more confident readers and writers. I come away from my teaching years with many cute stories and lots of appreciation from kids and parents.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am traveling more. I'm taking better care of my health with rest and physical activities.



San Jose

ELEMENTARY (continued)

Debbie Orne

Teacher, 28 Years of Service

Barbara Peters

Teacher, 10 Years of Service

Mary Thompson

Teacher, 12 Years of Service



Sanders Exceptional EDUCATION CENTER

Lawrence Wallace

Teacher, 18 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The Students.



Sawgrass Lake

ELEMENTARY



Harrittee Brim-Bauford

Paraprofessional, 35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of my most favorite memories is being thanked by a student for teaching him how to read at the end of his 5th grade year.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Volunteering and traveling

Lili Shields

Teacher, 33 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Parents and students coming back years later to tell me about the difference I made in their lives.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I will be enjoying working in my yard and spending more time with my family.



School Social Work

SERVICES

Brian Piscalko

Social Worker, 20 Years of Service

Mark Wong

Social Worker, 33 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with teen parents and watching them cross the stage with diploma in hand!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I plan to travel the world to experience diverse foods and cultures.



School Health SERVICES

Carol Kathke

Registered Nurse, 9 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Being blessed enough to work at Pasadena Fundamental for the past 2 years. Mrs. Moody, the entire staff and all of the students there are phenomenally kind and welcoming. It was a great school to finish my nursing career. Also, all of the beautiful talented nurses and precious Holly, at Student Health Services.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to traveling to see my grandchildren, gardening and just loving every day.



Seminole

ELEMENTARY

Debbie Capitosti

Teacher, 8 Years of Service

Amy Carlson

Teacher, 33 Years of Service

Risa Shapiro

Teacher, 16 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Being blown away by the many insightful comments that my students made about the books that we read and discussed. Hopefully these connections will grow a lifelong love of reading.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling during the non-summer season!



Seminole HIGH



Rich Lally

Teacher, 30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Coaching Seminole Girls Tennis Team to back-to-back State Titles!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Sleeping past 5 a.m.! I will also be traveling to visit friends & family.

Victoria Wood

Teacher, 34 Years of Service



Seventy-Fourth Street

ELEMENTARY



Kathy MacEwen

Teacher Assistant, 19 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I loved being in the same unit and school for 10 years because I was able to get to know the families and have siblings from those families join our new classes, building relationships and following students through the fifth grade. My favorite memory is when graduating students come back for a visit.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling more and being on my own schedule and spending more time with my grandchildren. They are growing up so fast!



Skycrest ELEMENTARY



Colleen Linning

Teacher, 26 Years of Service



Skyview

ELEMENTARY

Joann Harrelson

Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 25 Years of Service



Southern Oak

ELEMENTARY

David Corrigan

Teacher, 10 Years of Service

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Playing golf, traveling, and spending time with family!



Specialized SERVICES



Sandra Simpson

Teacher for Visually Impaired, 30 Years of Service

St. Petersburg HIGH

Marsha Carlson

Teacher, 18 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Singing valentines to my classes during valentines day.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Joining the YMCA, traveling to Iowa to see my mother, and going out for lunch with friends!

Jamie Day

Teacher, 34 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Getting a standing ovation from one of my classes after a lecture. Very moving!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Travel, reading, exercise, and cooking. And more time with family, of course!



Laura Domanski

Teacher, 22 Years of Service

Hazel Mcleod-Madir

Teacher, 21 Years of Service

Becky Nelson

Teacher, 42 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Watching my students grow up.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling!



Stephens Exceptional Student Education CENTER



Shareen McNie

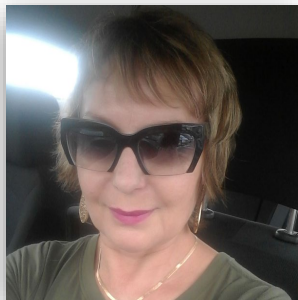
Teacher, 39 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Teaching students with special needs and watching them grow and achieve more independence. So proud of the students who are successfully employed in the community. They all have a special place in my heart.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Enjoying traveling, hobbies, biking, walking, swimming, exercising and spending time with my family and friends.

Tarpon Springs

ELEMENTARY



Elena Kharina-Sampson

School Counselor, 11 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Seeing students at Tarpon Springs high school flourishing in culinary arts program, cooking and serving lunches like true professionals.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Volunteer teaching ESOL at the Largo Public Library. I will also be substitute at PCS next school year.

Arthur Steullet, JR.

Principal, 36 Years of Service

Deirdre Deal

Teacher, 38 Years of Service



Tarpon Springs

HIGH



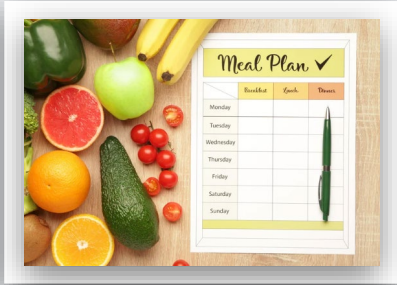
Isuf Ilupa

Stock Clerk, 11 Years of Service



Tarpon Springs

MIDDLE



Barbara Philie

Food and Nutrition Manager II,
10 Years of Service

Smiljka Martinovic

Plant Operator, 18 Years of Service



Transportation

SERVICES



Louella Allmandinger

Bus Driver Relief, 25 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: When I dropped off my last student. Dylan was surprised and "Happy" for me. He thanked me for all my years of driving. The school bus stop, where it begins and ends with our students, everything else is just "noise".

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Well, I have a bucket list of places to visit, people to spend time with and things to do with my family.

Vickie Brumbaugh

Bus Driver Relief, 9 Years of Service

Simon De Freitas

Bus Driver Relief, 22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The field trips. My favorite was The Special Olympics.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling around the world and exploring the 50 states. Can't wait to spend more time with my family and also finding a new hobby.

Walsingham

ELEMENTARY

Cyndia Hixon

Teacher, 38 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Co-teaching for the last 14 years, with my best friend, Karen Baker.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: My husband and I moved to Colorado 3 days after the last day of school. I love the outdoors. I love to hike and explore all that Colorado has to offer. I also visit my grandson, in Myrtle Beach, every 6 weeks.



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Bonita Paquette

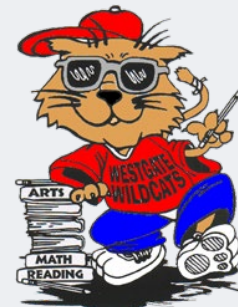
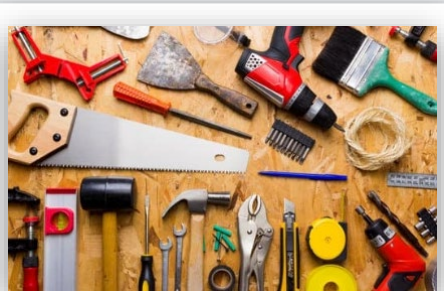
Principal, 35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The excitement of beginning a new school year and the celebrations of growth throughout the year.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Home projects and traveling.

Smiljka Martinovic

Plant Operator, 18 Years of Service





Congratulations on Your Retirement

**For all your hard work
for all the support,
and help you have given
others, may all your years
ahead be filled with the rich
rewards of joy and fulfillment
you so greatly deserve
and have so fully earned.**

Meerabai Madam