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# SEXTON STINGRAY NEWS



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## Upcoming EVENTS

May:

- ♦ 17th: All Pro Dad's Breakfast
- ♦ 22nd: 5th Grade breakfast
- ♦ 23rd: 5th Grade Graduation 9:00am
- ♦ 24th: VPK Moving Up Graduation 10:30-11:30am
- ♦ 24th: Kindergarten Moving up Ceremony 9:30-10:00am
- ♦ 24th: Field Trip: 5th grade Lego Land
- ♦ 27th: Memorial Day: No School
- ♦ 29th: Last Day of school EARLY RELEASE

## A Message from Mr. Pleshe

Hello Sexton Families,

I can't believe it is May already. Your children have been working hard this year and now is the time for them to show what they know. May is state testing month. The next three weeks we will be testing different groups of students. Please make sure that your child has plenty of rest and comes to school on time. A good breakfast helps. Remember that all of our students are able to get breakfast for free here at Sexton.

Just as the students have worked hard so have the teachers and staff. Please join me May 5- 9th in celebrating and honoring the hard work our entire staff.

Summer Bridge this year is 6 weeks. If you haven't registered yet, please do so. We also are taking applications for VPK and kindergarten registration. Please let your family and friends know.

This is our last newsletter for the year, so I want to encourage you to check our website out in July for important information concerning next year. Have wonderful rest of the school year and an awesome summer.

# SUMMER TIME



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Hello Sexton Families,

Thank you for all you have done to support Sexton Elementary this year! It was wonderful to see so many families at Camp read-a-lot, Math under the Sea, the Valentine's Day dance and our spooktacular boo drive! The color run was a huge success. We are lucky to have a school community that participates in so many activities.

Summer is right around the corner; however we still have a month of school left. It is important that students are here, well rested and ready to show us what they know. Our third, fourth and fifth graders will be working hard on their FAST tests. Remember you can help them do their best by making sure they are well rested and feeling confident. Don't stress just do your best.

Our character word for May is respect. Treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration. I like this definition because it tells us how to show respect. It's important to remind children that even if you don't like someone you still show them respect; courtesy and consideration. It is also important that we treat ourselves that way. The last week of April was kindness week, and many students came up with great ideas of how to show kindness to themselves and others. This is respecting yourself.

Enjoy your time with your children over the summer. They are growing so fast every minute counts. Remember all ages enjoy a good story, especially chapter books!

I will miss seeing all the students and families when school is out for the summer. But, we still have the month of May and then I will look forward to seeing everyone in the fall.

Sincerely,

Ms. Valentine

School Counselor





Sexton Elementary would like to extend our **EMMENCE GRATITUDE** to all the **REMARKABLE** businesses who donated so generously to our Teacher Appreciation Week. Thank you all for your support and generosity to our school and its teachers.

### Phenomenal Restaurants

Lonni's Sandwiches, Fresco's Restaurant, Sea Salt Restaurant, Maple Street Biscuit Company, El Cap Restaurant, Oak & Stone Restaurant, Sonny's BBQ, Bella Brava Restaurant, Spring Garden Family Restaurant, Colony Grill, 4th Street Grill, Cheddar's Restaurant, Ferg's Sports Bar, Steak N Shake, Cali Restaurant, Hooter's Restaurant, PDQ Restaurant, Trip's Diner, Fresh Kitchen, Casual Clam, Buffalo Wild Wings, Little Italy Pizza Restaurant, Mangosteen Restaurant, Stillwaters Tavern, Grain & Berry, First Watch Café, La Segunda Bakery & Café, Doc Ford's Restaurant, Bacchus Wine Bistro, Local Market & Deli, Grassroots Kava House, Good Fortune Restaurant, 3 Daughter's Brewing Company, Hollander Tap Room, Café Cibo, Bonefish Grille, Torchy's Taco, Noble Crust, Grand Central Brewhouse, Jay Luigi's, Raining Berries, Jersey Mike's Sandwiches, Evo's Restaurant, Portillos, Ford's Garage Restaurant, Fo'Cheezy's, & Millers Ale House

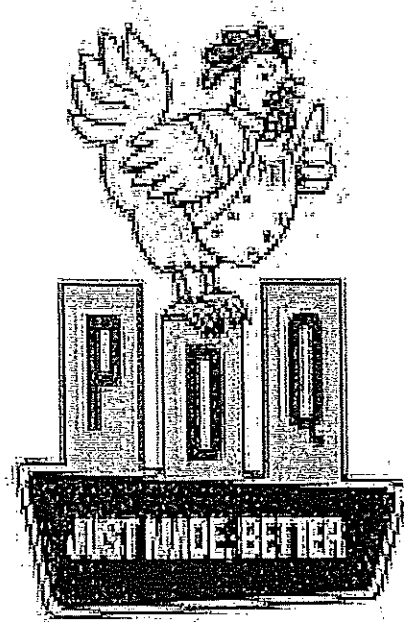
### Incredible Businesses

Take 5 Oil Change, Royal Palms Nail Spa, Massage Envy, Target, Paint Nail Bar, Hand & Stone Massage, The Fresh Market, WaWa, Trader Joe's, 5 Below, Rollin Oats, Ross Stores, CVS, Nothing Bundt Cakes, Mazzaro's Italian Market, Coco Med Spa, Midas Automotive, Woodhouse Spa, Olivia Poppy Salon, Hyppo/Mayday Ice Cream & Small Batch Creamery

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Sexton Elementary  
Family & Community Liaison

Thank you, Hungry Howie's, for your partnership this ENTIRE year for our Perfect Attendance Ceremony. We TRULY APPRECIATE your kindness & support 😊

Thank you, Seminole First Baptist Church & Wendy's, for your generous donation of breakfast and snack items for Teacher Appreciation Week. We are extremely grateful for your kindness!!



**Come out and join us** 😊

**Sexton Elementary Spirit Night**

Thursday, May 9th

5:00 p.m. – 10:00 p.m.

4526 4th St. N

St. Petersburg

20% of event sales will be donated back to our  
school.

Just tell them you're from Sexton!!

# **PBIS NEWS**

A brochure was sent home informing families of the NEW requirements to earn R.A.Y.S Day. We are making a change next school year so all students will benefit for their positive behavior during the learning day at school. By now you should have downloaded the app for PBIS and used the QR Code for your child(ren) to gain access to their PBIS Rewards. Soon there will be a school store put in place where the students will be able to "spend the points" they earn during the learning day towards things that they are interested in. A list of some of the items are below and more.

- Fun school supplies
- Snacks
- Fun little fidgets
- Coupons for lunch with other teachers
- Coupons for no Homework
- Coupons for dress down days for Fridays
- Whole school popcorn and popsicle days at lunch

Please review the point system with your child(ren) and how they receive behavior points each day. They need 18-20 points a week to earn dress down day on Fridays.

## **2 points for: Behavior in the Classroom**

-Students should know their teachers' classroom expectations and follow those rules daily.

## **1 Point for: Behavior in the Specials (Art, Music, and PE)**

-All students should know the rules at specials and be able to follow them with no reminders from adults.

## **1 Point for: Behavior in the Lunchroom**

-Students should make sure they know the rules of the cafeteria to keep themselves and everyone else safe.

## **1 Point for: In Uniform Every Day**

Bottoms: Blue shorts, skirts, dress, or pants Shirts: White, light blue, navy, purple, or teal

## **1 Point for: Specific Prais**

-Students can earn extra points for going above and beyond from any adult on campus.



## Uniform Donations!!

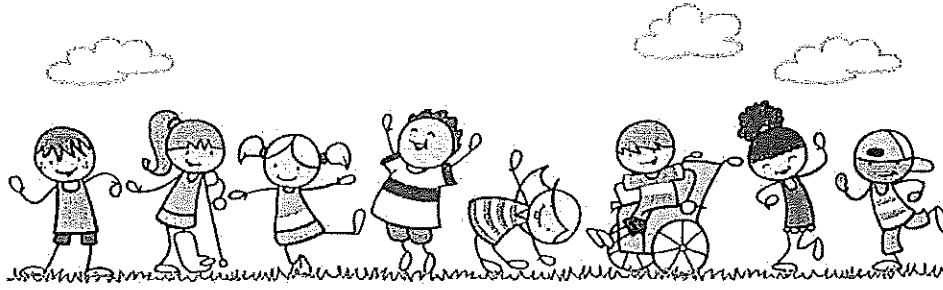
Out with the old and in with the new. As this school year ends, please consider donating your gently used uniforms to the Front Office.

Between spills, messes, and tears we see a lot of our little ones in need of replacement uniforms. This is a great time to clean out closets, plus whoever donates will get to wear non uniforms for the remainder of the year!!

If you donate, **PLEASE...PLEASE** donate clean, "gently" used uniforms. A **TICKET** to dress down will be given to the students who have helped replenish our uniform closet.



Sexton Elementary would like to express our sincere THANKS to Vern Clausen, grandparent to Damon Williams. For the 3<sup>rd</sup> year Mr. Clausen as donated \$100.00 to 2 students who excelled academically throughout their 5<sup>th</sup> Grade year. This award will be announced at the Moving Up Ceremony on May 23<sup>rd</sup>. Thank you again Mr. Clausen for your generosity.



## LAST DAY FOR CLUBS AND ENRICHMENT PROGRAMS WILL BE THURSDAY, MAY 2<sup>ND</sup>

It has been a wonderful year for clubs and tutoring. The students were very engaged and behavior was terrific. We will be ending this year for clubs on Thursday, May 2<sup>nd</sup>. The only clubs that will continue will be Jammin StingRays on Tuesday, May 7<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:15 and Singing StingRays on Wednesday, May 8<sup>th</sup> from 3:15-4:15. The Spring Concert will be at Northeast High School at 6:30pm on Thursday, May 9<sup>th</sup>.

YREADS will continue until the third week in May and Ms. Suzanne will let you know that date. Thank you for all your dedication to Promise Time at Sexton!

Thank you!

Mrs. Hubble