## IMPORTANT DATES NOVEMBER 2019

- 11/5 Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night 3-**9**PM
- II/8 Family Lunch Day (weather permitting)
- 11/12 Veterans Day Concert 7PM
- 11/13 Great American Teach In
- 11/15 All Pro Dad 7:45AM
- 11/20 PTA Fundraiser Celebration
- 11/20 Sky Zone Spirit night 4-8PM
- 11/25-29 Thanksgiving Break
- 12/3-10 Holiday Shop
- 12/6 Movie Night
- 12/6 Holiday Shop Open **During Movie** Night 5:30-8PM

Area 1 Associate Superintendent: Mr. Ward Kennedy (727) 588-5023

# Leila G. Davis Elementary

Principal: William Durst Assistant Principal: Kathryn Gualtieri

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NOVEMBER 2019



## **Principal's Page...A Message from Mr. Durst**

our school year. Seems like October and has times per year for grades 3-5 and three times for absolutely flown by. As we look forward to the K-2. This assessment has been an accurate preupcoming holiday season, I want to encourage dictor of our school grade in the spring. Presenteveryone to take the time to reflect and be thankful to live and work in our Davis school commu- of having data chats with their classes and stunity. For me, I am truly thankful to serve a wonderful school community where we have the best students, tremendous family and community involvement, loving staff, and incredible teachers. All stakeholders working together will help us take steps towards achieving our goals of 100% student success.

#### **Reaching Our Goals**

One step we can take that will help us reach our school goals is to actually know what those goals are. You may have seen our staff shirts with the number "500" on the back. This number refers to our point total goal for school grade. Last year when our school earned an "A" again our total points earned was 461. The higher point total simply means that more students are achieving and growing at higher levels. Our goal for both English Language Arts (ELA) and Mathematics is that 80% percent of our students will reach proficiency and 75% of our students will make learning gains as measured by the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA).

Did you see our Marquee? It currently states "Did your student make their MAP growth

It is amazing to think we are ap- goal? ... Ask them!" The Measures of Academproaching the half way point in ic Progress (MAP) assessment is given two ly, every teacher in our school is in the process dents to understand their current performance and to set growth goals. Teachers have also been sending home goal-setting worksheets to communicate MAP learning goals the students have set for themselves.

> How you can help your child grow academically is to ask them about the Personalized Learning Platform (PLP) on Clever. The PLP for grades 3 -5 students gives specific and targeted activities that address areas of need for both ELA and math. Once students logon to the PLP celebrate those strength areas and click on the areas with lower scores to help guide support for the standard. If any assistance is needed, please feel free to contact your student's teacher for support. We have set the bar higher this year because together we can do this! I look forward to seeing our students and school make incredible growth to reach our goals.

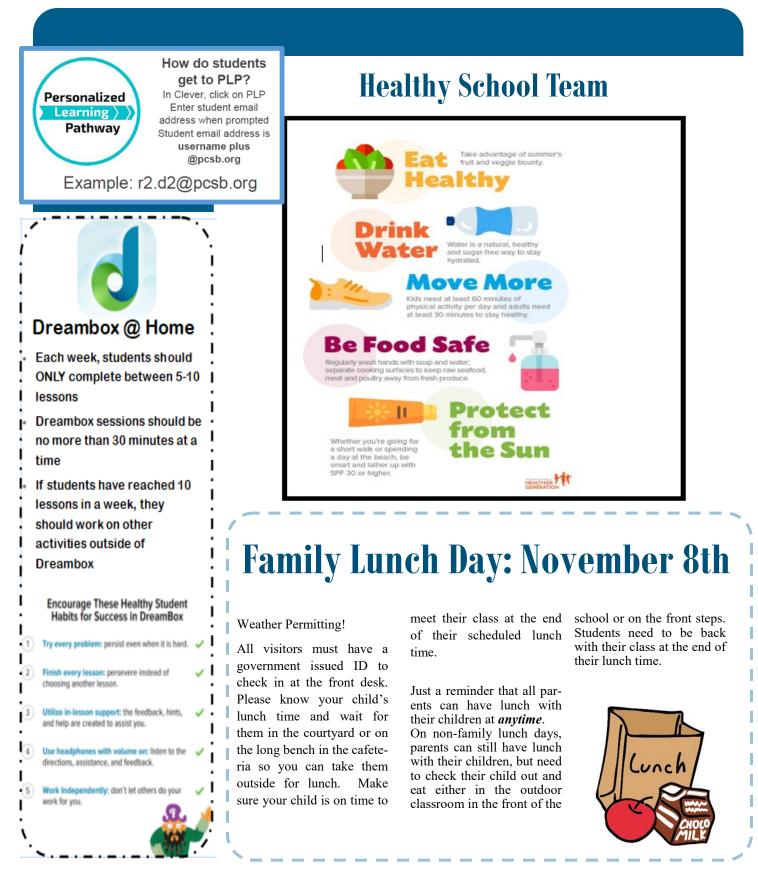
> Thank you for your continued support of every student reaching their growth goal and our overall school total of 500 points for school grade.





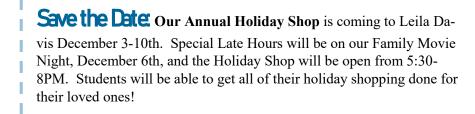
- Stay up to date by viewing our school website http://pcsb.org/davis-es
- Like us on Facebook at https://www.facebook.com/LeilaGDavisES/
- Follow us on Twitter at https://twitter.com/LeilaGDavis\_ES
- Join us on Remind to receive text messages. Text @leilad to 81010
  - Sign up for Peachjar e-flyers at https://www.peachjar.com

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Water and hats are

encouraged at PE!

Coach Consuegra,

Happy Thanksgiving!

Coach White, Coach Daily

Be Healthy!

Coach Stoll

Save the Date: Family Movie Night is on Friday, December 6th at 6:30PM on the PE Court. Join us for a family movie and hot chocolate provided by PTA. Don't forget to bring your chairs or blankets. Dinner and drinks will be available for purchase. More details will be coming soon



# **Mrs. Baldauf's Paint Palette**

Hello Bear Cub Families,

will need the parent code and I can give that to you. All you need to do is email me your child's name, grade level and teacher's name. If you are in Kindergarten, you should have received instructions on how to grant permission for your child on a small half sheet of paper.

Artsonia, www.Artsonia.com, is a virtual art gallery that to, I would greatly appreciate it, my email is balaccumulates each and every year that your child has Art class. A parent volunteer or I will upload artwork to the site and you will receive an email stating that your student has new artwork available. Once you view it, you can Facebook it, Twitter or Instagram it. This works out so well for those of us who have families out of state and you want to show grandma what her grandchild just made in art class!

This also makes holiday shopping a breeze because you vis! can buy your child's artwork on numerous items in the gift shop and hand them out as Christmas presents. I must add, the products that I have seen from Artsonia are quality products! When you purchase something

If you are new to Davis or have not given permission on from the giftshop, Davis gets 20% of that money back. www.artsonia.com, please do as soon as possible. You So it is a year-long fundraiser and allows us to buy special art supplies.

> If you have EVER purchased anything from Artsonia, I would love to have a picture of the item, or your child with the item. I would like to start a bulletin board advertising Artsonia and how amazing it is but I need your help with the photos. If you could send me a phodaufg@pcsb.org.

> Donations: We are always looking for donated items in the art room, some of which you may already have just lying around your house such as baby wipes, Clorox wipes, egg cartons, and gallon size Ziploc bags. We are always collecting stuff, so just send the items into school with your child and have them drop it off at the art room. Thank you for supporting the Arts at Da-

> > Creatively yours,

# Café News

## **My School Bucks-Online Program**

My School Bucks is an online payment portal specially designed to allow parents to make convenient, anytime payments to their children's school meal accounts. Create a new account with My School Bucks using the student's 10 digit local ID number. You can find this number in Focus, which is located in the District's Home Page drop down menu; once in Focus, search under "Local Student ID". Each student will need his/her own account.

Please use the website link to add funds to your student's prepaid account at www.myschoolbucks.com





# Adopt-A-Class & Program Sponsorship



If you would like to help the school financially, your contributions directly impact our classrooms and school!

Thank you to the following families and businesses:

#### Davis Business Partner (\$350 and up)

#### **Davis Dreamers (\$300 and above)**

- Ray & Patricia Martinez
- Pinizzotto Family and Pfeffer Co.

#### **Davis Partner (\$200-\$299)**

Pfeffer Foundation

#### Davis Friend (\$100-\$199)

- Mr. Piazza
- Betsy Hagenow

#### Davis Associate (up to \$99)

- Bowe Family
- **Raas Family**

If you are interested in sponsoring a class, program, becoming a business partner, or donating to the school please see the front office, your child's teacher, or contact Dominica Reed at reeddom@pcsb.org for more details.

## **Media Matters**



class pumpkins on display. Thank you PTA for provid- Sunshine State books https://www.floridamediaed.org/ ing the pumpkins for the homeroom moms and dads to uploads/6/1/4/2/61420659/3-5 2019decorate with the classes! We had some amazing story- 20 ssyra poster.pdf book character pumpkins on display this year.

Makerspace stations were open to Kindergarten through  $3^{rd}$  grade this month. Classes have enjoyed coming and The library is always in need of volunteers. This month tinkering with the items in Makerspace while collaborat- we have circulated over 4,100 books! We are always in ing and problem solving! Intermediate classes will be need of help shelving books and assisting students with invited to join Makerspace next month.

Do you have a 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, or 5<sup>th</sup> grader interested in being Mrs. Reed know. part of this year's Battle of the Books? Our school Battle of the Books will be held in January. Students who are interested in trying out for a Battle team should be reading the 15 Sunshine State books now. This year students who read and pass a Reading Counts quiz can earn

In the Media Center this month we have enjoyed the Brag Tags for each book. Click here for a list of the

checkout. If you are interested in stopping by and volunteering time in the Media Center please let Mrs. Scott or

## **Volunteer Information**



**Chris Correira** is our Volunteer of the Month. Chris has consistently come in for the last several years to follow his Lunch Pal every week during lunch. He also helps out in the classroom with many activities and always steps up when we need a helping hand. We

are so grateful to have such a wonderful volunteer here at Davis. Thank you for all of your hard work!



## **Level II Fingerprints**



Have you gone for your fingerprints for your Level II volunteer status, but have not gotten your Level II badge? If so, contact Dominica Reed at reeddom@pcsb.org so you can get your paperwork for your badge. All volunteers must stop by the front office to check in and receive a badge or sticker to wear while on campus. Please sign in and out on the Volunteer Sign In Sheet. Also, make sure you have coordinated your arrival time with your teacher. If you have any questions please contact Dominica Reed at <u>Reed-</u> Dom@pcsb.org





Remember, **ANY** activities at school, other than coming in to have lunch with your child, requires you to be a registered volunteer and have activated your volunteer status for this

school year. This includes field trips, holiday parties, Field Day, Spring Fling, classroom parties, etc. If you would like to participate and are not a registered volunteer, please register to become a volunteer at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

# Lunch Pal Mentors Needed



If you love children and want to make a difference in their lives, please come mentor students in need of a good role model and have lunch with them during their 30 minute lunch once a week. Please consider taking the one hour class so you can become a Lunch Pal!

Sign up here to go to a Lunch Pal Training and Information:

## November Mentor Workshops

11/06/2019 — 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. Pinellas Education Foundation, Wells Fargo Conference Room, 12090 Starkey Road, Largo, FL 11/06/2019 — 7:00p.m. to 8:30p.m. 5th Ave Church of Christ, 4200 5th Ave., South, St. Petersburg

- 11/12/2019 3:00p.m. to 5:00p.m. City of St. Petersburg Water Resource Building, Conf. Room, 1650 Third Ave., North, St. Petersburg
- 11/13/2019 Noon to 1:30 p.m. Pinellas County Schools, Administration Building, Room E111, 301 4th Street S.W., Largo
- 11/22/2019 Noon to 1:00 p.m. Mentor Workshop Webinar, registered attendees will receive a link to the webinar

Register for a workshop: Mentor Workshops or go to pcsb.org/mentor

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# **PTA News**



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We are super excited to share that our profit from the Step It Up! Fundraiser is **OVER \$26,000**! We feel very fortunate to have such amazing families that believe in our community and support our PTA! We will be celebrating our Step It Up! Fundraiser success with a "Day of Awesomeness" on November 20<sup>th</sup>, in which ALL students get to participate in tons of fun activities.

## OCTOBER HIGHLIGHTS

A big THANK YOU to everyone who participated in decorating a class pumpkin! They turned out amazing!

The line of kids and parents who walked to school on Walk to School Day seemed never-ending! Thanks for joining the fun and encouraging healthy habits for our students.

The All Pro Dad Family Kickball game was a blast. It was a great turn out with all ages joining in on the fun. To follow that up, the next morning there were nearly 40 people in attendance at the All Pro Dad meeting. WOW!

> Thank you to those of you who have joined the Silent Auction Committee. The committee offers volunteer opportunities for everyone...at home, at the school or in the community. If you are interested in helping with the Silent Auction, please email Sarah Buczny at buczny.sw@gmail.com

## UPCOMING EVENTS AND VOLUNTEER NEEDS

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- Nov. 13 Great American Teach In
- Nov. 20 "Day of Awesomeness"
- Dec. 6 Family Movie Night 6:30-8

Be on the lookout for details and volunteer opportunities in the next few weeks via MemberHub and our Facebook page.

## STAY CONNECTED

Find us on Facebook https://www.facebook.com/leiladavispta/

memberhub

Email us at leiladavispta@gmail.com

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## ALL PRO DAD- DAD'S DAY school's Media Center

ALL PRO DAD. By: John Varlese Jr- Team Captain and proud father of a Third Grader

Wow! What a great first quarter it has been at Leila Da- along with all strong family role models (male or fevis for our All Pro Dad Chapter. We have had the won- male), to spend quality time bonding with their children, derful pleasure of hosting two All Pro Dad- Dad's Day strengthening their family relationships, along with Breakfasts, a night out at the ballpark with the Clearwa- building up an involved and dedicated group of families ter Threshers, a fun and exciting game of Kids vs Par- within the Davis Community. Come out and enjoy a ents Kickball, and an unforgettable evening with some welcoming breakfast together, discuss openly how proud truly imaginative trunks at Trunk-or-Treat. With lots you are of your kid(s), partake in character building exmore planned on the horizon this is going to be a memo- ercises, explore some key parenting topics, and at the rable year.

We encourage our All Pro Families (male or female) to join us at to our next All Pro Dad's Day Friday, Novem- To learn more about the Leila G. Davis Elementary All ber 15th at 7:45am in the school's Media Center. This Pro Dad Chapter, and get monthly meeting alerts and month's topic will be "Leadership". Being a leader activity updates please join our local chapter at https:// means seeing something that needs to be done and bring- allprodadsday.com/chapters/1772, or "like" our Closeding people together to do it. A leader serves, gives direc- Group Facebook Page (search Leila Davis All Pro Dad). tions, and inspires others to reach a goal. As a parent, you are the leader of your home. The example of leader- I would like to take a moment and thank Chick-Fil-A ship you display is invaluable for teaching your children and Taco Bell for their generosity and support in sponhow to be a leader.

Kids in attendance on our November 15<sup>th</sup> All Pro Dad's Day will receive a free kids's cookbook courtesy of John Hopskins All Children's Hospital, just in time to help with the Thanksgiving Day meal. Throughout the school year we will continue to meet every third Friday of the month for one hour, with a primary focus on influencing our children in truly significant ways, encouraging them to be well-rounded respected individuals, all while be-

lieving in themselves through the power of love and sup-11/15 at 7:45am within the port of family. Your encouragement enriches your child's life, improves their grades, and fills their life with pride. You make a powerful impact!

> All Pro Dad's Day is an exceptional and fulfilling monthly event held at Leila Davis welcoming dads, end of the meeting, kids will even have an opportunity to win our monthly raffles.

soring our first two breakfast gatherings.





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hosted the pumpkin voting of the class pumpkins bor. in October. We raised over \$1000.00 for the Coach Harvey Memorial Scholarship fund just

K-Kids is a ser- from pumpkin voting! Thank you to all that partici-

and 5<sup>th</sup> graders November 11<sup>th</sup> - 15<sup>th</sup> K-Kids will be having a here at Davis. canned food drive. "Can" you do it? We are chalstands lenging students to bring in 1 can a day for 5 days! Kiwanis K-Kids want to "can"cel hunger in our area. All Kids and strives items collected will be donated to the Mattie Wilto improve our school and our community. K-Kids liams Neighborhood Family Center in Safety Har-

## **Class Pumpkins**





















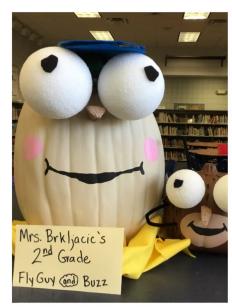


















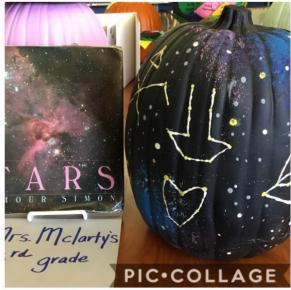














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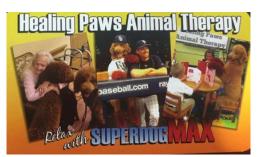




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Counselor's Corner

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## <u>Classsoom Lessons</u>

As a part of my comprehensive school counseling program, I visit classrooms approximately once every six weeks to provide direction instruction on a variety of topics. Classroom lessons fall into the academic, career, and/or personal-social domains are aligned with the <u>Florida Standards</u>, <u>Florida School Counseling Framework</u>, and the <u>American School Counseling</u> <u>Association mindsets and behaviors</u>.

In October, I visited classrooms to provide lessons on the following topics:

3<sup>rd</sup> grade – Ideas for making the world better 4<sup>th</sup> grade – Growth mindset 5<sup>th</sup> grade – Learning styles

## <u>Homework Help</u>

Clearwater Countryside Library Wednesdays from 3:00-5:00 PM

September 4 - December 4 January 15 - April 29 \*any Wednesday that PCS schools are open

High school students are available to help elementary students with their homework. Please note this is not tutoring – it is strictly homework help.

#### PCS Homework Helpline (727) 547-7223

Free homework help for students in grades 1-12 is available Monday through Thursday from 5pm to 8 pm on all school days (except when there is no school the following day).

## Pack-A-Snack

Leila G. Davis Elementary School is part of a weekend feeding program called Pack- A- Snack. This program is offered through Pinellas County Schools and a community partner. Your child is eligible to receive a bag with healthy snacks in it every Friday at no cost to you.

If you choose to enroll your child, he/she will receive a bag with some healthy snack sized items every Friday for the weekend. All the food is nutritional and nonperishable and will not have to be cooked or prepared.

If you have any questions about this program please feel free to contact Vanessa Lofstedt, School Counselor at (727) 725-7972 x2010 or lofstedtv@pcsb.org.

## 50 SELF-CARE ACTIVITIES TO DO WITH KIDS

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Play a game
Unplug & read a book
Exercise
Go for a bike ride
Go for a walk or a hike
Cuddle up & watch a movie

1. Have a dance party

- 8. Paint your nails
- 9. Diffuse essential oils
- 10.Draw, paint, or craft

11. Journal

- 12.Write a collaborative story
- 13.Bake or cook a meal
- 14.Order take out or go out for supper
- 15.Drink warm beverages
- 16.Do some Mad Libs
- 17.Just play!
  - 18.Watch music videos on YouTube
  - 19.Go swimming
  - 20.Go to the library & pick out books
  - 21.Tell jokes
  - 22.Meditate
  - 23.Do yoga
  - 24.Blow bubbles
  - 25.Garden
  - 26.Go on a picnic
  - 27.Swing at the park

28.Go out for ice cream 29. Give each other massages 30.Call or FaceTime with family or friends 31.Watch funny videos on YouTube 32.Listen to music 33.Take a nap 34.Learn something new 35.Listen to an audiobook 36.Write poetry 37.Skip rocks on a pond 38.Make an inspiration collage 39.Go fishing 40.Go berry picking 41.Explore a new museum, park, or area of town/city 42.Scrapbook 43. Take silly pictures 44.Write things you like about yourself & your child & have them do the same 45.Plan a trip to somewhere you've never been before 46.Do a puzzle 47.Brush and/or braid each other's hair 48.Lay in a hammock & cuddle, read, or talk 49.Build a fort & play a game or read inside it 50.Go to a pet store & watch the fish swim around

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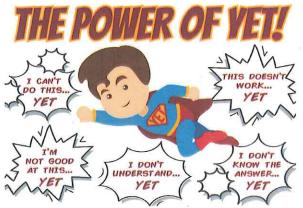
## The Growth Mindset

(From http://www.fldoe.org/teaching/just-for-teachers-community/growth-mindset/)

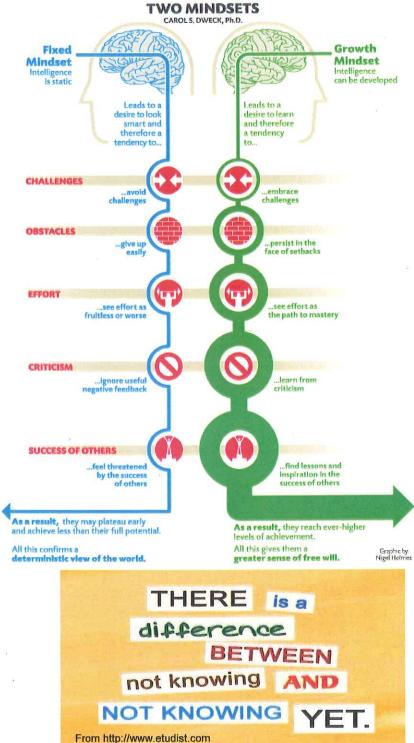
Research completed by Dr. Carol Dweck states that the way our students think impacts their attitude toward learning and how they perform in our classrooms.

- 90 percent of students who are praised for effort instead of abilities ask for new challenging tasks and persevere in solving them.
- Students who are praised for effort view challenges as a way of learning and embrace them.
- Students praised for abilities reject the opportunity for a challenge in fear they will not be able to perform as expected. These students are also more likely to lie about their performance when they do not feel they have succeeded on a task.
- Students who are praised for being smart (abilities) are less likely to take risks in their learning and if they do not perform well or things do not come easily. They shut down because they no longer feel smart.
- Students praised for hard work (effort) may find it hard to understand why another student would not want to challenge him- or herself and learn. (Read more about Dr. Dweck's studies at Brainpickings.org)

A great introduction to the two mindsets is the Youtube video <u>"The Power of Belief – Mindset</u> and Success" by Eduardo Brinceno. After you watch the video, feel free to explore other key points of Dr. Carol Dweck's research on the left toolbar.



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## **EXPLORE ENDLESS OPPORTUNITIES** with PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS



## **District Application Programs**

Pinellas County Schools offers nearly 80 programs focused on students' interests, talents and learning styles.

Find the right fit for your child! Important Dates:

Application Period -January 8 - 17, 2020

Feb. 10- 21, 2020



## **District Application Program Events**

Choice Fairs Learn more about our magnet, fundamental and career academies.

Oct. 29: 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Countryside High, 3000 SR 580, Clearwater

Nov. 2: 9 - 11:30 a.m. at Pinellas Park High, 6305 118th Ave., Largo

Nov. 4: 6 - 7:30 p.m. at Lakewood High, 1400 54th Ave. S, St. Petersburg

Discovery Nights Explore individual programs in more detail. Oct. 30 - Dec. 20 (Schedule on back)

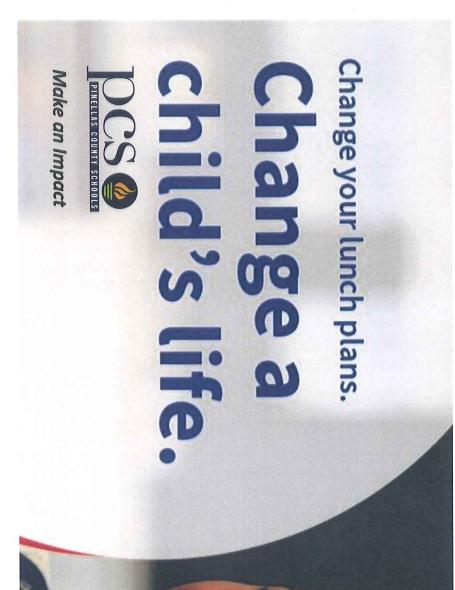
High School Shadowing Opportunities Contact individual schools for more information.



Learn more at www.pcsb.org/choice. Questions? Call (727) 588- 6210.



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