

# NEWS AT THE POINT

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*Our mission is to prepare students for the 21st Century by elevating opportunities and designing purposeful learning experiences that meet the highest educational and ethical standards in a caring, collaborative learning environment.*

*Our Vision: 100% Student Success*

March 2020

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear High Point Family:

We have two weeks left until spring break. This will be followed by a review week and the start of state testing. Every minute of learning counts. Please make sure to get your scholar to school on time and ready to learn.

Currently we have 23% of our scholars missing 20% of their school year. This is an alarming fact. Scholars are more likely to succeed in academics when they attend school consistently. In addition to falling behind in academics, students who are not in school on a regular basis are more likely to get into trouble later on in life.

Pinellas County continues to set new records in our High School Graduation Rates. The patterns in life begin now.

**Be Here**

**to Get There**



Sincerely, Annette Mavres

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR

### Maria Edmonds Hispanic Achievement Award Winners!

On Monday, May 2, 2020, 6:00-8:30 PM, the following scholars will join me in celebrating their academic success at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, FL. Each scholar can bring 2 guests. These scholars represent the top Hispanic Performers in the 4th and 5th grades.

**Juan Hernandez**

**Haziel Martinez**

**Harold Medina-Cruz**

**Giovanny Zapote-Lopez**

### PRIDE Award Winners!

On Wednesday, April 1, 2020, 6:30-8:30 P.M. the following scholars will join me in celebrating their academic success at Ruth Eckerd Hall in Clearwater, FL. Each scholar can bring 2 guests. These scholars represent the top 10% of their class, receive good grades and have excellent behavior.

**Math – Harold Medina-Cruz Social Studies – Jolene Bylock**

**Writing – Lilianna Randolph Science – Kaylin Wilson**

The following students represented us in the **Super Scientists** Competition on February 29th in Pinellas Park. Congratulations!

**Prevelle Ganey Angelo Naples**

**Jandier Velsaco Julien Perotte**



## MARCH EVENTS:

**Friday, 3/13 @ 11:00 a.m.**

Limo Ride, PTO Fundraiser Winners

**Friday, 3/13 @ 2:00 p.m.**

Aquarium Program for Fundraiser Winners

**Monday, March 16— Friday, March 20**

Spring Holiday, NO School For Scholars

**Monday, March 23**

NO School For Scholars

**Tuesday, March 24**

## School Opens for Scholars

**TESTING**-March Assessments– K-2 will take their final NWAE MAP Assessment Starting March 25th



## Clearwater Arts Alliance

### Youth Art Month Exhibition

Congratulations to Maria Zacarias-Quiro for Representing High Point Elementary. Her artwork will be displayed at The Gallery at Creative Pinellas in Largo during March. Opening night is Sunday, March 8th, 2:00 PM-4:00 PM.

## ALL COUNTY CHORUS

**Congratulations to Ms. Berner and her participation and accomplishments in the All County Chorus Performance on February 29th.**

The following students represented High Point Elementary on February 29th, CONGRATULATIONS

Amiya Daughtry

Evelyn Kunyk

Karen Lopez-Martinez

Angelina Naples

Kaylin Wilson





## **TITLE 1– Did You Know?**

Title I, Part A of the Elementary and Secondary Education Act (ESEA) is the largest single program of supplemental federal support and funding in our K—12 educational system. The program is designed to improve the quality of teaching and learning in serving populations of economically disadvantaged students. Title I seeks to ensure that all children have a fair, equal, and significant opportunity to obtain a high-quality education and reach, at a minimum, proficient levels of academic performance. We use our finds to support reading instruction, additional planning time for staff and professional development.

The District will begin discussions for the proposed budget for the 2020-21 school year on March 4. It will end in the summer.

## **School Advisory Council (SAC)**

If you are interested in joining the School Advisory Council next year, call the main office and let us know. We meet 4 times a year to give your opinion and make decisions for our Learning Community. Call the main office and let us know you are interested. 727 538-7440

## **School Improvement Goals and Actions**

### **Focus on Rigorous Instruction**

- High Academic Expectations
- Deep Content Knowledge
- Students Engage in Critical Thinking

### **Raise Student Engagement Through**

- Meaningful Tasks
- Collaborative Structures-working together
- Meaningful Discussion

### **Positive Climate and Culture**

- Teacher and Student Relationships
- Consistent Expectations
- Support Systems
- Parent Connection

## **PTO– Parent Teacher Organization**

We are looking for parents who want to serve on the PTO Board. We have committees and board openings. We need your voice in our community. Call the main office and let us know you are interested. 727 538-7440

\*\*\* Please note that we have bilingual interpreters available for our meetings and events.

## **Parents of students who receive Special Education Services: Make your voice heard**

Take the ESE Parent Survey at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com)

The Florida Department of Education’s annual ESE Parent Survey is underway. The survey helps determine how well your child’s school is partnering with you and promoting your involvement in your child’s education.

The ESE Parent Survey is for parents of students who receive special education services. Your feedback helps the state and the school district improve special education services for students and their families.

The survey is confidential, but PCS receives overall results and makes changes based on your feedback. As a result of feedback, the district has created a helpline to help families navigate special education services and started hosting ESE Advisory Committee Meetings at sites throughout the county to give more families opportunities to participate.

Take the survey at [www.esesurvey.com](http://www.esesurvey.com) or complete the paper survey distributed by our school. The survey closes May 31. If you need a paper survey or want more information, please contact Tracy McMannus at 727-588-6062 or [MCMANNUST@pcsb.org](mailto:MCMANNUST@pcsb.org).

## **STUDENT INFORMATION SYSTEM**

We are pleased to share the link to the newly released FOCUS Student Information System (SIS) **Video Tutorial for Families**

[pcsb.org/FocusInfo](http://pcsb.org/FocusInfo)

This video will help families know how to gain access and then navigate through the FOCUS SIS. Hopefully, this will allow you easy access to the FOCUS Student Information System so that you can stay on top of important academic information, as and remain engaged in your child’s education.

**Please make sure you have parent / guardian email addresses associated with your student’s record in FOCUS so you are not missing these important flyers. The primary contact can keep their email address updated via the Student Reservation System (SRS). Please visit the front office if you have more than one contact, as additional email addresses need to be added / updated at your child’s school.**



### ARRIVAL & DISMISSAL CHANGES

- Please refrain from arriving on campus prior to 8:10 AM. Supervision school wide begins at 8:15 AM. We will have staff at the front gate only beginning at 8:10 AM. Scholars are to remain seated while they wait for the gates to open for breakfast. Those who do not eat breakfast should arrive at 8:35 AM.
- If your scholar is TARDY, please escort them into the front office to sign in.
- To avoid classroom disruptions and confusion at the end of the day, scholars will not be released after 2:15 P.M. until the bell rings at 2:55 p.m. This is a change from 2:30 PM. Please note that early releases affect classroom learning for all as we call into rooms. Scholars will not be released to the office prior to your arrival.
- Please make every effort to schedule appointments beyond the school day. Every learning moment matters.
- Please use parking spaces and do not park in the bus or car loops at anytime.

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### ATTENTION 5th GRADERS & FAMILIES

5th Grade Scholars will receive information on Middle School Course Request/Registration soon. Please sit down with your scholar to make their Selection and return the forms promptly.

Make certain we have the correct address and contact information in Focus as well.

Please contact Mrs. Cobin, our School Counselor with questions and for information.

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### New Partnership!

We are excited to announce that Hacienda Corralejo Mexican Kitchen will be partnering with High Point Elementary. They will host two family nights each month on the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of the month by giving back 10% of all sales generated by High Point families, staff and friends. You just need to present the flyers when you check out. Please come out and help support your High Point Elementary PTO next Thursday, February 6<sup>th</sup>. Friday. Mrs. Mavres and wear those name tags- I'll be sending in pictures and posting some on Twitter .

### REMINDERS



### NO CANDY, SODA, AND TOYS

Please check your scholar's backpacks daily to make certain all candy, soda, and toys remain at home. We need to ensure all scholars attend to their education without distraction.

### LUNCH

Parents and Guardians- If you would like to visit your scholar during lunch time , you may visit on Fridays. Anyone on campus must have a government-issued ID and must check IN and OUT at the front office. Our policy is that parents/guardians may only eat with their own scholar (s). Other family members/friends who come to eat should be on the emergency card AND be called into the office for prior permission. This will ensure parent/guardian permission and acknowledgement of visitor presence. Please confirm your scholar's lunch time with their teacher or you may call the front office at 727-538-7440.

### High Point Elementary

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