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Message from the Principal

DLJ Families,

Nationally Certified Magnet School of Excellence
2021
Nationally Certified Demonstration Magnet School
2022



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Vision:

Engineering innovative thinkers for global success.

Mission:

Provide a diverse and caring learning environment
with highly qualified teachers.

Calendar of Events

Sept. 1st Labor Day No School
Sept. 2nd DLJ Home Challenge Starts
Sept. 3rd Kona Ice
Sept. 10th Mid-Period Progress Reports go home
Sept. 9 PBIS Popcorn Store and PTA General Meeting Family Game night and Read-a-thon Kick off
Sept. 15 International Dot day and SAC Meeting 6:00pm Media center
Sept 16 PBIS Book Store
Sept 19 No School for Students
Sept 23 PBIS School Store
Sept. 25 Open House & Title I Annual Meeting 5:30pm
Oct. 1 Kona Ice
Oct. 7 PBIS Popcorn Store and Picture retakes

It brings me immense joy to welcome you to the start of another incredible school year at Douglas L. Jamerson, Jr. Elementary! Entering my second year as your principal, I am more energized than ever to continue building on the solid foundation we have established together.

Our school-wide theme this year is "Excellence for All—Every Day, Every Way," and we are committed to making that vision a daily reality for our students, staff, and families. This summer, our teachers prepared to support this theme through professional development and by engaging in a powerful Community Tour to better connect with the neighborhoods we serve. This intentional work reflects our belief that excellence is not a moment—it is a mindset.

We are proud to share that Jamerson is a "B" school, just five points away from an "A."

This is our year—for our students, for our staff, for our families, and for our community. This level of success is well-deserved and long overdue, and I am confident that, together, we will reach new heights.

As the school year has gotten underway, I have had the pleasure of visiting classrooms across campus. What I have seen is students re-learning, practicing, and living out our Jamerson Expectations with confidence and pride. Our staff has worked hard to ensure a smooth, strong start, and it shows.

To our new families, welcome to the Jamerson family! We are thrilled to have you join our vibrant and dedicated school community. Please know that communication remains a top priority. This year, I will continue to share weekly updates using the FOCUS platform, with newsletters sent out each Sunday. Additionally, based on feedback from last year's parent survey, our weekly newsletter will soon include more academic updates and student services information. This added detail is part of our ongoing effort to enhance transparency and ensure you have the tools to support your child's learning at home.

I am genuinely excited for what lies ahead. Thank you for your continued partnership, your trust, and your unwavering support.

Let us make this year the one where excellence becomes our everyday standard.

With gratitude and Trailblazer pride,

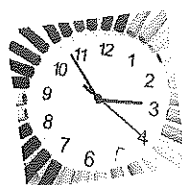
*Angela M. Lewis
Principal*



SCHOOL OPENING & DISMISSAL TIMES

8:15 AM Gates open
Breakfast served until 8:40 AM
8:30am Classroom Doors Open
8:45 AM Classes begin
2:55 PM Dismissal

Menus can be found online www.pcsb.org/food
Meal applications can be found at www.applyforlunch.com



Does Your Child Ride a PCS School Bus? Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department encourages parents to use the Bus Bulletin App. Bus Bulletin sends parents updates about their child's bus routes straight from Pinellas County Schools. Register online at www.busbulletin.com. Once you are registered you will add your student using their 10-digit student ID and birthday. You can find their student ID in your Parent Focus account. Once you have added your student(s), you will begin receiving text notifications about their bus.





DLJ Home Challenge

We are beginning our schoolwide home challenge the week of September 2nd. Students will have the opportunity to earn 20 points a week for completing their DreamBox lessons weekly (5 for grades K-2 and 10 for grades 3-5) and up to an additional 10 points for the challenge home sheet. This home sheet will alternate between a math challenge and a reading Scholastic News challenge. This provides another opportunity for earning points that is not computer based. The points build up and the students will earn prizes throughout the year. The challenge sheet will come home Tuesdays and should be returned by the following Monday. Kindergarten students will receive their sheets with the monthly packet. Please look for the informational letter and tracking sheet the teachers will provide in the agenda. This can be used weekly to track your child's progress. If you have any question please contact Mrs. Goddard 727-552-1703 X 2305, goddardd@pcsb.org

Please note that challenge sheets need to be turned in on time this year, the Monday after they are sent home. Late sheets will not be graded for points.

WANTED

Presenters and Guest Speaker

for the

Great American Touch-In

at Jamerson Elementary

November 12, 2025

Do you have an awesome job, sport, hobby, or activity that you enjoy?

We'd love for you to share it with us!

To schedule a presentation, or for more details, contact Jessica Marinari Bishop, Family & Community Liaison, marinari-bishopj@pcsb.org

CONSCIOUS DISCIPLINE CORNER

SEPTEMBER COMPOSURE

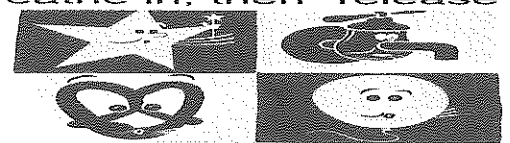
Parent Tips

- Model calm behavior. Your child learns most by watching you.
- Take a 'pause breath' before responding to big emotions.
- Create a quiet space at home where anyone can go to calm down.
- Celebrate small successes when your child chooses calm over reacting.

Four Breathing Techniques to Try Together

- **S.T.A.R.** – Smile, Take a deep breath, And Relax
- **Balloon** – Hands on head, take a big breath, raise arms like inflating a balloon, then “pfffff” let it out.
- **Pretzel** – Cross arms/ankles, clasp hands, take a deep breath, relax shoulders.
- **Drain** – Stretch arms out, tighten fists, breathe in, then “release” like water draining as you exhale.

Practice these daily. It builds your child's “calm muscle” for school and life!



Dear Parents and Guardians,

Welcome to a brand-new school year! I hope your family had a restful and enjoyable summer. As your school counselor, I'm excited to connect with all of our students.

My role as a school counselor is to support your child's academic, social-emotional, and personal development. Throughout the year, I'll be providing classroom lessons, small group counseling, individual support, and working with teachers and families to ensure every student feels safe and supported.

I look forward to working together to make this a fantastic year!
Ms. Lopez 727-552-1703 ext. 2060 LOPEZANA@pcsb.org



Title 1 Annual Meeting/Open House

We will be hosting an Open House, Sept. 25th. This will include the annual Title 1 Meeting and classroom visits. The annual meeting will begin at 5:30 PM in the cafeteria. We will also be holding the 5th grade parent meeting at this event.

Drop-off & Dismissal Process

Please, do not leave students in the car circle prior to 8:15 AM. There is absolutely **NO ADULT SUPERVISION** before this time. School Board policy only requires that schools provide supervision to students 30 minutes before the academic day begins and 30 minutes after the academic day. Leaving students before 8:15a.m. or after 3:25p.m. is unsafe.

The car circle must stay moving. Do not delay your student from exiting or entering the vehicle.

- * Children who are being unloaded, or loaded, should do so using the vehicle's passenger side doors.
- * At dismissal, if your child needs help getting in or buckling up, you need to park in a parking spot and walk up to the Parent Walk-up area at the front of the school to get them.
- * You will need to show your family number. Please hang it in your car for staff to see.

Please inform the Front Office by 2:15p.m. of changes to your child's dismissal plan, even if the change is just for one day. Families of 4th graders need to notify the Front Office by 1:30pm. If there is a change of transportation for you child, please, also, inform the teacher via agenda, email, etc. All students will be dismissed to their typical transportation if we do not have notification of change by the family. Let's work together to get our students to the right place, at the right time.

Front Office Procedures

Photo I.D. is **REQUIRED** to remove your student from school between the hours of 8:45 a.m. and 2:55p.m. Please list all persons permitted to pick your student up in your PCS parent portal and on the front office Student Information Card. Contact information should be kept current at all times. Please notify the school as soon as there is a change. Early pick-ups must be made before 2:25 p.m. to avoid the dismissal rush. Pick-ups after this time must be approved by the principal the day prior to early pick-up. The Front Office will close daily from 2:45 - 3:15pm to focus on coordinating safe dismissals. Tardies, Early pick-ups and Absences will only be recorded as excused once proper documentation is provided.

Jamerson's Corner Clinic - News You Can Use When Can My Student Return to School?

In general, a good rule of thumb is to determine whether or not the student can still participate in school activities. A scratchy throat, cough, or mild congestion doesn't necessarily mean a student cannot continue to participate in a normal school day. Keep your child home if they have: Fever - oral temperature over 100°F / tympanic over 99°F Vomiting - Two or more times when at home Diarrhea - Two or more loose stools at home Students can return to school when they have been symptom-free for 24 hours without the use of medication. School Health Services' Guidelines for parents and schools help determine when children should go home or be excluded from school. Additionally, these guidelines also indicate when medical notes are necessary for children to return to school after certain illnesses.

Our school nurse, Elizabeth "Betty" Dudley, RN has copies of PCS's "Guidelines for Exclusion" brochure available on request. For additional information, please contact Nurse Betty at (727)552-1703, ext. 2026, or School Health Services at (727) 588-6320.

Registered Volunteers Are Always Needed... and Appreciated!

As you know, Jamerson has many fantastic events throughout the school year that our families love to participate in. Without volunteers, though, most of them wouldn't be possible. Please, consider registering as a volunteer, as well as recruiting your family and friends to do the same. We have opportunities for weekly volunteering on campus, including Sprockets Stores, as well as for special events on campus. Being a registered Level 1 volunteer is required for these opportunities, however, a Level 2 status is preferred, and often required. Submit your application at this link: www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration The Google Chrome Browser must be used on a laptop or desktop to access the Volunteer application. Volunteer questions?

Contact Jessica Marinari -Bishop Family & Community Liaison, at marinari-bishopj@pcsb.org



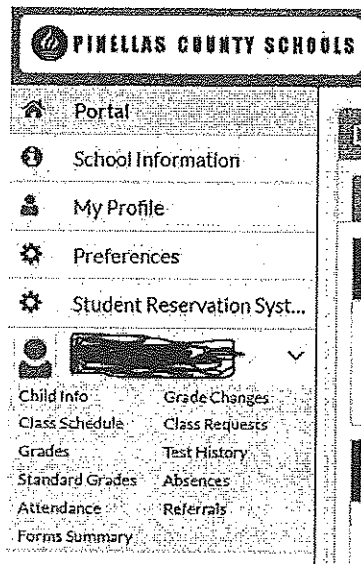
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Starting in the new year 2025

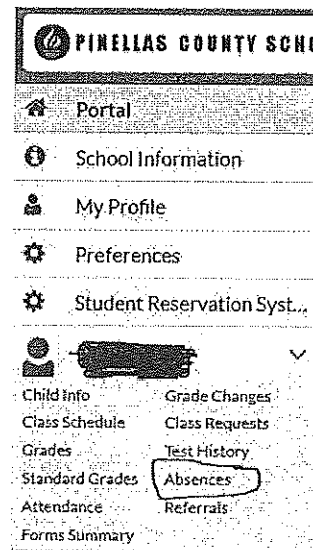
February 3, 2025 will be the start of parents uploading all documents for students on their parent portal account. Documents include but not limited to, doctor's note, written notes, and any other communication that will excuse your student's absence.

Here are the directions on how parents can upload documents on their parent portal:

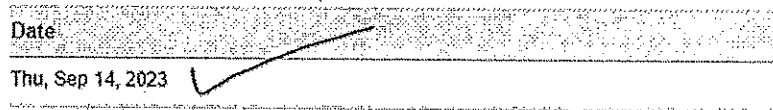
1. Parents will log-in to their account.



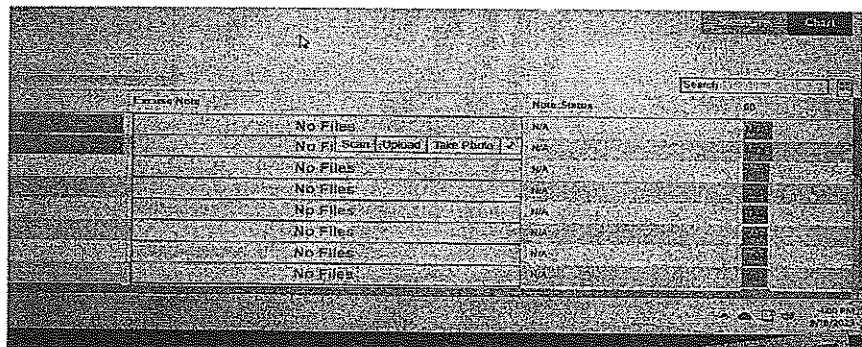
2. Click student name and then click absences



Select the date students are absent



3. Hover over "excuse notes" area then you will see upload, scan, or take photo and then click on one and upload



4. Then Focus will give Mrs. Teagle a notification to approve documents that have been uploaded.

K-12 Breakfast

FOOD AND NUTRITION

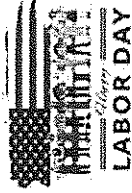


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PAY FOR MEALS ONLINE
MySchoolBucks.com

10/10/10

**BREAKFAST IS
FREE** — FOR ALL —
PINELLAS COUNTY
SCHOOL STUDENTS

Low Fat White,
Fat Free Chocolate,
Fat Free Skim

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School – Labor Day  LABOR DAY	2 Sausage Biscuit Cinnamon Crisp Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	3 Blueberry Pancake Minis WG Breakfast Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	4 Bacon & Cheese Egg Bite on Brazilian Bun or Yogurt Cup Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	5 Apple Cinnamon French Toast or Cereal Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese
8 Guava Turnover Glazed Pull A Part Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	9 Chicken Biscuit Cocoa Cherry Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	10 Chocolate Chip French Toast Mini Bites or Banana Bread Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	11 Maple Sausage Pancake Wrap-stick or Yogurt Cup Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	12 Cinnamon Waffle Mini Bites or WG Breakfast Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese
15 Mini-Cinnis Caramel Banana Bread Slice Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	16 Sausage Biscuit Cinnamon Crisp Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	17 Blueberry Pancake Minis WG Breakfast Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	18 Bacon & Cheese Egg Bite on Brazilian Bun or Yogurt Cup Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	19 No School for Students 
22 Guava Turnover Glazed Pull A Part Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	23 Chicken Biscuit Cocoa Cherry Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	24 Chocolate Chip French Toast Mini Bites or Banana Bread Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	25 Apple Cinnamon French Toast or Yogurt Cup Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	26 Cinnamon Waffle Mini Bites or WG Breakfast Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese
29 Mini-Cinnis Caramel Banana Bread Slice Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese	30 Sausage Biscuit Cinnamon Crisp Bar Cold Cereal Variety Breakfast Bar Assortment Buttered or Cinnamon Toast Honey Graham Crackers Mozzarella String Cheese			

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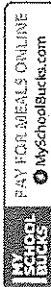
September 2025 ELEMENTARY SCHOOL Lunch

Pinellas County Schools

FOOD AND NUTRITION



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For menus and nutrition info, visit MealViewer.com or download the app. Click to go to the website.

MealViewer

Menus are subject to change!
We do our best to provide our customers with all our planned options, however occasionally weather, crops, and supplies have other ideas!

Daily Lunch Choices

May Choose 1:

- Meat / Meatless Entrée,
- Entrée Salads,
- Cold Sandwiches,
- PBJ Sandwich

Must Choose at least 1*:

- Hot & Cold Vegetables
- Seasonal Fruit or Juice
- *(may choose up to 2 servings each of fruits & veggies with meal)*

May Choose 1 Milk:

- Low Fat White,
- Fat Free Chocolate,
- Fat Free Skim

★A la carte Smart Snacks available for purchase★

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
1 No School – Labor Day  LABOR DAY	2 Pasta & Beef Meatballs in Sauce Choose: <u>Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza</u> Deli Turkey-Ham Cheese Wrap Choose: <u>Steamed Corn Kernels</u> House Mixed Side Salad	3 Boneless Wings & Dutch Waffle Macaroni & Cheese Caesar Grilled Chicken Salad Choose: <u>Country Baked Beans</u> Cucumber Dippers	4 Three Cheese Quesadilla Corn Dog Caesar Grilled Chicken Wrap Choose: <u>Salsa Cup</u> Steamed Broccoli Florets Romaine Side Salad	5 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Crispy or Spicy Breaded Chicken Sandwich Apple A Day Salad Plate Choose: <u>Mashed Potato & Gravy</u> Baby Carrot Dippers
8 Philly Beef & Cheese Sub Chicken Broccoli Penne Alfredo w/ Roll Yogurt, Fruit & Granola Parfait Choose: <u>Crinkle Crispy Fries</u> Carrot & Celery Dippers	9 Beef or Pork Taco Cheesy Bread Deli Turkey & Cheese Wrap Choose: <u>Marinara Sauce Cup</u> Fiesta Refried Beans House Mixed Side Salad	10 Boneless Wings & Rings w/ Boom-Boom Sauce BBQ Pork Sandwich Caesar Grilled Chicken Salad Choose: <u>Steamed Broccoli Florets</u> Cucumber Dippers	11 New Orleans Grilled Chicken w/ Ramen Noodles & Fortune Cookie Grilled Cheese Sandwich Caesar Grilled Chicken Wrap Choose: <u>Tomato Soup</u> Romaine Side Salad	12 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Fish Sandwich Fruit & Yogurt Salad Plate Choose: <u>Green Beans</u> Baby Carrot Dippers
15 Chicken Drumstick w/ Mac & Cheese Grilled Hamburger or Cheesburger on Bun Yogurt, Fruit & Granola Parfait Choose: <u>Sweet Potato Fries</u> Carrot & Celery Dippers	16 BBQ Pork & Cheese Nachos Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Deli Turkey & Cheese Wrap Choose: <u>Santa Fe Black Beans</u> House Mixed Side Salad	17 Beef Meatball Sub Boneless Wings Basket w/ Buffalo Cheez-Its Crackers Caesar Grilled Chicken Salad Choose: <u>Crinkle Crispy Fries</u> Cucumber Dippers	18 Teriyaki Beef Dippers w/ Rice & Fortune Cookie Cheese Pizza Crunchers Caesar Grilled Chicken Wrap Choose: <u>Steamed Broccoli Florets</u> Romaine Side Salad	19 No School for Students 
22 Chicken & Queso Sub Pepperoni (beef) Calzone Yogurt, Fruit & Granola Parfait Choose: <u>Marinara Sauce Cup</u> Deli Roasted Potatoes Carrot & Celery Dippers	23 Beef or Pork Taco Mozzarella Cheese Bites & Tuscan Sauce Deli Turkey & Cheese Wrap Choose: <u>Fiesta Refried Beans</u> House Mixed Side Salad	24 Popcorn Chicken Potato Bowl w/ Chicken Gravy Meat Lovers Stromboli Caesar Grilled Chicken Salad Choose: <u>Marinara Sauce Cup</u> Steamed Corn Kernels Cucumber Dippers	25 Sliced Beef & Broccoli w/ Ramen Noodles Cheesy Bread Caesar Grilled Chicken Wrap Choose: <u>Steamed Broccoli Florets</u> Romaine Side Salad	26 Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza Fish Sandwich Fruit & Yogurt Salad Plate Choose: <u>Green Beans</u> Baby Carrot Dippers
29 Tangerine Chicken w/ Rice & Fortune Cookie Grilled Hamburger or Cheesburger on Bun Yogurt, Fruit & Granola Parfait Choose: <u>Sweet Potato Fries</u> Carrot & Celery Dippers	30 Pasta & Beef Meatballs in Sauce Choose: <u>Cheese or Pepperoni Pizza</u> Deli Turkey-Ham Cheese Wrap Choose: <u>Steamed Corn Kernels</u> House Mixed Side Salad			

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