



Nationally Certified Magnet School of Distinction 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, unique family and community partnerships, and distinct engineering curriculum.

Calendar of Events

Jan. 8 School resumes, second semester begins
Jan. 9-19 at 5:00pm - District Application Period
Jan. 9 PTA Board Meeting 5:30 pm - Virtual
Jan 12 More Health Firearm Safety - 3rd grade
Jan. 15 Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday- Schools closed
Jan. 16 SAC Meeting, 6:00-8:00pm
Jan. 18 Report Cards Distributed
Jan. 19 PTA Snow Day
Jan. 25 Drama Club performance 9:00 - 9:30 a.m.
Jan 29 More Health - Bones 2 -2nd grade

Glance ahead...

Feb. 6 Mid-Period Progress Reports Distributed
Feb. 7 Global School Play Day
Feb. 7 Spring Individual Student Pictures
Feb. 7 PBIS Big Event - Cupid Shuffle
Feb. 8 Class/Group Pictures
Feb. 9 St. Pete Science Festival- 5th Grade Field Trip
Feb. 10 St. Pete Science Festival- Family/Community Day
Feb. 14-23 DAP Acceptance Period
Feb. 15 More Health Personal Hygiene (2nd grade)
Feb. 16 No School for Students - Teacher Pro-ed Day
Feb. 19 No School for Students - Teacher Pro-ed Day

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Message from the Principal

Heather Peters



Hello Families,

Welcome back to the second half of the 2023 - 2024 school year!

I hope you had a restful and fun-filled break. We are excited to continue our learning journey.

I want to remind you of a few important items.

First up - our school improvement goals and big initiatives this year. Our school improvement goals are to eliminate the achievement gap and to reach 71% of students meeting or exceeding expectations in math, 65% of 5th grade students achieving proficiency in science, 62% meeting or exceeding expectations in ELA, and grade 3 ELA proficiency reaching 72%. This is our next step toward the district vision of 100% student success. In order to achieve these goals, we are working toward helping students achieve mastery on each benchmark of the Florida B.E.S.T. Standards. We continue to monitor student achievement through the use of state progress monitoring tools as well as district assessments. K - 2 students should have (or will be in the next few days) received reports on their progress. 3 - 5 students and parents can access this information through Focus.

Next up - now is the time to Apply for Kindergarten or 6th Grade.

Do you have an incoming kindergartener or an outgoing 5th grader?

If so, please read this information carefully.

The District Application Window is open starting Tuesday, 1/9/24 through 1/19/24, 5:00 PM. You must apply even if you have a sibling at Jamerson.

To claim "sibling priority" the sibling must attend Jamerson next year and live in the same household. (Cousins may not claim sibling priority.) Please remember to mark the sibling box to ensure sibling priority.

For kindergarten you need to choose Jamerson as your first-choice school. You will need your older child's student ID to apply. You can get this information from the report card sticker or call the office. Outgoing 5th Graders wanting to attend our feeder schools: Bay Point or Azalea Middle, must choose either as the first choice to receive priority.

If your child is already a Jamerson student, there is no need to reapply for next year.

Once you are a Jamerson student, you automatically continue to have a seat.

If you need help during this process, please contact the office or

Ms. O'Hare 552-1703 X 2305.

We are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2024 filled with powerful learning. Thank you for all that you do to support your child's success and to make Jamerson the very best place to be!

Heather Peters
Principal

SNOW DAY - Friday, January 19th

PTA is once again sponsoring this super chill event!

Please send an extra outfit to school with your child to change into after they've enjoyed the winter festivities.

Shirts, shorts/pants, underpants, socks and shoes could get very wet.

Volunteers are needed to make this day a success!

Volunteers Needed

Registered volunteers are needed to support the various weekly events that students look forward to, as well as the numerous special events that make our school so amazing.

Event Volunteer sign-up: <https://signup.com/go/ApdSuji>

For more information, contact Laura Stees, steesl@pcsb.org,
Family & Community Liaison

SCHOOL OPENING & DISMISSAL TIMES

8:15 am Gates and classroom doors open

Breakfast served 8:15 - 8:40 AM

8:45 am Classes begin

2:55 pm Dismissal

Menus can be found online at pcsb.org/food

Meal applications can be found at www.applyforlunch.com

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 8:15am or after 3:25pm 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 inform the Front Office by 2:15pm of changes to your child's dismissal plan, even if the change is just for one day.

Families of 5th graders need to notify the Front Office by 1:30pm.

If there is a change of transportation for your 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 8:45am and 2:55pm

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 2:15 pm 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 her at (727)552-1703, ext. 2026, or School Health Services at (727) 588-6320.



Reminder from Nurse Betty: PLEASE send a reusable water bottle to school with your student every day.

Label it with their first and last name.

Our fountains can refill the bottles and students will be granted access as needed.

Staying hydrated is important!



National PTA Reflections Arts Program 2023-24 School Year Finalists

Literature (Grades 3-5)	Photography (Grades 3-5)	Visual Arts (Grades 3-5)	Visual Arts (Grades K-2)
<i>Award of Excellence</i>	<i>Award of Excellence</i>	<i>Award of Excellence</i>	<i>Award of Excellence</i>
Eva Nicholson	Lily Del Valle	Adelyn Pliner Hartman	Isabella Bishop
<i>Award of Merit</i>	<i>Award of Merit</i>	<i>Award of Merit</i>	<i>Award of Merit</i>
Santos Del Valle	Eva Nicholson	Nicole Dunne	Alex Pliner Hartman



PBIS Incentives and Jamerson Expectations

Students can earn school money, called Sprockets, for following the Jamerson Expectations. They can "cash in" their earned Sprockets at monthly Sprockets Stores, as well as other special events.

Please, remind your student of the Jamerson Expectations often:

Be Respectful, Be Kind, Be Responsible, Be My Best, Be Safe

Conscious Discipline Corner

Establishing and building a strong school family results in a learning environment that is safe, caring, and engaging. Conscious Discipline practices are being learned by staff and implemented to create this nurturing and respectful school family. When children feel safe, valued, respected and welcomed they are able to get the most out of their learning opportunities.

Conscious Discipline is an evidence-based, trauma-informed approach to understanding and then teaching self-regulation strategies through seven skills. The seven skills are needed to transform everyday discipline issues into teaching moments. These moments are our opportunity to teach children the self-regulation and communication skills necessary to manage themselves, resolve conflict, prevent bullying, and develop positive social behaviors.

The seven skills are Composure, Encouragement, Assertiveness, Choices, Empathy, Positive Intent, and Consequences.

- January Skill: **Choices**
- Big Idea: The only person you can make change is yourself.
- Goal: Learning to Connect and guide instead of force and coerce—Choices motivate from within, improve goal-achievement and facilitate self-regulation.
- Skill: Two positive choices, reframing blame, Parroting technique, Who is the boss of you?



Five Steps for Self-Regulation

Purpose: Provide a place where children can learn to self-regulate. Children use the Safe Place to learn how to change their internal state from upset to calm in order to maximize their learning potential.

Step 1	I Am Go to the Safe Place	Child is triggered into a state of upset.	
Step 2	I Calm Choose a breathing	Children need assistance in turning off the stress response in their body and calming down their physiology.	
Step 3	I Feel Pick a feeling and talk to the feeling.	Children need assistance in naming and taming the feelings that have overwhelmed them.	
Step 4	I Choose Choose something that will help them calm.	Children need assistance in choosing strategies that will help them move from the lower centers of their brain to the higher centers.	
Step 5	I Solve Confront the trigger and problem solve.	Something triggered the child into a state of upset before entering the Safe Place. Whatever happened needs some type of solution.	



Conscious Discipline

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FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Learn more: <https://getfortifyfl.com/#home>



Sandy Hook Promise's no-cost *Say Something* program teaches elementary, middle, and high school students to recognize the warning signs of someone at-risk of hurting themselves or others and how to say something to a trusted adult to get help.

Learn more or make a report: <https://www.sandyhookpromise.org/our-programs/say-something/>



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern



DISTRICT APPLICATION PERIOD

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

If your child will be entering Kindergarten, 6th or 9th grade next year, you will need to know these important dates!

Must have Focus ID and password

Step 1: Get a Parent I.D. and Password - MUST HAVE your photo ID to upload.

- If you do not already have a Focus User ID and password for your family, you can create an account at: <https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/>
- To reset the password for an existing Focus account, go to: <https://focus.pcsb.org/focus/>
You only need one User ID and password per family. Ensure all children are linked to your account.

Step 2: Apply Online January 9 - 19, 2024 before 5:00 pm.

- Log onto the Student Reservation System (SRS), <https://reservation.pcsb.org> using your User ID and password.
- Select District Application Programs.
- Enter your **five** program selections from the list of programs.

REMEMBER: Non-PCS students must deliver all documentation of program eligibility to the appropriate program office(s) by the close of the school day on January 19, 2024.

To secure one of these priority seats, you must apply during the application period *and* rank that school as your first choice. Then, you must go back into the system during the acceptance period and accept the invitation of your choice.

For more information, go to www.pcsb.org

*Please note: For your incoming kindergarten scholar to get sibling priority, you must also apply at this time.

**Please note: Our current Jamerson 5th graders will have priority admission upon application to:

The Gateway to Technology Program at Azalea Middle or

The Center for Advancement of Science and Technology at Bay Point Middle School.

January 10, 2024: District Staff will be on Jamerson's campus to assist families with applications. 9:30 - 11:00am

Step 3: Accept Invitations Feb. 14 - 23, 2024 before 5:00 pm.

- Log onto the Student Reservation System (SRS) with your User ID and password during this period to accept a program invitation. *If you do not accept an invitation during this period, your child's invitation(s) will no longer be valid.*
- Review your child's status in all programs to which you applied.
- It is not necessary to accept waiting list positions.
- If you accept any ONE program's invitation during this period, the student's name will be removed from all other lists.
- You have the option to change your mind and select a different program before the 5:00 PM February 23, 2024 deadline.

March 2024: Schools call from waitlists.

Late Application Period Opens: March 24, 2024

Please contact Ms. O'Hare ohared@pcsb.org with questions regarding Jamerson's Magnet Program.
For step-by-step website screenshot application instructions, visit: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/32051>

Links for these Live How-to Events will be posted on the [District Website](#) closer to the dates:

- How to Apply for a District Application Program Facebook/YouTube Live Event: January 8, 2024 at 5:30 pm
- DAP Acceptance Period Facebook/ YouTube Live Event: February 12, 2024 at 5:30 pm