

# NEWS AT THE POINT

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*The dedicated staff of High Point Elementary commits to creating a safe, caring and creative environment. With a focus on organization, determination and opportunities to think, our scholars will be valued and held accountable for their learning and academic growth.*

*We value : Respect, Responsibility and Relationships, Our Vision- 100% Scholar Success*

September 2021

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome Back Families,

We have been busy preparing for our scholars to return. We look forward to another great school year together.

This year we will continue with cleaning protocols. Masks are optional and we do need your scholars to bring a water bottle daily.

School Hours: 8:45 Instruction Begins  
2:55 Dismissal

Please make sure your scholar arrives on time this year each and every day. If your student is late, they will miss valuable instructional time.

Breakfast begins at 8:15 AM and stop being served at 8:35. Children who are walkers, bike riders or car riders who want to eat breakfast need to be at school early.

We hope that you had the opportunity to meet your child's teacher at our open house event. If not, please send a note in the agenda of times that are convenient for you to meet with the teacher for a conference.

We have added several units to our growing school. We are happy to welcome the following new staff members to our High Point Family:

**Assistant Principal** Kristy Bench

**Reading Coach K-2**, Deanna Teasdale

**First Grade**, Kathryn Sinski

**Third Grade**, Molly Khania

**Reading Recovery**, Lisette Sandoval

**Fourth Grade**, Olivia Stuart

**Fifth Grade**, Jennifer Miller

Savannah Strandlof

**PreK Assistant**, Amanda Henderson

**First Grade Assistant**, Venus Valenty

**Third Grade Assistant**, Ashleigh Billick

We are looking forward to a very successful year with our scholars and families.

Mrs. Mavres, Principal



**September 9, Mid Terms go home to all Scholars**

## Annual Title 1 Meeting and Back to School

On September 29, please join us at 5:30—6:30 PM to learn about Title 1 and High Point Elementary. We will meet in the cafeteria. Translation will be available. Flyers will be sent home.

## AGENDA

What is Title I?

Title I Supplemental Support

Title I Funding

Title I Schoolwide Planning

Title I Schoolwide & Parent and Family Engagement Budgets

Parents' Right to Know

Working Together for Student Success

Review Title I Parent-School-Student Compact

(See Website)

Parent and Family Engagement (PFEP)

(See Website)

Pinellas County Schools Parent and Family

Engagement Plan (LEA PFEP)

Parent Advisory Council (PAC) Rep Needed

Accountability

Standards

Curriculum

Assessments

For those unable to attend, information will be sent our via the school messenger or see website for information following the meeting.

**Open House- September 30th**, Teachers will be sending home information and invitations for virtual meetings.

**Clinic Card-** We must have a current emergency card. Please fill out the form and return as soon as possible. Please list as many emergency numbers as possible. If front of form does not allow all numbers, please use the back of the form. Please update your information as it changes.

**Code of Conduct Form** – Please review this handbook. It reviews the PCS policies regarding your child’s education. IE: student attendance, discipline, grading, student expectations, etc. After reviewing with your student, please sign the signature page with your scholar and return back to school. This year there is a civility clause emphasizing the respectful partnership between home and school.

**Insurance Information-** Use this information to purchase the insurance online. For only \$6.00 per year, it can help you pay any medical expenses if your child gets hurt at school or on the school bus.  
[www.pcsbstudentaccident.com](http://www.pcsbstudentaccident.com)

### **DAILY STUDENT AGENDA**

Every K-5 scholar has received a “Student Agenda” from their teachers. PreK received Communication Folders.

We have included the following items in the agenda: Student Handbook with important school information and Learning Resources

This planner is High Point’s communication tool. Please check the planner every day. You, as the parent/ guardian can use the handbook to report absences, change of the “way home”, and any other information concerning your student that you feel the teacher and/or school should know. Please remember that if your child has been sick and/or has an appointment; a copy of the doctor’s note or copy of the appointment card should be given to excuse the absence/tardiness or early release. Please send note with student after any absence.

### **VISITING PROCEDURES**

For school safety, we require all visitors to show identification and receive a visitors pass at the front office. Identification must be presented for every visit to our campus.

Visitors must wear school issued identification at all times, including conferences and lunch. Furthermore, while we welcome your participation in your child’s education, we ask that visits with our teachers be scheduled in advance to avoid disruption of instruction and scheduling issues. Thank you for your cooperation in making High Point a safe place to learn



### **Policy against Bullying and Harassment**

In response to the following state law, the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act, the School Board have a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Florida is now one of 32 states with a law regarding bullying in schools.

High Point Elementary is committed to providing a safe learning environment and will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind. We have processes in place for students to report incidents on campus. However, should you need to report an incident; you may take the following steps:

- Contact administration through the front office 727 538-7440  
Enter issues on the county web site at [http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/SDFS/bullying\\_report.html](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/SDFS/bullying_report.html).

Call the Campus Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-873-8477.

For more information about the policy or bullying prevention and intervention visit the Safe and Drug Free Schools’ website at [www.pcsb.org/sdfs/bully.html](http://www.pcsb.org/sdfs/bully.html). To learn more about bullying and find out what adults can do to help prevent it, visit the Stop Bullying Now website at [www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov).

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**Let Administration/Guidance Know Immediately**

## ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH

Do you know that scholars can suffer academically if they miss 10% of the school year? That is just 18 days of 2-3 days per month. Absences can add up before you know it. This September, High Point Elementary, is celebrating attendance awareness month with a renewed push to get all scholars to school- On Time-Every Day.

Research shows us that absences add up. This is true for Pre-Kindegartent to 12<sup>th</sup> graders for excused absences to skipping school. Nationwide, as many as 7.5 million scholars will miss 10% of the school year. That add up to 135 million days of missed school and missed learning opportunities. This marks the point when scholars fall behind academically.

So for September- Attendance Awareness Month, Let's work together to get all scholars to school- On Time-Every Day.

Be an attendance H.E.R.O.- Here Everyday- Ready to Learn-On Time!

## Celebrating & Supporting School Efforts!

Recently, the Florida Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support project (FLPBIS) awarded **HIGH POINT ELEMENTARY** 2020-2021 PBIS Model School status, recognizing our efforts to enhance student quality of life by implementing a Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support (PBIS) framework. As a PBIS Model School, **we demonstrate a commitment to positive outcomes for all students!**

### What is PBIS?

PBIS is a set of strategies based in behavioral and biomedical science that enhances student quality of life and reduces problem behaviors. National research shows that full implementation of this framework leads to improved student outcomes. By establishing this framework, we are developing skills, making changes to the school environment, acknowledging appropriate behavior, and using data to identify supports for our student

PBIS Framework	PBIS Goals
<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>1. Build safe, positive school climates</li><li>2. Enhance and support effective school systems</li><li>3. Include all stakeholder input and support<ol style="list-style-type: none"><li>a. Faculty &amp; staff</li><li>b. Students &amp; families</li></ol></li></ol> Community members	Create environments that help students achieve success Develop positive, supportive relationships among stakeholders <b>Prevent</b> problem behaviors from occurring <b>Teach</b> appropriate behaviors <b>Acknowledge</b> appropriate behaviors of all stakeholders

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**Parent's Right to Know**



Date: September 2021

Dear Parent/Guardian:

As a parent of a student attending a Title I Pinellas County Public School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's teachers:

Whether the Florida Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.

Whether the Florida Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of circumstances.

The teacher's college of major, and any advanced degrees, if so, the subjects and degrees

Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.

Review Principal's Attestations (in the Principal's office and LEA office)

In addition, you have the right to be provided information on your child's level of achievement on the Florida Standard Assessments. This information will be available at your child's school.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your child's school at 727 538-7440. You may call the school between 9:00 AM and 3:30 PM, Monday through Friday and ask to speak to Mrs. Mavres, regarding this request. An appointment will be made for you to come to the school to view this information.

Mrs. Mavres, Principal  
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## **Parent's Right to Know**

Fecha: Septiembre 2021

Para: Todos los Padres de Familia:

Como padre de un estudiante que asiste a una escuela pública del Condado de Pinellas, usted tiene el derecho de conocer las cualificaciones profesionales de los maestros que instruyen a su hijo. La ley federal le permite solicitar cierta información acerca de los maestros de su hijo y nos obliga a darle esta información de manera oportuna si usted lo solicita. Específicamente, usted tiene el derecho a solicitar la siguiente información sobre cada uno de los maestros de su hijo:

Si el Departamento de educación de Florida ha autorizado o calificado al maestro para los grados y materias que él o ella enseña.

Si el Departamento de Educación de la Florida ha decidido que el maestro puede enseñar en una clase sin haber obtenido una licencia o haber sido capacitado bajo las regulaciones del estado debido a algunas circunstancias.

La especialidad académica del maestro, si el maestro tiene algún/algunos título(s) avanzado(s) y si es así, las especialidades y títulos.

Si algún asistente del maestro o técnico docente similar brinda servicios a su hijo y si es así, sus capacitaciones.

Certificados de revisión Principal (en el del Directorado la oficina de LEA)

Además, usted tiene el derecho de que se le proporcione información acerca del nivel de desempeño de su hijo en pruebas tales como Florida Standard Assessments. Esta información estará disponible en la escuela de su hijo.

Si le gustaría recibir cualquiera de esta información, por favor contacte a la escuela de su hijo al 727-538-7440. Usted puede llamar a la escuela entre las 9:00 am y 3:30 pm, de lunes a viernes y pedir hablar con Senora Mavres, director(a), referente a esta solicitud. Se hará una cita para que usted venga a la escuela a ver esta información.

Mrs. Mavres, directora  
Elemental de High Point