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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. 4-8 *Say Something Week*
- Mar. 6 Trailblazer Assembly for 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 8 End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 8-10 PTA Fundraising at the Grand Prix
- Mar. 11-15 Spring Holidays
- Mar. 18 Schools Re-open
- Mar. 19 *More Health Bones (Kindergarten)*
- Mar. 21 PTA Board Meeting, 5:30pm, in-person
- Mar. 26 - Apr. 3 Dental Sealant Program
- Mar. 27 *More Health Presentation*  
*Pedestrian and Bike Safety (4th Grade)*
- Mar. 27 - 28 5th Grade Overnight Field Trip  
 to Kennedy Space Center
- Mar. 28 Report Cards Distributed
- Mar. 29 No School for students

### A Look Ahead...

- Apr. 1-Apr. 25 PBIS Grand Slam Rewards
- Apr. 10 Bucs Vision Van (Vision Screenings)

## Message from the Principal

Heather Peters



Greetings Jamerson Families,

During this month we finish our third quarter on Friday, March 8th and have time off from school for Spring Break from Monday, March 11th - Friday, March 15th.

When we return on March 17th, we are three-fourths of the way through the school year. That seems impossible as the year seems to have flown by thus far! Every year presents new challenges as the ever-constant push for student achievement intensifies. There is so much to learn during quarter four, and we know this is truly a team effort. We also know that our school goals cannot be obtained without all of us working together and striving to be our best. As spring activities pick up, make sure to set aside time to have your children read books that they enjoy and practice some math concepts in the car while you rush from one place. Here are a few ideas your child can play in the car to pass travel time and keep math fresh in their brains.

- The Counting Game** - Keep a running count of different objects you see (red cars, telephone poles, street signs)
- License Plate Math** - Practice adding, subtracting, and/or multiplying numbers on license plates you can spot from the car
- Gas Mileage** - For older students the next time you fill up ask your child to help calculate gas mileage or how far you can drive until you need to get gas again
- Trip budgeting** - Ask your child to help plan the day's budget and figure out how much you need as you stop for food, gas, and snacks
- Estimation Station** - Estimate how far you are away from the next stop light, store, destination (how many feet, or how many car lengths)

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,  
 Mrs. Peters  
 Principal



## District Application Program - Late Application Window

For information on the Late Application Window for the 2024-25 school year and more, visit PCS' webpage: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/34171> or email Ms. O'Hare, [ohared@pcs.org](mailto:ohared@pcs.org).



# March is Youth Art Month

K- 8 Art Exhibition  
at the  
Clearwater Main Library



*Congratulations to these Jamerson students:*

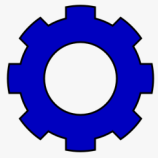
**Eames Booth, 5th grader, had his amazing submission accepted!  
Ashby Rood, 4th grader, received an Award of Excellence for her submission!**

Their families, teachers and friends are invited to attend the Exhibition throughout the month of March.

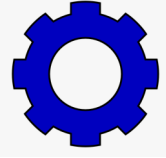
Special thanks to Mrs. Irmis for always "prepping the canvas" of our students' lives with so many artistic experiences, and for ensuring they are able take part in these amazing opportunities.

*Don't miss out on memories!*

2023-24



# Jamerson Yearbooks



*On sale now through March 8<sup>th</sup> !*

Our awesome PTA Yearbook Committee has put together another memorable edition!

[Barksdale School Yearbooks](#)

Jamerson Access Code: 0099957YB

## Registered Volunteers Needed

As you know, Jamerson has many fantastic events throughout the school year that our students and 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 volunteers in the front office, for weekly PBIS Sprockets Stores, as well as for special events and field trips.

Some teachers occasionally have classroom and help-from-home opportunities.

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 (must use a laptop or desktop):

<https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteer/>

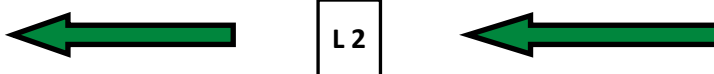
Volunteering questions?

Contact Laura Stees, Family & Community Liaison, at [steesl@pcsb.org](mailto:steesl@pcsb.org)

**REMINDER:**

### Level 2 Volunteer ID Badges

Pinellas County Schools require all Level 2 Volunteers to wear their Level 2 Volunteer Photo ID badge at all times when volunteering on campus, and on field trips.



New and existing Level 2 Volunteers who do not have one should request documentation to obtain their badge by emailing Laura Stees, [steesl@pcsb.org](mailto:steesl@pcsb.org). (Original badges are free. Replacement badges are \$3.00)

## Current Volunteer Opportunities



can be found by:

Visiting this Volunteer Sign-up link:  
<https://signup.com/go/ApdSuji>

or

Emailing Laura Stees,  
Family & Community Liaison,  
[steesl@pcsb.org](mailto:steesl@pcsb.org).



Alex Ortega  
Level 2 Volunteer  
Expires 2/24/2026



During the week of March 4<sup>th</sup> – 8<sup>th</sup> Jamerson students will be taking part in *Say Something* Week.

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 4 <sup>th</sup>	Make a Difference Monday	Morning Meeting - " <i>Say Something</i> " information given. Kindness Escape Room - brainstorm ways to be kind.
Tuesday 5 <sup>th</sup>	Upstander Tuesday	Morning Meeting - Learn about upstanders. Positivity Scavenger Hunt & <i>Say Something</i> Week swag.
Wednesday 6 <sup>th</sup>	We Can Wednesday	Morning Meeting focus on taking care of others and ourselves. Create part of a school-wide kindness chain.
Thursday 7 <sup>th</sup>	Trusted Adult Thursday	Morning Meeting - Who are trusted adults? Thank and/or compliment a trusted adult or friend.
Friday 8 <sup>th</sup>	Unity Fri-Yay!	Wear a graphic tee that has a positive message. We Pledge to be Upstanders that <i>Say Something</i> !

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](http://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."

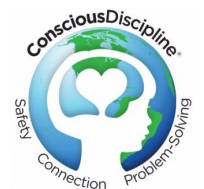
Example –

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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## Summer Bridge 2024

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

Registration opens March 19, 2024, and is especially important for students who are not performing on grade level or need additional help to stay on track. Summer Bridge is free and provides engaging activities and focused instruction to prepare students for maximum success.

Most programs will run Monday through Thursday from June 3 - June 27, 8:00am - 2:00pm.  
For more information, please visit: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/4036>

Register by May 1st to receive transportation starting the first day of Summer Bridge. Please request transportation when submitting your application. Families can provide their own transportation and still attend Summer Bridge. Breakfast and lunch will be provided.



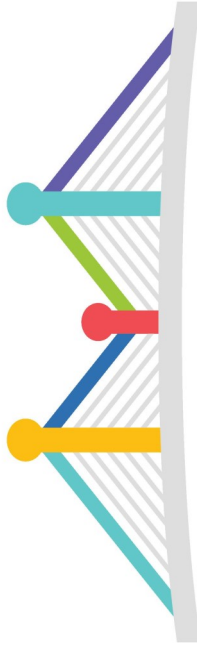
*Questions about Summer Bridge?* Contact the school you've selected directly.  
*Need Help Applying?* Contact Mrs. Teagle at 727-552-1703 Ext. 2007

*Have Transportation Questions?* Contact the Transportation Department at 727-587-2020.

Please note: Jamerson will be a Summer Bridge site this year.  
Parents can choose Any Summer Bridge site for their child.

Please note: Jamerson is a YMCA summer camp site.

For a list of YMCA summer sites, or to Apply on-line to reserve a spot, please visit: <https://www.stpeteymca.org/childcare/summerbridge/>.  
For a full list of PCS schools with on-site summer care options, please visit: <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/4036>



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Summer Care Funding**

<https://elcpinellas.org/for-families/school-readiness-programs/>



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