



Tarpon Springs Elementary School

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A note from the Principal:

Dear Parents,
September came to a close quickly for us at Tarpon Springs Elementary, as it sure was a busy month. First, I'd like to thank our PTA for a fantastic Spaghetti Dinner. It was a true school-wide effort, as we had many staff, parents and volunteers working together to make the evening a success! We ended this month by celebrating "Start with Hello" Week. Students were reminded to start with hello and given suggestions to use "kind words" instead of "hurtful words". They wore various clothing articles to remind them of their commitment and participated in different activities to reinforce this important message. "Cory the Rapper" performed with an anti-bully message for our students and reminded them about the importance of attending school everyday. Remember, "Kind is the new Cool".

Sincerely,
Mr. Steullet



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

To report a safety concern, please go to the website above or download the app and enter the information.

Campus Safety

We would like to thank everyone for being flexible during the opening of school as families learn about our arrival and dismissal procedures. We have a few reminders for you:

- Parents may not enter campus during arrival and dismissal. Students must be dropped off at the gate.
- Please refrain from using your cell phone while in the car circle. All attention should be focused on the safety of the children.
- Please do not walk between cars in the car circle or in front of or between buses in the bus circle. Always use the crosswalks.



Attendance Matters!

As you know, regular attendance at school is important for your children to learn. Please have your child at school every day unless they are sick. After an illness, please write a note explaining the illness so the absence will be excused. Excessive

illnesses may require a doctor's note. Remember students should **not** arrive before 8:15, when breakfast service begins. School starts at 8:45. Please be aware that 3 tardies is the same as 1 absence.

October's incentive for Perfect Attendance is an Ice Cream Social!

The Ice Cream Social is being sponsored by **Winn-Dixie**
1171 S Pinellas Ave, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689

ESOL News

ESOL Community Resource Fair

Feria de Recursos Comunitarios
Information about free services and community programs
Información sobre servicios gratuitos y programas comunitarios
Tuesday, October 15th, 2019 at 6:00pm – 7:30pm
Martes, 15 de octubre de 2019 a las 6:00 pm - 7:30 pm
St. Petersburg College – Clearwater Campus, Building ES, Room 104
2465 Drew Street, Clearwater, FL 34765

Title I News

Greetings Families!
We have many

resources in our Title One Parent Center (which is located in our front office) and online at our website: www.pcsb.org/tarpon-es Click on resources and then again on Title One. Below is a list of the resources online or in our parent center.

- Copy of our school compact
- 5 year LEA Plan for the District
- Family Engagement Calendars
- Our School's School Improvement Plan
- The Parent's Right to Know Memo
- Title One News
- Our Parent Involvement Plan
- Our Parent Empowerment Kit

If you need any information about our Title One program, please feel free to contact Lisa Ryan our Curriculum Specialist. Email: ryanli@pcsb.org.

Community and Family Engagement

Please continue to **log your volunteer hours**. Use the Google Chrome browser <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer> – if you do not know your user ID and Password, please contact Carmen

@ extension 2353 or lakec@pcsb.org. If you have volunteers assisting in your classrooms, please remind them to log their volunteer hours, if they are not sure how to log their hours, please contact me and I will show them step by step.



THANK YOU to the following **supporters/companies** and proven advocates of education: Publix Supermarket of Tarpon Springs, Duke Energy, AdventHealth North Pinellas, Jimmy Johns of Tarpon Springs, Junior League of Clearwater Dunedin, Auxiliary of Tarpon Springs ELK Lodge #1719, Peace4Tarpon, FireHouse Subs of Tarpon Springs, Macy's Countryside, Salvation Saloon and Posse Motorcycle Ministry, First United Methodist Church, The Well Church of Tarpon Springs, Suncoast Haven of Rest, The Shepherd Center of Tarpon Springs, Proficient Air, Tarpon Spine Center, Precision Tires and Auto, Church on the Bayou, Lutheran Church of the Palms, The Backpack Lady Project, Winn-Dixie. **Individual supporters** are: Paul & Rick Dragotto, Art & Jeanette Holloway, Heidi Izor, Nomiki & Savvas Gatis and Daphney Detty.

If you know of any volunteers who desire to become a Level 2 Volunteer, the recommended Level 2 Background please contact Carmen Lake @ extension 2353 or lakec@pcsb.org.



Red Ribbon Week

Staff and students at TSES will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week from October 23rd-27th. Red Ribbon

Week is a national campaign that focuses on reducing the demand for alcohol, tobacco, and other drugs. It began as a tribute to fallen DEA special agent Enrique Camarena in 1985. Red Ribbon Week calls upon all citizens to become aware of the drug problems in their communities and to show their support and commitment by wearing a Red Ribbon. There will be several points stressed throughout the week. These include encouraging children and adults

to get involved in positive activities and be a good role model. More info will be sent home with students during the month.



Attention Parents – it's time to CONNECT FOR SUCCESS!

Your child may be eligible to check out a laptop computer to use at home during the school year for FREE!

This opportunity is made available with funding by Title 1. The purpose of the program is to give students throughout the district equal access to the technology they need to be successful in school. Computers provide access to Beyond the Classroom online educational activities, Information for school projects and homework, Home use of the i-Ready applications and more. An information packet will be sent home next week with your child with complete information and mandatory training dates. We hope you will take advantage of this great opportunity. For more information please visit: pcsb.org/titleone



BOOK FAIR!

Reading increases knowledge and vocabulary, lowers stress, and supports your child's emotional growth. But one of the best

benefits is the lasting bond you create with your child when you read with them. Visit the Book Fair with your child to discover new books together! Watch for the flyer coming home with your child. Check out the new e-wallet option, a safe and convenient digital payment account, your student can shop the Fair cash-free! If you can't make it to the book fair visit our online fair at <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/tarponsspringsselemschool>.

Upcoming dates and events:

- 10/4-10/11 Book Fair in media center
- 10/8 Fire Prevention Visit
- 10/10 Book Fair FAMILY NIGHT 6-7 pm
- 10/14 SCHOOL CLOSED for students
- 10/16 SAC mtg 3:00 pm Conf room
- 10/17 PTA board mtg 9:15 am
- 10/18 Astro Skate (\$ and Perm slip due 10/16)
- 10/23 School Pictures
- 11/8 Fall Festival 5-8 pm
- 11/8 STAR telescope party on PE field 5 pm-?
- 11/13 Great American Teach-In
- 11/14-22 Dental Sealant program 11/22
- 11/25-28 SCHOOL CLOSED FOR THANKSGIVING