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Message from the Principal

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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

May 7 All-Pro Families Picnic, 11:00am - 1:00pm
May 9 Volunteer Appreciation Breakfast, 8:30 - 10:00am
May 10 FSA Grades 4 & 5 Math - Session 1
May 11 FSA Grades 4 & 5 Math - Session 2
May 13 DreamBox Water Play Day
May 17 Magnet Advisory Board 3:15, SAC Meeting 6:00pm
May 17 SSA Grade 5 - Session 1
May 18 SSA Grade 5 - Session 2
May 19 DreamBox Math Festival
May 20 Student Talent Show 4th/5th Grades
May 20 Staff Basketball Game at Gibbs High
May 23 Teacher-Staff 5th Grade Kickball Game
May 24 5th Grade Dance
May 25 DreamBox Pizza Party
May 25 Award Ceremonies:
4th Grade 9:00-9:45am
2nd Grade 10:00-10:45am
1st Grade 11:00-11:45am
3rd Grade 12:00-12:45pm
May 26 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony and Breakfast
8:30- 10:30am
VPK Ceremonies:
Castellucio/Hartley 10:30am
Ellis/ Hazellief 11:15am
May 26 Kindergarten Ice Cream Social, 11:55am
May 26 Last Day of School for Students
May 26 Report Cards Distributed

Aug 6 Back to School Picnic (Time TBD)
Aug 10 First day of 2022-23 School Year for Students
and BooHoo/Yahoo Breakfast



The LAST DAY OF SCHOOL is May 26th
DISMISSAL will be 2 hours early at 12:55 PM

Greetings, families!

May is certainly a busy month. We are completing standardized testing for grades 3-4-5 and also have many end of the year events coming up.

We are also turning our attention to making sure students are prepared for the next grade level. It certainly takes a year of explicit teaching and focused learning to have a year of great learning results.

As we complete the last days of this school year, we want to make every day count. Having your child(ren) here every day, on time, and ready to learn makes a difference. I believe we have achieved many great learning gains and appreciate our families' support to keep the learning momentum going. Please continue to read your child's agenda book daily and review any papers sent home.

I hope that you will support summer learning. Research has shown that students who do not read over the summer spend a lot of time catching up in the fall.

Consider signing your child up for Summer Bridge which is being held Monday - Thursday from June 6 - June 30th, 8:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.

If your child cannot attend Summer Bridge, then please make sure to have your child read at least 20-30 minutes and review math facts DAILY.

Respectfully,

Heather Peters

Principal

Family Vacations

Please plan vacations so as to not interfere with the instructional calendar. Every school's Child Study Team meets twice monthly to discuss absences, both excused and unexcused.
Family vacations that occur during instructional time are NOT excused absences.
Thank you for helping us to maximize every student's learning.

The 2021-2022 school calendar can be found at <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/12348>

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 at [pcsb.org/food](http://www.pcsb.org/food)

IMPORTANT

Please, **do not** leave students in the car circle prior to 8:15 AM as there is absolutely **NO ADULT SUPERVISION** before this time. Per School Board Policy, supervision of students is only required 30 minutes before the academic day begins and 30 minutes following the academic day.
Leaving students before or after these times is unsafe.
Thank you for partnering with us in keeping all students safe.

SCHOOL CLINIC CORNER

IMPORTANT END OF SCHOOL YEAR INFORMATION!

Pinellas County Schools policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer.

Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and Epinephrine Devices.

Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Thursday, May 26th, 2022 at 12:00 noon without exception.

Please note that your child will be sent home if they experience ONE or more of the following:

- Fever over 100.4 degrees Fahrenheit
- One episode of diarrhea or vomiting
- Dry cough, or shortness of breath (not due to asthma)

Allergies seem to be troubling our scholars this year. Please pay attention to allergy symptoms (stuffy, runny noses and headaches) and discuss with them with your child's pediatrician. Please note that allergies do not cause fever. Also, remember that scholars are not allowed to bring medications, even eye drops, to school. All inhalers and other medications must be registered with the School Nurse and stored in the Clinic.

For more information, or clarification: Please call Nurse Elizabeth Dudley, 727-552-1703, ext. 2026.

***IMPORTANT* Technology Notice!**

Teachers are currently collecting PCS take-home devices from 3rd - 5th grade students.

Students will be required to leave their devices at school for the remainder of the school year.

Laptops and iPads issued to 5th graders do NOT follow them to middle school. They must be returned to Jamerson.

Please be sure device chargers and other school-issued accessories are returned with the device.

Thank you for your cooperation!



Summer Bridge 2022



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

Registration for **Summer Bridge** is open, 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 6th - June 30, 8:00am - 2:00pm. Jamerson will be a Summer Bridge site this year.

For more information, please visit reservation.pcsb.org

Note: Register by May 1st to receive transportation starting the first day of Summer Bridge. Please request transportation when submitting your application.

Transportation is available only to students who live 2-4 miles from Jamerson. Students who live within 2 miles of Jamerson are not eligible for transportation.

Students who live more than 4 miles from Jamerson will receive transportation, and attend, Summer Bridge at their ZONED school.

Families can provide their own transportation and still attend Summer Bridge at Jamerson.

Breakfast and lunch will be provided.

Summer Bridge Before and After Care

[Summer Bridge - YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg \(stpeteymca.org\)](http://stpeteymca.org)

(Limited space)

FSA and SSA TESTING DATES

May 10 FSA Grades 4 & 5 Math - Session 1

May 11 FSA Grades 4 & 5 Math - Session 2

May 17 SSA Grade 5 - Session 1

May 18 SSA Grade 5 - Session 2

Testing schedules are subject to change

TEST TAKING TIPS

BEFORE:

1. Get a good night's sleep the night before and think about pleasant things as you drift to sleep.
2. Eat a healthy breakfast.
3. Arrive at school **with plenty of time** to get to your classroom without having to rush to be on time.
4. **THINK POSITIVELY.** You've worked hard in class and this is a chance for you to "show what you know."
5. Don't worry if you feel a little nervous because that's natural.

DURING:

6. Listen very carefully to the directions for taking the test.
7. Stay focused on what you are reading. If your mind wanders, go back and reread the section.
8. For reading, remember to look back at the passage as often as you like to find an answer.
9. Read each question carefully. Make sure you understand what it is asking.
Eliminate any extra information you don't need to answer the question.
10. Read all answer choices carefully. Try to eliminate 2 answer choices right away, if you can.
That way you can concentrate on the other 2 answer choices.
Two answer choices may be similar, but one of them will be the **BETTER** choice.
11. If you get to a passage that seems hard or long or boring, don't give up. Give it your best try.

AFTER:

12. After you have finished the test, if you have time left, be sure to check your answers carefully.
13. Make sure you have not skipped any questions.
14. Make sure that you only have one answer for each question.
15. Pat yourself on the back! You did your very best. Be proud of your effort.



DREAMBOX MATH REWARDS EVENTS

During the month of May, we will be recognizing scholars that reached the following DreamBox levels:

Lessons Completed K-2 nd	Lessons Completed 3 rd - 5 th	Prize/Event
105	160	Pizza and Extra Recess
140	200	Math Festival
175	240	Water Play Day

Please note: students will be able to continue working on DreamBox through the end of the year.

Calling all volunteers!



Save the dates:
Math Festival - Thursday, May 19th
Water Play - Friday, May 13th

Our DreamBox reward events are rapidly approaching and we need YOUR help to make them a success!

So far, over 175 students have qualified for the Math Festival by completing at least 200 DreamBox lessons. Close to 100 students have completed more than 240 lessons and have been invited to attend Water Play.

If you are willing to have fun, play outside, and possibly get wet, these events are for you!

Both events will have morning and afternoon sessions. Feel free to sign up for one, or both, time slots.

If you want to ensure that you will be volunteering at your child's time, please mark that in the Sign-Up and we will get with you closer to the event date.

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A054FADAE29A64-volunteers>

Contact Ms. O'Hare or Mrs. Stees at 552-1703 for more information.

Thank you in advance for your gift of time!



Volunteering at Jamerson for the 2022-23 School Year

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 Sprockets Stores and Family Lunch Days, as well as special events on and off campus.

Field trip chaperones must be registered volunteers.

A Level 1 volunteer status is the minimum requirement for volunteering, and is free of charge. Obtaining a Level 2 status is preferred, and often required.

Volunteer Application link:

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

Please use the Google Chrome Browser on a laptop or desktop to ensure a successful Volunteer Application submission.

For more information, please contact
 Laura Stees, Family & Community Liaison
 steesl@pcsb.org 727-552-1703

A Very Special Thanks to Our Volunteers

Jamerson staff, students and families are grateful for the countless Volunteers who donated their time, often worked tirelessly, and remained true to our mission of ensuring that this school year would be nothing less than amazing for students, their families, and staff alike.

The many special events, field trips, PBIS reward programs, PTA events, and other regular happenings which make school "the place to be", would not be possible without them!



With Sincere Appreciation...

Thank you to our business partners who have supported and rewarded our staff and students this school year!



Chick-fil-A Tyrone ~ Culver's 34th Street ~ GrassRoots Kava ~ Tijuana Flats
 Flippers Pizzeria St. Petersburg ~ Carrabba's 4th Street ~ Starbucks ~ Chipotle
 Mammamia Gelato Italiano ~ Caddy's Gulfport, 3D Cloud by Marxent, and many more.