

**Florida School Grade A, 2014
Magnet School of Excellence, 2014**

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Brandie Williams-Macon, Asst Principal
Pat Wright, Area 1 Superintendent
Dr. Michael Grego, Superintendent

Vision:

*Engineering innovative
thinkers for global
success.*

Mission:

*Provide a diverse and
caring learning
environment with highly
qualified teachers, unique
family and community
partnerships, and distinct
engineering curriculum.*

District Office
727.588.6000

Transportation Call Center
727.587.2020

For more information, consult Pinellas
County School Website
www.pcsb.org

School Hours

Gates open at 8:05 AM,
School starts at 8:35 AM,
Breakfast is served until 8:25
AM. Dismissal at 2:35 PM

Message from the Principal

Fulfilling our school mission to promote highest student achievement continues to be our focus. Students are really working hard to learn reading, writing, math, and science in order to meet or exceed grade level expectations.

Over 325 students celebrated their participation in the Summer Challenge by taking part in an enjoyable carnival. Thanks to all of our families who supported this important link in keeping the learning momentum going.

Thank you for getting your children here ready to learn in class every morning by 8:35 AM and staying until 2:35 PM. We are all putting forth much effort to make every minute count! Note that free breakfast is served from 8:05-8:25 for all students.

An important way to support learning is by **reviewing your child's agenda book every night**. Together we will help students be successful learners and thinkers at Jamerson Elementary.

I would like to thank Jamerson's wonderful PTA who sponsored the great Back to School Picnic, Boo Hoo Yahoo Breakfast, and Dinner & Bingo Night. We hope that you enjoyed these events and will join in more PTA fun.

Our next **School Advisory Council (SAC)** meeting will be held Tuesday, October 7th at 6:00 PM. Community members, parents, and staff work jointly to determine the goals of the School Improvement Plan, as well as monitor the development and implementation of strategies and action plans to accomplish goals.

Remember to encourage daily reading at home.

Kristy Moody moodyk@pcsb.org

**Note that we will have a
Lockdown Drill in the
first week of October.**

**CALENDAR
OF EVENTS**



- Oct. 3 PBS Fall Festival (50 sprockets/no referrals)
- Oct. 7 SAC Meeting at 6:00, Whipple Phonics, Part 1
- Oct. 8 Mentor Training in Media Center, 9-11 AM
- Oct. 14 Picture Day - Retakes
- Oct. 14 PTA Board Meeting, Family Night for Gr. 2 & 3
- Oct. 17 End of First Quarter
- Oct. 16-17 PTA Book Drive
- Oct. 20 Professional Development Day, School closed for students
- Oct. 28 Whipple Phonics, Part 2
- Oct. 30 PTA General Meeting & "Howl-O-Fun"
- Nov. 4 Whipple Phonics, Part 1
- Nov. 7 PTA Fundraiser: Walk-a-thon Jamerson
- Nov. 4-14 Salvation Army Food Drive by Multicultural Club
- Nov. 7 All Pro Families' Breakfast;
- Nov. 11 SAC Meeting; Whipple Phonics, Part 2
- Nov. 11 Trailblazer Assembly
- Nov. PTA Board Meeting-Electronic
- Nov. 15 World Drumming Festival for Jammers at J. Hopkins MS
- Nov. 17-21 American Education Week.
- Nov. 18-20 Progress Energy Great American Teach-In
- Nov. 19 Kindergarten Thanksgiving Day Lunch
- Nov. 21 PBS Principal Party NO Referrals
- November 24-28 Thanksgiving holidays for all personnel, except 12 month who report on Nov. 24-25
- Dec. 1-Dec. 19 PBS Gearing Up for the Holidays



**School Photo Day
October 3
Envelopes will be sent
home in advance!**

Amazing Sponsors

Many thanks to the following
generous **ADOPT-A-CLASS**
SPONSORS:

Arrow Woodard, Adam Turkel, Ashleigh Adamosky, Ashley Tessem, Betsy Englander, Bruce Family, Cary Lopez, Deborah Johnson, Eyde Family, India Johnson, Kaplan Family, Kilroy Family, Kim Felix, Mattie Wright, Meoi Plummer, Quilitz Family, Schmidt Family, Shirley Tran Lie, Susan Helms, Tammy Kaplan, Wilber Family, Williams Family.

We have also received generous donations from the following businesses: Mathnasium, Brain Balance Center, family of Harald Johnson Home Depot (Tyrone), Publix, Bright House Networks, Sarah Kelly, and Yanchuck, Berman, Wadley, Zervos, & Thomas P.A.

THANKS!

School Advisory Council News

Our Douglas L. Jamerson School Advisory Council (SAC) members for the 2014-15 school year are:

Bain, Barbara
Carter, Deborah
Chavez, Carlos
Deering, Elizabeth
Gilliam, Geoffrey
Gray, Pat
Hart, Linda
Holland, Liz
Huffstutler, DeaDea
Jones, Valerie
Kaplan, Tammy
Kind, Mariana
Kirkman, Lisa
Lachman, Angela
McCormick, Ruth
Moody, Kristy
Paquette, Kimi
Parmentier, Cindy
Singh, Lizz
Somado, George
Smart, Clevan
Warner, Amy
Williams-Macon, Brandie
Woodard, Arrow
Zachem, Paula

Alternates:
Huffstutler, Joe
Kirsch, Mendy

The next SAC Meeting is Tuesday, October 7, 2014, at 6:00 PM in the Media Center. Everyone is welcome.



What's Happening in the Media Center?

We are pleased to announce the library hours for this year! Jamerson's students can check books in and out of the library in the mornings Monday-Thursday. The library is open for student use from 8:05 a.m. until the first bell rings at 8:25 a.m. Students who eat breakfast in the cafeteria are welcome to find new books to read after they have eaten. Students attending YMCA are welcome as well. All others can head straight to the library as soon as the gates open or their buses arrive!

Try Britannica Online School Edition at home. This website provides:

- fast and easy answers
- a dictionary
- a thesaurus
- action-packed videos
- learning games for K-2nd grades and more!

To access this great resource, go to: www.school.eb.com. You will need a user name and password to use this valuable resource at home. User Name= Jamerson Password= Pinellas

Also, PLEASE NOTE: K-12 students' default passwords for their "R2.D2" will be set to s.99999999. The 99999999s are the last 8 digits of their student number.

DESTINATION READING & MATH

From Home <https://destination.pinellas.k12.fl.us>

Student Username – Pinellas Student Login ID
Password - Last 8 digits of Pinellas Student Number

Volunteers Needed!

Jamerson needs you! Volunteers make our school even better! Please consider giving your time. Volunteers are needed in the front office, in the media center, in the school store, and in many more areas. Contact Lizz Singh at singhe@pcsb.org or 552-1703 to see how you can help. We can work with your schedule, whether you can give one hour a week or one hour a month.

Jamerson's 6th annual

Howl-O-Fun

Thursday, October 24
5:00-7:30 pm

Haunted house, face painting, balloon animals,
crafts, games, candy, and prizes!

Tickets will be sold on Thursday only:
8:00-8:30 am, 2:15-2:45 pm, 4:45-7:00 pm
50¢ per ticket (20 for \$10 or 40 for \$20)

Food Sales

Pizza Slice & a Cookie (4 tickets)
Water or soda (2 tickets)
Popcorn (1 ticket)

All profits benefit the fifth grade overnight field trip to
Kennedy Space Center!

All profits benefit 5th grade projects, including the
overnight field trip to Kennedy Space Center



Car Line Drivers

Note that there is a **RIGHT TURN ONLY** out of the parking lot on 37th Street. Please keep traffic flowing smoothly by only turning right. This will be enforced by the St. Petersburg Police Department. Thank you for your cooperation.

Also, ALL car riders are to be picked up from the car circle in front of the office. No student should ever be in the parking lot without an adult.

Homework Helpline Now Open

The Homework Helpline is now open. Hours are from 5:00 pm to 8:00 pm Monday through Thursday. The numbers are: 547-7223 or 442-3226. If you call and get a busy signal, keep trying! Some nights are busier than others.

National Elementary Honor Society

NEHS (National Elementary Honor Society) held their annual induction ceremony on September 6th. TWENTY SIX 5th graders were inducted into the NEHS. Mrs. Donnika Jones will be leading the club in meetings this year. The NEHS members will be also be completing a community service project.

To qualify, the grades and conduct of students in grades three and four are considered along with an application process in the spring of fourth grade.

The principles include

“Scholarship”
“Responsibility”
“Service”
“Leadership”



IMPORTANT NOTE:

Please send a note with your child on any day that his or her way of getting home is changed for that day. (Ex: “will be picked up by car instead of bus today.”) In cases other than an emergency, neither students nor the front office will be able to accept personal calls from parents at any time during the day regarding these changes. Thank you.

PTA NEWS:

The PTA Books 4 Kids program provides new-to-me books to every Jamerson student. As you know, our students love to read. Last year we gave away almost 900 books that were donated by families!

On October 16 -17, the PTA will be collecting new and used children's books. Chapter books are especially needed. Bring in your old books and they might become a friend's new favorite.



You have the power to enrich a child's life – in as little as an hour. The Duke Energy Great American Teach-In is part of the Pinellas County Schools' annual American Education Week celebration. Sponsored by Duke Energy since 1994, it's a special opportunity for you to visit Jamerson Elementary School and share what you know with a new generation.

This year's event is scheduled for Thursday November 20, 2014. Jamerson will also be welcoming a limited number of speakers on Tuesday and Wednesday November 18th and 19th. Opportunities are available from 9:00 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. You may choose to stay for an hour or the whole day! The amount of time you volunteer is determined strictly by what your schedule permits and what the teacher wants to accomplish. Whatever the length of your visit, you can make a difference.

Teach-In Tips:

- Plan for 18-22 students per classroom.
- Consider wearing attire appropriate to the occupation, hobby, or topic you plan to discuss
- Presentations are limited to 25 minutes or 40 minutes
- If you plan on bringing printed or audiovisual materials, please check with the teacher in advance.
- Do not ask students for personal information, including telephone numbers or addresses.

Sign up today! To register for the 2013 Duke Energy Great American Teach-In, please return this form no later than October 31st. Please plan to join us. The kids will love you for it! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Lizz Singh, Volunteer Coordinator, at 727-552-1703 or singhe@pcsb.org.

Duke Energy Great American Teach-In at Douglas Jamerson Elementary School

Name: _____ Organization: _____

Email address: _____ Phone: _____

Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip: _____

Subject Matter: _____ Grade Preferences: _____

Date attending (**circle one**) Nov. 18 Nov. 19 Nov. 20

Time of day to attend: I can start at _____ (time) and I have to leave at _____ (time)

Will you be joining us for lunch? (circle one) Yes/No

Check one: _____ My talk is 25 minutes long _____ My talk is 40 minutes long

Equipment needed or other special requests: _____

Please return this form to Lizz Singh at Jamerson Elementary School by October 31, 2014

What is PBS?

- A collaborative assessment-based process to developing effective interventions for problem behavior.
- Aims to build effective environments in which positive behavior is more effective than problem behavior.
- Emphasizes the use of preventative, teaching, and reinforcement-based strategies to achieve meaningful and durable behavior and lifestyle outcomes.

What does PBS look like in our school?

- Uses school-wide expectations and rules in specific settings to teach students appropriate behavior.
- Reward system (Super Sprockets) to encourage and model appropriate behavior and effective consequences to discourage inappropriate behavior.
- Get in Gear Assemblies to reward appropriate behavior and learning gains.
- Big Events to reward students with no referrals and events that students have saved their Super Sprockets to attend.
- Use data from referrals and minor-infractions to target problem behavior.

What are the levels of PBS?

- ✓ School Wide: Procedures and processes intended for all students, staff, in specific settings across campus.
- ✓ Classroom: Processes and procedures that reflect school-wide expectations for student behavior coupled with pre-planned strategies applied within classrooms.

Clubs, Clubs, Clubs!!!

Jamerson students are given so many extra opportunities to take part in some of our wonderful clubs and music ensembles! Look for handouts with club information on how to complete the **required preregistration** and meet any prerequisites such as the grade level requirements.

Here are some of the clubs that are happening this year in addition to our many music ensembles:

Baking Club

Bricks 4 Kids Club (fee based)

Drama Club

Españolito (fee based) on Monday or Thursday, after school

Garden Club

MAD Science (fee based) on Wednesday, after school

PTA Reflections

Sign Language Club

Strategic Games Club

Sunshine State Readers' Club

Business Partners Needed!

Jamerson Elementary School is looking to form long-term partnerships with local businesses. If you own a business or know someone we should talk to, please contact **Lizz Singh** at singhe@pcsb.org or 552-1703.

Positive Behavior Support (PBS)

Submitted by Ms. Pat Gray

- PBS is our school-wide discipline plan and the way of work to monitor behavior. The PBS goals in our School Improvement Plan are to increase the number of students being successful and to reduce the number of students receiving numerous referrals. Students need to be taught the correct behavior and this is best done through modeling and repeated practice. Super Sprockets reward students when they are showing the correct behavior. Achievement scores also increase when students are actively listening and participating in class. Parents are needed to help with different activities that support good behavior at Jamerson.
- Our PTA Book Store is open the 1st Tuesday during lunch for all students. Super Sprockets or Learning Earnings coupons (Grades 3-5) may be spent. It is still just 5 Super Sprockets for each book or 25 Learning Earnings Points. The PBS School store will be open for K - 2 grade students only on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. Popcorn will be served on the 2nd Tuesday of the month for 20 Super Sprockets or a Learning Earnings Voucher (100 points).
- More volunteers are always welcome, especially on the popcorn day. Other volunteers will be needed during our Big Events throughout the year. These events are for students that have had no referrals, and have the Super Sprockets or Learning Earning points to buy an event. Please contact Pat Gray, Guidance Counselor, or Lizz Singh if you would like to volunteer for the store or any events.

Engineering News

Kindergarten through fifth grade engineers are beginning Gravitational Force & Resultant Motion units of study. We are using math, science, and engineering to learn about forces that affect our daily lives. We use the Jamerson Design Process to create force tracks, bridges, marble runs, and K'Nex cars. We can't wait to display the finished products at the Fall Engineering Expo on December 5th!

Like us on Facebook at

<http://www.facebook.com/jamersonelementary>

Jamerson Fall Engineering EXPO

Thursday, December 4th from 6:30 to 8:00 PM with Pre-EXPO activities beginning at 6:00 PM. Please join us for this evening where our students showcase the integrated engineering units of study they have done during the first semester.