

Working together we can
Get engaged in
education
make a difference



PINELLAS
COUNTY SCHOOLS

AN EQUAL
OPPORTUNITY
INSTITUTION
FOR EDUCATION &
EMPLOYMENT

PRINCIPAL

KAREN BUCKLES

(727)469-5716

**ASSISTANT
PRINCIPAL**

ERICA POLLICK

(727)469-5716

**REGION I
ASSOCIATE
SUPERINTENDENT**

PAT WRIGHT

(727)507-4766



"Pioneers for the Future"

MAY 2017

A note from Mrs. Buckles.....

Hello Garrison-Jones Families!

As everyone is preparing for the summer break, many families are planning their holiday vacations. This time of year, most families are relieved not to have to run out the door each school morning. Or better yet, not having to help with homework each night! While planning for the summer vacation, facts about the "summer slide" don't come to mind. The "summer slide" describes what happens when minds sit idle during the summer months. Children lose academic ground during the summer break from school.

Children who read every day throughout the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backwards. I encourage you to plan consistent reading opportunities for your children this summer. You can find suggestions for summer reading in an article titled, "What Can Families Do to Keep Children Reading During the Summer?" posted on our school webpage. In addition to having your children read over the summer, the Summer Bridge program is being offered at Dunedin Elementary to help prevent that "summer slide."

There are numerous online reading opportunities over the summer for students to read high interest books through a subscription we have called myON. The login is your student R2.D2 and the password is your s(dot). information All are welcome to use this resource throughout the summer for free! For more information about how to keep your children reading online over the summer, please refer to information in this newsletter by Suzanne Williams.

As the year begins to wind down, Ms. Pollick and I want to express our appreciation and share with you how much we have enjoyed working with you this school year. We are already missing our families. Particularly, students moving on to middle school next year. This year is also the first class of students from our Dual Language Program that will be moving on to secondary education. We send a warm farewell to you. You will always be part of the Garrison-Jones community, regardless of which school you go to next year. The home school connection helps to ensure your child has had the best learning environment possible! We appreciate your support and your involvement so much! It is always a bittersweet time knowing that children grow and embark in new directions.

Our heartfelt thanks go out to our hard working PTA! They have been very innovative in providing fundraising opportunities that meet the needs of our entire school community. Another important group that we truly appreciate is our School Advisory Council (SAC). SAC meets each month to learn about our School Improvement Plan (SIP) and plan and host professional development workshops for our families. Also, thank you to our parents who volunteered and helped with so many projects during the school year. The generous gift of your time and energy is greatly appreciated.

Enjoy the rest of the school year. I am sure we will see many of you on campus for end of the year celebrations. As the school doors close, have a wonderful, relaxing summer! Encourage your child to read, read, read this summer to avoid the "summer slide!" Please refer to our school webpage throughout the summer for important notices and information.

See you next year,

Karen Buckles, Principal

Garrison-Jones Elementary

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.

Thank you to all of our Pioneer families for supporting our **Spring Book Fair!** Our profit will help to further support technology and library needs in our school. We could not have had such a successful Book Fair event without the continuous help from our generous volunteers! Thank you!!



Congratulations to our Garrison Jones 2016-2017 Battle of the Books Team!

Geneva S.
Willow B.
Abigail N.

The Book Brainiacs will be representing Garrison-Jones at the District Battle at the Largo Public Library on May 17. Way to go team!!!

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





ALL LIBRARY BOOKS MUST BE RETURNED BY MONDAY, MAY 22

OVERDUE NOTICES HAVE BEEN SENT HOME WITH STUDENTS DURING THE WEEK OF MAY 8-12TH. 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!!!



If you want to help around the school, but can't stop in during the day, there are still many 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 for only \$13.00. If you have not purchased one, but would like one, please contact Ms. Hash or Mr. Toscani. If you have an interest in assisting with the yearbook next year, please let us know... we want you!!!



Counselor's Corner

Vanessa Lofstedt, M.A.

lofstedtv@pcsb.org

(727) 469-5716 x2138

<http://pcsb.org/lofstedt>

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



PREPARING YOUR CHILD FOR TRANSITION

Anxiety is a normal feeling when transitioning to a new grade or school. Some children will be affected by grade/school transitions more than others.

Whether your child is entering kindergarten, starting middle school, or just moving up another grade, preparing him/her is very helpful and important.

- ★ **Focus On The Positives:** new friends, new teachers, and new opportunities
- ★ **Address Fears:** listen to and validate your child's fears, talk about fears you had at their age & how you handled it
- ★ **Attend School Events:** take advantage of orientations, many include tours of the building
- ★ **Reach Out For Support:** if your child is experiencing high levels of anxiety about the upcoming transition, consult available resources (books, internet, family friends) or the school counselor and teacher

FUN & FREE IDEAS FOR SUMMER

Spending quality time with your child does not have to be expensive.

Some times the most valuable things don't cost any money at all (adapted from funattic.com):

1. Take a walk or go for a bike ride around your neighborhood.
2. Visit an art, history, or science museum.
3. Go to the park. Pack a picnic lunch and invite some friends!
4. Go fishing. Have your child learn about the different types of fish they could catch.
5. Go to your public library. There are many great activities going on all summer long.
6. Start a family book club. Read the same book as your child and discuss.
7. Have your child keep a journal of their thoughts, feelings, and experiences.
8. Do a family community service project.
9. Teach your child how to cook and bake.
10. Write letters to friends and family. You can even send some of those wonderful works of art that are usually overflowing in your home!



Vaccine Information for Parents of 5th Graders

As you begin thinking about middle school, don't forget your child's health and well-being! The transition to middle school is a great time for kids to see their doctors for an annual health exam and to review their immunizations. In Florida, one of the vaccines that your child is required to receive in middle school before entering 7th grade is a booster called "Tdap", which stands for Tetanus, Diphtheria, Pertussis vaccine. Tdap vaccine can be given to kids after their 10th birthday. By Florida law, you child will not be permitted to enter or attend the seventh grade without proof of compliance.

The Department of Health and Pinellas County Schools work together to ensure that our students are protected from disease, and we strongly encourage our families to prepare ahead of time! Make an appointment today for your preteen to get the required Tdap vaccine and to update their other vaccinations!



Testing is now complete for the 2016-2017 school year! We appreciate your support, encouragement, and ensuring your child had a successful test session! Thank you for all you do! Please encourage your child to attend Summer Bridge to prevent the “summer slide”, which is a loss of academic instruction over the summer. Please call our office if you need any help with registration 469-5716.

GOT TALENT



The Talent Show is Friday, May 19th at 7:00 PM. Tickets are on sale before school from May 15-19 and at the door. General seating is \$2 and Reserved seating is \$4. A cash concession stand will be available during the show. We have students from Kindergarten thru 5th Grade participating in the show as well as the highly anticipated Staff Skit! Everyone is welcome to come join the fun and see our amazing talented students.

Dates To Remember:

May 17:
PTA meeting– cyber safety 6PM

May 19:
Student Talent show 7PM

May 19:
RoundUp 8:50AM

May 25:
Last day of school for students –
early release at 12:30

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 May 23, 2017. Anything left will be discarded



myON[®]

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.

Literacy Is A Family Affair



**WANT TO KEEP YOUR KIDS
READING THIS SUMMER?**

Check out the resources
available on this link below!

https://www.consultpivotal.com/reading_summer.htm

HIRING!

School
Crossing
Guards!

Stop and
Call Carrie

727-582-5641



Garrison-Jones is now on Facebook!



Like our page by visiting

[http://www.facebook.com/
GarrisonJonesElementarySchool](http://www.facebook.com/GarrisonJonesElementarySchool)

Summer Websites for Garrison-Jones Elementary Students (5/8/17)

Name:

Teacher:

Grade:

Resource Title	Link/URL	Login/Username	Password
iStation - Reading	http://pcsb.org/Page/7549	XXXX	s.XXXXXXXXXX
ST Math	www.stmath.com Click on Jiji, select "Homework", type in North Shore, and click "Allow".	XX.XX	s.XXXXXXXXXX
MyON – Electronic Books	https://www.myon.com/	XX.XX	s.XXXXXXXXXX
MackinVIA – Electronic Books	https://pcsb.mackinvia.com	XX.XX	s.XXXXXXXXXX
Destiny Discover – Electronic Books and books in our library.	https://gofollett.com	XX.XX	s.XXXXXXXXXX
OverDrive – Digital Library	https://pcsbfl.libraryreserve.com/10/45/en/SignIn.htm?url=Default.htm	XX.XX	s.XXXXXXXXXX
Reading with the Rays	http://tampabay.rays.mlb.com/tb/community/reading.jsp	None	None
Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge	http://www.scholastic.com/lups/campaigns/src-2017 Initial step-by-step setup: 1. In the KIDS & Families section, click on the "Go Now" button. 2. On the next web page, click on the "Register" button. 3. Create your personal Screen Name by choosing words from the categories and click "Continue." 4. Create a password that is easy to remember. 5. Select a security question and provide an answer, click "Continue." 6. Select Country and State, click "Submit." 7. Get permission to link your reading minutes to your school by providing a parent email address. Click "Submit."	Create your own.	Create your own.
Florida Students Standards Practice	http://www.floridastudents.org/ This site is new and inside you will find resources located from all over the web to support your learning in language arts, mathematics, science, and civics.	None	None

Resource Title	Link/URL	Login/Username	Password
Garrison-Jones School Website	http://www.pcsb.org/garrisonjones-es	None	None
Gale Databases /Kids InfoBits	http://access.gale.com/pinellas/access.html	Select Garrison-Jones Elementary	Pinellas
Learn 360 – Educational Videos	https://media.pcsb.org/	XX XX	s.XXXXXXXX
Tampa Bay Time E-edition	http://tampabay.com/ie	garrisonjones	pinellas
Teaching Books (Authors & Books)	http://www.teachingbooks.net Click on "Forgot (or don't know) your institution's username and password?" and type in username student@pcs.org	student@pcs.org	Select Garrison-Jones Elementary
Think Central – Textbook Resources	http://thinkcentral.pcsb.org	XX XX	s.XXXXXXXX
Visual Thesaurus	http://pcs.org/visualthesaurus.com/	student@pcs.org	student
World Book Encyclopedia	http://www.worldbookonline.com/?subacct=N2362	Pinellas	schools
Brain Pop	http://www.brainpop.com/	garrisonjones	school52
BrainPOP ESL - Spanish	http://www.brainpopesl.com/ *English language learning level-appropriate lessons	garrisonjones	school52
Digital Public Library	http://dp.la/	Create your own	Create your own
PBS Kids	http://pbskids.org/	Create your own	Create your own
National Geographic for Kids	http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/	Create your own	Create your own
Coding	https://code.org/	None	None
TypingWeb – Learn to type.	http://www.typingweb.com/	None	None
Tell Me More	http://pinellas.allaccess.tellmemore.com/ *Choose "Create My Account"	Pinellas (case sensitive)	Pinellas (case sensitive)

Resource Title	Link/URL	Login/Username	Password
	<p>*Enter ID of your choice (Do NOT register! Click on "Do not ask me again")</p> <p>*Select Language: American English</p> <p>*Work on appropriate level</p> <p>*Click and work on each activity</p> <p>-click on video to hear the teacher</p> <p>-click on the correct answer</p> <p>While working on a lesson:</p> <p>*Before clicking on the correct answer, right click on each word to LISTEN and to PRONOUNCE it (click on the red dot to record own voice and see the score).</p> <p>*Click on HOME to continue a lesson in progress or to choose a new lesson/level.</p> <p>*Go to Preference to change of language of instruction to Spanish.</p>		
<p>Soundzabound – Royalty Free Music</p> <p>InSync</p>	<p>http://www.soundzabound.com/</p>	Pinellas	<p>pcspb</p>
	<p>http://www.insyncedu.com/insync/PCSB</p> <p>*All activities are available in print and audio in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole</p> <p>*Math, Reading & Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Homework help, and more</p> <p>*On the main page click on START</p> <p>*Create an account (will need an email account)</p> <p>*Once in the website, select a language and search by Keyword/Subject/Grade</p>	Create your own	Create your own
<p>Learn American English Online</p>	<p>http://www.learnamericanenglishonline.com</p> <p>*There are seven levels of instruction: blue, red, yellow, green, purple, orange, and violet in American Idioms, American Slang, Basic English, Pronunciation, Word of the Day</p> <p>*To start: Create an Account (will need an email account)</p>	None	None

Resource Title	Link/URL	Login/Username	Password
Childtopia	<p>http://childtopia.com/</p> <p>*Activities available in English, Spanish, French, and Catalan</p> <p>*To start: chose the language, and click on desirable categories, such as: Educational games, Fun Cards, Listen and Reading Comprehension, Classic Tales, and more</p>	None	None
KhanAcademy	https://www.khanacademy.org/	Create your own	Create your own
Ask-A-Librarian	http://www.askalibrarian.org/	Create your own	Create your own
Florida Electronic Library	http://felibrary.org/	None	None
Florida Memory	https://www.floridamemory.com/	None	None
Library of Congress	http://memory.loc.gov/ammem/index.html	None	None
Pinellas Public Library	http://www.pplc.us/	None	None
Wordle Word Clouds	http://www.wordle.net/	None	None
TumbleBook of the Day	http://daily.tumblebooks.com	None	None