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Message from the Principal



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for global success.*

Welcome back to the second half of the 2020-2021 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 our school improvement goals and big initiatives this year. Our school improvement goals are to eliminate the achievement gap and to achieve 80% of scholars meeting or exceeding expectations in ELA, and science, and 85% of scholars meeting or exceeding expectations in math. This is our next step toward the district vision of 100% student success.

In order to achieve these goals, we are working toward helping scholars achieve mastery on each learning standard. Mastery learning means getting scholars to 100% mastery of a concept, rather than accepting 80% because the remaining 20% can often be critical for success at the next level. When helping scholars achieve mastery, learning tasks often need to be personalized because not all children are expected to learn at exactly the same rate and the same time. It is ok to take more time on some topics to understand them deeply. This is one of the major concepts underpinning the Florida State Standards. Encourage scholars' use of the Personalized Learning Pathway (PLP) through Clever for grades 3-5 to provide practice opportunities to master grade level standards.

As we enter the application period for the 2020-2021 school year, please remember to mark the sibling box to ensure sibling priority for incoming kindergarteners or if you have a child at another school. Stop in to the office if you need assistance. If your child is already a Jamerson scholar, there is no need to reapply for next year.

We are looking forward to a happy and healthy 2021 filled with powerful learning.

Thank you for all that you do to support scholar success,

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Front Office

Please complete any forms received and return them to school as soon as possible.

Front office card (white) and Clinic card (yellow) are required to be on file with the school.

Clothing Closet

The Clothing Closet needs new or gently used clothing.

Most needed are boys' and girls' pants/shorts in all sizes (4 -14, and men's small), and new boys' and girls' underwear in all sizes (4-14, and men's small).

Thank you for your continued support.

- Jan. 4 Schools resume
- Jan. 6 – 15 by 5:00 p.m. District Application period
- Jan. 11-12 Vision and Hearing Screenings (K, 1st, 3rd & 4th)
- Jan. 12 PTA Virtual Board Meeting 6:00 pm
- Jan. 15 End of Second Quarter and First Semester
- Jan. 18 Martin Luther King, Jr. Day Holiday
- Jan. 19 No School for Scholars; Teacher Work Day
- Jan. 19 – Feb. 1 PreK3/VPK Application Period
- Jan. 20 Second Semester begins
- Jan. 22 Individual Picture Day
- Jan. 26 SAC Virtual Meeting 6:00 pm
- Jan. 28 PBIS Event (Sock Hop) Grades K-3rd TBD
- Jan. 29 PBIS Event (Karaoke) Grades 4th-5th TBD
- Feb. 2 Report cards distributed

Food Services

Menus can be found online at pcsb.org/food

Jamerson's PTA

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/16965>

MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

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

DISTRICT APPLICATION PERIOD

Must have Focus ID and password

Step 1: Get a Parent I.D. and Password

- If you do not already have a Focus User ID and password for your family, go to a nearby school to request one. Bring a photo ID with you.

You only need one User ID and password per family. Ensure all children are linked to your account.

Step 2: Apply Online Jan. 6-15, 2021

- 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 Jan. 15, 2021.*

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 5th graders will have priority admission to the Gateway to Technology Program at Azalea Middle or the Center for Advancement of Science and Technology at Bay Point Middle School.

Step 3: Accept Invitations Feb. 15-26, 2021

- 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 the acceptance period, the student's name will be removed from all other lists.

Pre-K 3 and VPK application period: Jan. 19 – Feb 1. <https://reservation.pcsb.org>

Seasonal Handwashing Reminder

Don't Invite Germs to Your Home for the New Year!

When celebrating the new year, keep an eye out for uninvited guests – germs! When you invite friends and family over for any gathering, remember to wash your hands with warm soapy water for 20 seconds (just sing "Happy Birthday" or the "ABC" song) before and after preparing food or using the toilet. Handwashing can prevent potentially fatal infections from spreading from person to person.

The most important thing that you can do to keep yourself or others from getting sick is to wash your hands.

For further information, you can visit www.pinellashealth.com.

(From the Pinellas County Health Department.)

When Children Should Stay Home from School

Schools and families are often confused as to when scholars should be sent home from school ill, or should be kept home from school when ill. In general, a good rule of thumb is to determine whether or not the scholar can still participate in school activities. Having a sore throat, cough, or mild congestion doesn't necessarily mean a scholar cannot continue to participate in classroom and school activities. This is especially relevant as we enter the heart of cold and flu season! School Health Services has guidelines for parents and schools to 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. Please ask our school nurse for our "Guidelines for Exclusion" brochure. For additional information, please contact the school nurse or School Health Services at (727) 588-6320.