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"Pioneers for the Future"

MAY 2016

A note from Mrs. Buckles.....

Hello Garrison-Jones Families!

April showers bring May flowers! We are already blooming at Garrison-Jones. Our calendars for the month of May are very full. Be sure to stay in close contact with your child's teacher for all of the important announcements and events. Our website is also an excellent way to stay in the know about what is happening around school.

Along with the many activities planned during these final weeks it is common to see some overall changes in our students. Behavior is a little looser, some homework assignments are not completed and students begin to show signs of being ready for a summer break. The teachers and I will continue reminding our Pioneer students that we are looking for their best behavior in our classrooms and all areas of their school day. We expect all students to behave in a respectful and safe manner. We are proud of our students and encourage everyone to finish out their school year doing their very best! As you send your little ones out the door each morning, continue to inspire them to show their Pioneer PRIDE at school each and everyday.

Thank you to the parents and families for attending our annual Curriculum Fair, Thursday, April 28th. Students and parents alike filled our campus visiting classrooms with displays of student products aligned to the school and state standards. A special thanks to our PTA volunteers for setting up and decorating the cafeteria for dinner.

Summer is fast approaching and I know many families are already making plans to keep learning during the months of June and July. Please read the summer flyers that will be sent home with your students with plenty of reading opportunities for all. Whatever you plan for your child, please keep growing their reading and math skills.

Sincerely,
Karen Buckles, Principal

STUDENT ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)



Would you like to be a member of the Garrison-Jones School Advisory Council (SAC)? This is a council of parents and educators who meet monthly to discuss the School Improvement Plan (SIP) on core subjects of reading, math, science and writing. SAC meetings are always open to our families. Please call Carrie Osiel for more information at (727) 469-5716.

Encourage families to participate in Parent University on May 14

PCS Parent University helps parents and caregivers support their children's learning. Topics of the upcoming Parent University include math, reading and science support; graduation requirements; Florida Standards Assessments; college/career readiness; digital learning tools; STEM; and SAT practice using Khan Academy. The event will also provide free services, including hearing and vision screening; school and/or sports physicals; adolescent vaccines; and immunizations for incoming seventh-graders. Pre-registration is required for some services. Parents will also have the opportunity to talk with district staff, register for kindergarten and Summer Bridge and find out about transportation and other services. Parent University will be held 8 to 11:30 a.m. on May 14 at Gibbs High School, 850 34th St. S., St. Petersburg. Learn more at <http://all4schools.org/pinellas>.



Congratulations to our Garrison Jones 2015-2016 Battle of the Books Team!

Jabhari B.

Madison V.

Brayden D.

The Book Blasters did a superb job representing Garrison-Jones at the District Battle at the Largo Public Library on May 10. Way to go team!!!

**REMEMBER TO SAVE
YOUR BOX TOPS!
Visit www.boxtops4education.com**





ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY, MAY 23

OVERDUE NOTICES WILL BE SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 23. THIS IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT BECAUSE THE LIBRARY NEEDS TO BEGIN ITS INVENTORY. PARENTS: PLEASE HELP THE LIBRARY BY SEARCHING YOUR HOME BOOKSHELVES FOR ANY GARRISON-JONES LIBRARY BOOKS. (LOOK FOR THOSE SPINE LABELS!).

We currently have many overdue items, as well as books “missing” but not checked out, which may have accidentally found their way to *your* house! If you receive an overdue notice and feel that you have returned the book, please check your child’s classroom. Once inventory is complete, all books returned to the library will be confirmed.

Thank you for your continued support of our Garrison-Jones library media center!!!

Volunteers!



If you want to help around the school, but can't stop in during the day, there are still volunteer opportunities available for you. There are opportunities to work from home creating the school newsletter or other tasks that you may be able to assist the teachers in doing from home. These tasks don't take too much time, but would be greatly appreciated! Please contact Carrie Osiel, our school volunteer coordinator, for more information.

Y is for yearbook!!!

The yearbooks are completed and are here!!! Thank you to everyone who has had a hand in helping with this year's yearbook. We have a few available for purchase. If you have not purchased one, but would like one, please contact Ms. Hash. If you have an interest in assisting with the yearbook, please let us know... we want you!!!



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Character Trait of the Month: **Caring**

Being kind, friendly, considerate, and willing to listen, give, and share.

"Too often we underestimate the power of a touch, a smile, a kind word, a listening ear, and an honest compliment, or the smallest act of caring, all of which have the potential to turn a life around."

Leo Buscaglia

Raising Kids Who Care

Instead of telling your children, "The most important thing is that you are happy," tell them, "The most important thing is that you are kind, and that you are responsible for others."

Help your children appreciate others. Expect your children to appreciate you. Their relationship with you will be a primary model for their other relationships.

Support your child's developing maturity. Maturity, including the ability to manage destructive feelings, to balance and coordinate our needs with others, to empathize, to receive feedback constructively, to be reflective, and to adjust our behavior, is at the heart of both morality and lasting well-being.

Praise your children for specific accomplishments and occasionally tell them how great they are. But avoid constant praising. When children are praised all the time, they can feel judged all the time.

Don't make high achievement the goal of a life. Too much achievement pressure can diminish children's sense of self, make them less able to care for others, and more likely to experience others primarily as competitors and threats.

Help your child register kindness and unkindness, justice and injustice in the world. Express your own values, and connect them to your child's experiences and interpretations.

Don't seek to be your child's friend. You can be very close to your child in many ways, but it's vital that children experience you as an authority, that they idealize you at certain points in their development and see you as someone they want to emulate. Children come to appreciate others as independent and distinct when we appreciate them as distinct.

Dates To Remember:

May 20:
Student Talent show 7PM

May 24:
Dual Language Meeting 6PM

May 27:
RoundUp 8:50AM

June 7:
Last day of school for students



All students now have access to myOn through the entire summer. myOn provides a personalized literacy environment that engages all students at all levels with the largest integrated library of digital books with reading supports, customized to students' individual interests and reading level. Schools should have received student access information through librarians so they can get started reading on the platform. myOn will provide us with a way to track students reading progress throughout the summer so it will take a collective effort the market the use.

Important Clinic Request!

End of school year reminder for medications in the school clinic. Please make arrangements for an adult to pick up your student medications by the end of the school day June 6 2016



Friendly Reminder

The gate at Vanech Park closes exactly at the first bell (8:30) as the teachers have to get to their classes, and the gate opens in the afternoon at the second bell (2:35).

Have a great summer!

1st day of school for 2016/2017: August 10th

Class lists posted on front windows: August 8th (after 3:00)

Meet and Greet: August 9th 1:00-2:00



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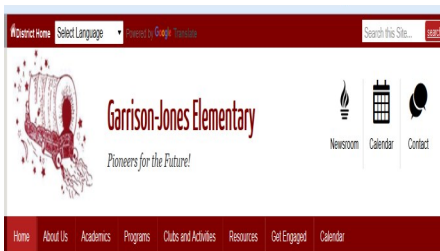
Pinellas County Schools is going green by moving to a paperless way of distributing flyers.

peachjar eflyers

Is the new electronic program that was launched February 29, 2016.

You simply have to make sure our Garrison-Jones front office has your current email address or you can access our flyers from our webpage by clicking the Peachjar eflyers icon at the bottom of Announcements.

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Our website (pcsb.org/garrison-es) has been up and running now for quite some time! Please take some time to explore it! We have so much information for our parents and students such as:

- * The weekly messages
- * Grade Level Supply Lists
- * FSA practice tests
- * Peachjar
- * Calendar
- * Go Math Resources for all ages
- * And much more information
- * Grade level supply lists

Visit <http://pcsb.org/Page/3782> for great fun summer activities for our students!



Learn To Type

