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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

- Mar. 3-5 PTA Fundraising at the Grand Prix
- Mar. 7 Quarter 3 Trailblazer Assembly
- Mar. 7 PTA Executive Board Meeting
6:00 pm
- Mar. 9 PBIS Student Talent Show
- Mar. 10 End of third quarter
- Mar. 13-17 Spring holidays
- Mar. 20 Schools reopen
(Hurricane make-up day)
- Mar. 20-24 Say Something Week
- Mar. 30 Report Cards Distributed
- Apr. 3-Apr. 28 PBIS Grand Slam Rewards
- Apr. 7 No School for students
- Apr. 11 PTA Board Meeting 6:00 pm

District Application Programs

For information on the Late Application Window and more, visit PCS' webpage:
<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/34171>
OR
email Ms. O'Hare, ohared@pcsbo.org

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

Message from the Principal

Heather Peters



Greetings Jamerson Families,

During this month we finish our third quarter on Friday, March 10th and have time off from school for Spring Break from Monday, March 13th – Friday, March 17th. March 20th is now a hurricane make-up day, and school for students is in session. When we return on March 20th, we are three-fourths of the way through the school year. That seems simply amazing as the year seems to have flown by thus far!

Every year presents new challenges as standards change and the ever-constant push for student achievement intensifies. We know this is truly a team effort and goal that cannot be obtained without all of us striving to be our best. We want to express our gratitude to everyone who has helped keep our students safe, healthy, connected and learning.

We thank:

- Our students and families who are persevering through hard times.
- Our teachers and the rest of the staff who have gone above and beyond to help make school a welcoming place where students can learn.
- Our many, many healers and helpers - the support staff and community volunteers who provide the extra hands and attention our children need.

May your days off for spring break be restful and rejuvenating as we gear up for our final quarter of the school year.

This is a time filled with so much learning as we make our final push to finish the year strong. As long as your child is healthy, please focus on getting your child to school on time each day. Every day of school is an important opportunity for students to learn as well as connect to peers and their teachers.

Thank you for partnering with us to help your child learn, thrive and succeed.

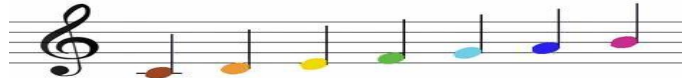
Sincerely,
Heather Peters,
Principal



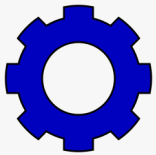
Notes from the Music Room

Congratulations to Jamerson's 2023 All-County Musicians
for a successful concert on February 18th at the Mahaffey Theater!

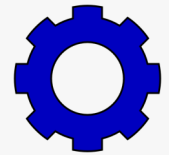
*World Drummers Ettie and James represented Jamerson on stage
and
Addie, Charlotte, and Serenity took the stage
as part of All-County Chorus!*



Special thanks to Mrs. Hill for always "setting the stage" with so many opportunities for our students, and for ensuring they are able to take part in these amazing musical experiences.



Jamerson Yearbooks
On sale now- don't wait to order!



Order online: ybpay.com

Our awesome PTA Yearbook Committee worked hard to put together a memorable 2022-23 edition!
Don't miss out on the memories!

Registered Volunteers Needed

As you know, Jamerson has many fantastic events throughout the school year that our families love to participate in.

Without registered volunteers, though, most of them wouldn't be possible.

Ways to
Volunteer

We have an ongoing need for weekly volunteers in classrooms, PBIS Sprockets Stores and Thursday Family Lunch Days, as well as for special events and field trips.

Please, consider registering as a volunteer, and ask your family and friends to do the same. Being a registered Level 1 volunteer is the minimum requirement for most of these opportunities, however, a Level 2 status is preferred, and sometimes required.

Volunteer Application link:

<https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwires/forms/volunteer/>

Volunteering questions?

Contact Laura Stees, Family & Community Liaison, at steesl@pcsb.org



Current Volunteer Opportunities

- Log in to your Volunteer Portal, and view the Calendar

<https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer/Modules.php?modname=misc/Portal.php>

- Visit the Volunteer Sign-up link: <https://signup.com/go/DDAaRut>

- Email Jamerson's Family & Community Liaison, Laura Stees, steesl@pcsb.org



Student and Family Services



During the week of March 20th - 24th Jamerson students will be taking part in *Say Something Week*.

The official week to recognize this event is March 14th - 18th. Since we are on Spring Break that week, we will utilize the week after. During this week of events, we will be discussing how to recognize warning signs and threats of potential violence and the importance of telling a trusted adult. We will also take part in special things at school and have a dress up day on Friday to honor this event.

- Monday 20th -** Make a Difference Monday - "*Say Something*" info during morning meeting. Class door decorating.
- Tuesday 21st -** Upstander Tuesday - we will learn about upstanders during morning meeting and work on a kindness tree.
- Wednesday 22nd -** Who's With Me Wednesday? - Morning meeting focus on taking care of others and ourselves.
- Thursday 23rd -** Trusted Adult Thursday- Morning meeting—Who are trusted adults and how do you find help. Thank a trusted adult.
- Friday 24th -** Unity Fri-Yay! - wear a graphic tee that has a positive message.

It can be hard for adults to know how the children in their lives are feeling. Today, many children and teens turn to online channels to express themselves, their thoughts and hopes, and their anxieties and personal feelings. Some even go as far as hinting they want to hurt themselves or someone else.

Their friends and peers are the eyes and ears of a school community and may observe these communications but not always understand or know what to do with that information. *Say Something* teaches all of this.

We encourage you to talk to your child about how important it is to *Say Something* and encourage them to share what they are learning. Not only will this conversation help you to recognize any signs in your own student's expressions, but it also demonstrates to them that you take this subject seriously and can be one of the trusted adults they turn to if they suspect someone may need help.

We know that schools are meant to be safe places. *Say Something* will help equip our young people to do their part to keep our school community safe.

For more information on *Say Something*, please visit: www.sandyhookpromise.org/saysomething.

Conscious Discipline Corner

March Skill - *Positive Intent*

The related power for this skill is the Power of Love.

BIG IDEA:

Choose to see the best in others.

GOAL: Seeing the best in others keeps us in the higher centers of our brain so we can consciously respond instead of unconsciously react to life events.

Positive intent is always our first step. We must see children differently in order for them to behave differently. Once we can see the behavior as a call for help, we are able to identify the missing skill behind the behavior and A.C.T. to teach that missing skill.

Acknowledge the child's desire. Use the phrase "You wanted ____."

Clarify the skill to use. "When you want ____, say (or do) ____."

Take time to practice. "Do it now for practice." or "Let's do it together for practice."

Example -

Sally bites Billy. "Sally you wanted Billy to back up, so you bit him, biting hurts. You may not bite."

When you want Billy to back up say, "Please back up, Billy."



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- Mentor a student in a Pinellas County School**
- Meet for 30 minutes, once a week**
- Meet with your student in person, virtually, or both**

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