

THE GEAR

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Message from the Principal

Brandie Williams-Macon



Greetings, families!

With just under ten weeks of school remaining, teachers and scholars are working hard to accomplish grade level learning goals. Third grading period report cards will be distributed on April 20th. You can access test history and grades online through your child's Focus account. If your child is not meeting expectations for this grading period, please arrange a conference with their teacher. Summer Bridge provides a great opportunity for scholars to continue their learning with support. It certainly takes a year of explicit teaching and focused learning to achieve a year or more of great learning gains. You may register online for Summer Bridge at reservation.pcsb.org, or stop by the front office for assistance. Thank you for your continued support of your child's completion of homework and at-home reading, iStation and Dreambox lessons, and having your child here every day on time, rested, and ready to learn.

Educationally yours,

Brandie Williams-Macon

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SCHOOL OPENING & DISMISSAL TIMES

8:15 AM Gates and classroom doors open

Breakfast served until 8:40 AM

8:45 AM Classes begin

2:55 PM Dismissal

Menus can be found online at pcsbs.org/food

IMPORTANT

Please, **do not** leave scholars in the car circle prior to 8:15 AM as there is absolutely **NO ADULT SUPERVISION** before this time. School Board policy requires that schools provide supervision to scholars 30 minutes before the academic day begins and 30 minutes following the academic day. Leaving scholars before or after these times is unsafe.

Thank you for partnering with us in keeping all scholars safe.

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Vision:

Engineering innovative thinkers for global success

Mission:

Provide a diverse and caring learning environment with highly qualified teachers, unique family and community partnerships, and distinct engineering curriculum.

Calendar of Events

- Apr. 5 -30 Autism Awareness Dress-up Days
See the article inside this newsletter for dates
- Apr. 5-30 PBIS Grand Slam Rewards-- details inside newsletter
- Apr. 13 Virtual PTA Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Apr. 13 FSA Grade 5 Writing
- Apr. 14 FSA Grade 4 Writing
- Apr. 17 PBIS Staff Talent Show: No referrals to attend
- Apr. 20 Report Cards Distributed
- Apr. 20 Virtual SAC Meeting 6:00 pm
- Apr. 20 FSA Grade 3 Reading - Session 1
- Apr. 21 FSA Grade 3 Reading - Session 2
- Apr. 23 Virtual Trailblazer Presentation - 8:45 a.m.
- Apr. 23-25 St. Petersburg Grand Prix--Volunteers needed
- Apr. 30 Mid-Period Progress Report
- Mar. 1 - May 14 **FSAA** Testing Window
 - ELA Reading - 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade
 - Mathematics -3rd, 4th and 5th Grade
 - Writing - 4th and 5th Grade
 - Science - 5th Grade
- May 3-7 Staff Appreciation Week
- May 4 FSA Grade 5 Reading - Session 1
- May 5 FSA Grade 5 Reading - Session 2
- May 11 FSA Grade 4 Reading - Session 1
- May 12 FSA Grade 4 Reading - Session 2
- May 13 FSA Grade 3 Math - Session 1
- May 14 FSA Grade 3 Math - Session 2
- May 18 FSA Grade 5 Math - Session 1
- May 19 FSA Grade 5 Math - Session 2
- May 20 FSA Grade 4 Math - Session 1
- May 21 FSA Grade 4 Math - Session 2
- May 25 SSA Grade 5 - Session 1
- May 26 SSA Grade 5 - Session 2

Pinellas County Schools FREE 7-Day Meal Distribution Program

- Pinellas County children 18 years & younger are eligible for:
- 7 days' worth of breakfast, lunch, dinner meals, & 5 days' worth of snacks, FREE
 - Distribution on Thursdays at 17 school locations
 - Child does not need to be enrolled in Pinellas County Schools or be present for pickup
 - No ID required for pickup
 - Meals are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis
 - Learn more at pcsbs.org/food

COVID-19 COMMUNICATION PROTOCOLS

As you may know, the district maintains a dashboard on our website that lists all positive cases in our schools at www.pcsb.org/covid19cases. That dashboard is updated each work day and is searchable by location and date.

Additionally, in an effort to keep everyone overly-informed, principals have been sending out schoolwide messages every time a positive case is confirmed in their school. In many cases this is leading to families receiving multiple calls and emails per week and is causing confusion and message fatigue. We recognize that sending too many messages reduces their effectiveness. We have been asked to simplify the process to ensure families only receive the most essential communications, so we will be updating our protocols moving forward.

Beginning February 21, we will do the following:

- Notify by phone and email any student or staff member who is identified as a direct contact and must quarantine.
- Update the district's COVID Public Dashboard every weekday at noon with cases confirmed the previous day.
- Add a link to the district's COVID Dashboard (www.pcsb.org/covid19cases) to the homepage of every school's website.

Beginning February 21, if you do not receive a call, then your student has not been deemed a close contact of a positive case and should attend school normally. If at any time you would like additional information about the number of cases at your student's school, or the safety protocols being followed, we encourage you to submit a question on the Dashboard webpage or reach out to the school principal.

As always, we ask everyone to monitor themselves for any sign of illness. If we all do our part, we can continue to keep our school family healthy and safe.

Thank you.

SCHOOL CLINIC CORNER

Covid-19 is still with us. **Please send your child to school each day with a clean mask.** This will help protect your child.

Please note that your child will be sent home if they experience ONE or more of the following:

- Fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- One episode of diarrhea or vomiting
- Dry cough, or shortness of breath (not due to asthma)

Please pay attention to the COVID-19 symptoms, especially if anyone else at home is not well.

Allergies seem to be troubling our scholars this year. Please pay attention to allergy symptoms (stuffy, runny noses and headaches) and discuss with them with your child's pediatrician. Please note that allergies do not cause fever. Also, remember that scholars are not allowed to bring medications, even eye drops, to school. All inhalers and other medications must be registered with the School Nurse and stored in the Clinic.

Any questions? Please call Nurse Elizabeth Dudley, 727-552-1703, ext. 2013.

FSA and SSA TESTING DATES

Apr. 13 Grade 5 Writing
Apr. 14 Grade 4 Writing
Apr. 20 Grade 3 Reading - Session 1
Apr. 21 Grade 3 Reading - Session 2
May 4 Grade 5 Reading - Session 1
May 5 Grade 5 Reading - Session 2
May 11 Grade 4 Reading - Session 1
May 12 Grade 4 Reading - Session 2
May 13 Grade 3 Math - Session 1
May 14 Grade 3 Math - Session 2
May 18 Grade 5 Math - Session 1
May 19 Grade 5 Math - Session 2
May 20 Grade 4 Math - Session 1
May 21 Grade 4 Math - Session 2
May 25 Grade 5 Science - Session 1
May 26 Grade 5 Science - Session 2

FSA TESTING WINDOW

March 1 - May 14
3rd, 4th and 5th Grade ELA Reading
3rd, 4th and 5th Grade Mathematics
4th and 5th Grade Writing
5th Grade Science

Testing schedules are subject to change

TEST TAKING TIPS

BEFORE:

1. Get a good night's sleep the night before and think about pleasant things as you drift to sleep.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Arrive at school with plenty of time to get to your classroom without having to rush to be on time.
4. THINK POSITIVELY. You've worked hard in class and this is a chance for you to "show what you know."
5. Don't worry if you feel a little nervous because that's natural.

DURING:

6. Listen very carefully to the directions for taking the test.
7. Stay focused on what you are reading. If your mind wanders, go back and reread the section.
8. For reading, remember to look back at the passage as often as you like to find an answer.
9. Read each question carefully. Make sure you understand what it is asking. Eliminate any extra information you don't need to answer the question.
10. Read all answer choices carefully. Try to eliminate 2 answer choices right away, if you can. That way you can concentrate on the other 2 answer choices. Two answer choices may be similar, but one of them will be the BETTER choice.
11. If you get to a passage that seems hard or long or boring, don't give up. Give it your best try.

AFTER:

12. After you have finished the test, if you have time left, be sure to check your answers carefully.
13. Make sure you have not skipped any questions.
14. Make sure that you only have one answer for each question.
15. Pat yourself on the back! You did your very best. Be proud of your effort.

Florida Department of Education State Assessment Requirements

Remote-proctored (virtual) assessment administration is NOT an option for statewide summative assessments.

Summer Bridge 2021

Could your scholar benefit from extra learning opportunities over the summer?

Registration for **Summer Bridge** is open, and is especially important for scholars who are not performing on grade level or need additional help to stay on track. Summer Bridge provides engaging activities and focused instruction to prepare scholars for maximum success. Most programs will run Monday through Thursday from June 21st - July 15th, and will be held at Jamerson this year. There will be no classes Monday, July 5th.

For more information, please visit reservation.pcsb.org

PBIS Grand Slam Rewards - Let's Have an Awesome April!

Scholars have the opportunity to earn prizes and privileges each week. Scholars who meet all four conditions below for the week will have their names entered into drawings on Jamerson Morning News Show on each Friday of the month.

- ◆ **No unexcused tardies** (Tardies will only be excused with a doctor's note)
- ◆ **No unexcused absences** (Absences will only be excused with a doctor's note)
- ◆ **No minor infractions or referrals**
- ◆ **Must be in their classroom and ready to work when the 8:45 am bell rings**

Family Vacations

Please plan vacations so as to not interfere with the instructional calendar. Every school's Child Study Team meets twice monthly to discuss absences, both excused and unexcused.

Family vacations that occur during instructional time are NOT excused absences. Thank you for helping us to maximize every scholar's learning.

The 2021-2022 school calendar can be found at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/12348>

AUTISM AWARENESS MONTH

April is designated as World Autism Awareness Month. People with disabilities are sometimes discriminated against due to the negative connotations associated with the words disability and disorder. Children with autism are unique, loving, and intelligent individuals. We must not focus on what one cannot do, rather, we must focus on what one can do. All people have strengths and, at Jamerson, we value our diverse population of scholars, so we choose to build upon children's strengths while nurturing other skills at the same time.



Facts on Autism from the United States Center for Disease Control

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/autism/facts.html>

- Approximately 1 in 54 children have been identified with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD). Approximately 1 in 34 boys are affected, which is approximately 4 times more than the number of girls.
- ASD is reported to occur in all racial, ethnic, and socioeconomic groups.
- There is no link between vaccines and Autism. Two decades of research results support this statement.

It is known that there is not one type of Autism but many subtypes, most influenced by a combination of genetic and environmental factors. Because autism is a spectrum disorder, each person with Autism has a distinct set of strengths and challenges. The ways in which people with Autism learn, think and problem-solve can range from highly skilled to severely challenged. Some people with ASD may require significant support in their daily lives, while others may need less support and, in some cases, live entirely independently.



Dress Up For Autism Awareness

Monday, April 5th - Light It Up Blue Day (observed)

Wear blue to support "Light It Up Blue Day" which takes place every year on April 2nd along with "World Autism Awareness Day."

Friday, April 9th - Rock the Spectrum Day

Wear all the colors of the spectrum to show we are bold rock stars!

Friday, April 16th - Graphic Tee Day

Wear a t-shirt imprinted with your favorite graphic (saying or image) because we are visual learners!

Friday, April 23rd - Neon Day

Wear neon because we are all bright!

Friday, April 30th - Sports Day

Wear your favorite team/sport shirt or jersey to showcase our strengths and dedication to success!



St. Petersburg Grand Prix Volunteers Needed!

Start your engines, volunteers, as we gear up for this year's St. Petersburg Grand Prix, April 23rd - 25th. This is Jamerson's biggest fundraising event, and we need your help to make it a great success! You don't need to be a registered volunteer for this event, so invite your family and friends to participate as well.

Sign up at signupgenius.com. Select the search eyeglass in the upper right corner, find the search for a sign-up option and enter the following email address - lauraryan88@yahoo.com. From there, you can view all the ways you can help. You can also go to our Facebook page to access a direct link.

Congratulations!



Congratulations to
Axel Vaurie



for having his artwork included in the
Mainsail Young at ART Student Exhibition!

[Info - Mainsail Art Festival](#)



Congratulations to
Mariyah Peterson and **Laila Torrens**



for having their video included in the
All-Star Virtual Elementary Chorus Concert!

The video will premier on YouTube and at FEMEA.org in the coming weeks.



Congratulations to
Ryan Gilliam and **Greyson Henderson**
for being recognized for academic excellence at the
Annual Vyrle Davis Achievement Awards!





Virtual ceremony to be held in April.

2022-2023



Elementary School Lunch Menu



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
 <p>All Meals Include a Choice Of Milk</p>	<p>All menus are subject to change! We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options; however, occasionally issues beyond our control prohibit it.</p>		<p>1 QR# VZKRCR#</p>	<p>2 #####QR# #ZKRCR#</p>
<p>5 Choose One: Max Cheese Sticks or Cheese Quesadillas ~OR~ Chicken Caesar Salad ~OR~ Cheesy Turkey Wrap or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Mariana or Salsa Cup or Carny/Celery Cup 100% Fruit Juice or Cupped Fruit</p>	<p>6 Choose One: Breakfast for Lunch ~OR~ Fruit & Yogurt Plate ~OR~ Chicken Caesar Wrap or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Dell Roasted Potatoes 100% Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>7 Choose One: Pasta & Meatballs or Meat Sauce ~OR~ Sunshine Dipper Salad ~OR~ Ham & Cheese Croissant or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Sliced Cucumbers 100% Fruit Juice or Cupped Fruit</p>	<p>8 Choose One: Poppom Chicken & Waffle ~OR~ Yogurt & Fruit Parfait or Dell Combo Sub or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Steamed Broccoli 100% Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>9 Choose One: Pizza Choice ~OR~ Apple A Day Salad ~OR~ Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Romaine Side Salad 100% Fruit Juice or Cupped Fruit</p>
<p>12 Choose One: Chicken Nuggets or Tenders ~OR~ Chicken Sandwich ~OR~ Chicken Caesar Salad ~OR~ Cheesy Turkey Wrap or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Carrots & Celery Cup 100% Fruit Juice or Cupped Fruit</p>	<p>13 Choose One: Beef, Pork or Chicken Tacos ~OR~ Fruit & Yogurt Plate ~OR~ Chicken Caesar Wrap or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Corn Nibbles 100% Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>14 Choose One: Macaroni & Cheese ~OR~ Sunshine Dipper Salad ~OR~ Ham & Cheese Croissant or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Sweet Green Peas 100% Fruit Juice or Cupped Fruit</p>	<p>15 Choose One: Teriyaki Beef Dippers, Rice & Roll ~OR~ Yogurt & Fruit Parfait or Dell Combo Sub or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Steamed Broccoli 100% Fruit Juice or Fresh Fruit</p>	<p>16 Choose One: Italiano School Choice ~OR~ Apple A Day Salad ~OR~ Turkey & Cheese Sandwich or PBJ Sandwich Choose: Mariana Cup or Romaine Side Salad 100% Fruit Juice or Cupped Fruit</p>
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