

Panther Pride Press

Principal's Message

Dear families,

We hope everyone had a great spring break! As we finish up the last 8 weeks of school we want to make you aware of some upcoming changes that will be occurring to help aid us to continue to make a safe school environment. Our front office is scheduled for a make over that will include glass partitions between the visiting area and the office staff. While I do not have a scheduled start date for this, we wanted everyone to be aware that the change was coming. If you have visited our campus lately, you noticed that you must now ring a doorbell and be buzzed into the school. We appreciate everyone's understanding as we continue to put preventative measures in place. You may also have noticed an increase in police presence. This will be occurring through the remainder of the year and next year we are anticipating a full time officer at every school.

Could your child benefit from extra learning opportunities over the summer? Enrollment for Summer Bridge at Ponce is underway. Summer Bridge offers learning opportunities for students during the summer to prevent learning losses and promote learning gains. Summer Bridge is designed to help all students to stay on track and engage in learning all summer long. The program provides engaging, enrichment activities and intensive instruction to ensure that students are prepared for maximum success when the school year begins. The curriculum has been designed to provide hands-on, project-based learning opportunities that will appeal to all learners. Summer Bridge programs will run Monday through Thursday starting on June 5 and running through July 19. Please contact the school if you think your child could benefit from Summer Bridge or have questions. Parents can register online using the Student Reservation System at <https://reservation.pcsb.org> or you can just stop by the front office with your ID. Summer Bridge locations and the latest information can be found on the district's Summer Bridge website, www.pcsb.org/summerbridge.

We want to take a moment and thank all of our families who participated in our parent survey to help improve our school. There is another survey the district is administering to help us with increasing parent involvement. Please see the next page for more information.

Mrs. Blackman



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Upcoming Events

4/16 3rd reading grade FSA
 4/17 3rd grade reading FSA
 4/18 5th grade reading FSA
 4/19 5th grade reading FSA
 4/24 4th grade reading FSA
 4/25 4th grade reading FSA
 4/26 5th grade math FSA
 4/27 5th grade math FSA
 4/27 All Pro Parents Event

5/9 Spring Arts Night, SAC,
 and Science Fair

**Congratulations to the
 following students who
 had artworks in the
 Florida Art Education
 Association's Annual
 Statewide Exhibition:**

Yesenia Pioquinto-Flor
 Maria Hernandez-Baxcajay
 Karmell Bessye
 Jayden Caraballo
 Heylin Anahy Mellado-
 Ambrocio
 Delilah Harmon
 Briana Silva-Ortega
 Antonio Mulato-Ortega
 Anna Jimenez-Corona
 Anelisa Lamour

Family Engagement Survey

Pinellas County Schools values input from families – and we need to hear from you! You are an important partner as we work to improve our communication, academic program and overall experience for students and their families.

In order to learn more about student and family experiences in Pinellas, we will be asking for your feedback via a survey that you can access by going to <https://surveys.panoramaed.com/pinellas/poncedeleon/surveys>

If your child participates in the 21st Century iClass program, there are some additional questions about health. The survey results will be used to inform and prioritize our district initiatives. For example, if results show that family events are at times that are barriers for family attendance, we will change our schedule to accommodate the attendance of more families.

We thank you in advance for your thoughtful responses. If you have any questions about the survey, please don't hesitate to contact us!

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