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At A Glance

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Student Hours: K-5th 7:55 a.m. - 1:55 p.m. 6th-8th 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Mission:

Madeira Beach Fundamental will provide a rigorous student-centered learning environment to ensure 100% student success by working collaboratively with all faculty, staff, and community stakeholders. "It doesn't happen all at once," said the Skin Horse. "You become. It takes a long time. That's why it doesn't happen often to people who break easily, or have sharp edges, or who have to be carefully kept. Generally, by the time you are Real, most of your hair has been loved off, and your eyes drop out and you get loose in your joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are Real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand..." ~From "The Velveteen Rabbit" by Margery Williams

"It's a thing that happens to you. When a child loves you for a long, long time, not just to play with, but REALLY loves you, then you become real... Once you become real you can't become unreal again. It lasts for always." ~From "The Velveteen Rabbit" by Margery Williams

Seasons Greetings MBFS families,

A well-deserved Winter Break is upon us (December 23, 2017- January 7, 2018). You may have heard the children's story "The Velveteen Rabbit." It is a story dear to me. For 19 years (since my dad's death in 1998), I have read it to 4th, 5th, and 6th grade students (as a teacher, and administrator) the day before the winter break begins. I read it to remind me of dad and to remind me of my own humility and what it means to be real.

Adolescence is typically the time student's start worrying about how they look and what others think. The story teaches that beauty is really not about how you look...it's about who you are, and when someone loves you for who you really are, the way you look doesn't matter.

In the story a boy is given a stuffed toy rabbit at Christmas. The story comes from the perspective of the toy rabbit, who is told by the other toys in the boy's cupboard, that if he is loved enough, he will become real. They know this because the toys in the boy's bedroom come to life when the boy is asleep or away from his bedroom. This theme is similar to the movie "Toy Story". It's fun to get inside the heads of toys to see what they do and talk about when the boy is not around.

The toys that were old and beat up and not as new and shiny as the other toys, they were the most-loved. The boy loved his toys so much they became real to him (and the other toys in the bedroom knew that). The rabbit is first teased by the more modern toys in the child's bedroom because he had no cranks or springs or other mechanical parts. Then he's teased by real rabbits because he didn't look like a real rabbit. This made the rabbit sad and self-conscious.

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December Important Dates

12/18-22 - Winter Boutique MBFS Elementary Computer Lab

12/20 - All Pro Dad 6:45 am

12/25-29 - Winter Holidays—no school

January Important Dates

- 1/15/18 School Closed for Students
- 1/16/18 SAC Meeting
- 1/17/18 All Pro Dads Breakfast
- 1/17/18 Idol Goes Mad Auditions, K-5 at 5:30 p.m. & 6-8 at 6:30 p.m.
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- 1/19/18 Report Cards Distributed
- 1/22/18 PTSA Meeting
- 1/26/18 C2C Breakfast

1/30/18 – 100th Day of School

Friday Spirit Days

12/1 - Tacky Tie

12/8 -Red and Green Out Day

Kindergarten, 2nd, 4th, 6th, & 8th wear Red

1st, 3rd, 5th, & 7th wear Green

12/15 - Ugly Sweater Day

12/22 - PJs Day

Hurricane make up days: January 8, 2018 March 12, 2018

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By the time the rabbit had become real, most of his hair had been loved off, his eye dropped out, he got loose in the joints and very shabby. But these things don't matter at all, because once you are real you can't be ugly, except to people who don't understand. What does it mean to be real?

Sometimes the only way to deliver these themes is through stories. "The Velveteen Rabbit" contains messages of how to love, being humble, and being real. I hope you will read this story sometime, as I do to remind myself. As a New Year approaches, now is the time to reflect on our blessings, and recharge our spirits. Wishing you and your family peace and joy, and lots of sunshine.

See you in 2018, Mr. Ateek, Principal

YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Be sure to reserve your copy of the 2017 Madeira Beach Fundamental Middle School yearbook! THE COST IS \$35. Choose one of the options below:



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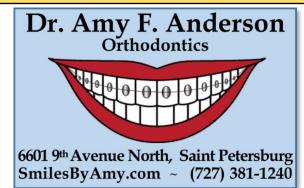
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Questions? Contact the school bookkeeper at 547-7697





Picture Day

Due to Hurricane Irma Picture Day is rescheduled for Tuesday, November 7th with Retakes on Tuesday, December 12th

You, Your Child and Homework:

Students can't always learn everything they need to know in class. That's why homework is so important. Use the following steps to help your student be successful with homework:

- Make sure you set up a study area where your child can do homework each day.
- Make sure you schedule daily homework times and see that your child sticks to them!
- Don't do your child's homework. He/she won't learn if do the work.
- Motivate your child to do his/her best. Your words and actions make a difference.
- Help with study skills. Work with your child on ways to: organize assignments, schedule time, follow directions, take notes, plan long-range assignments and study for tests.
- Show that learning matters. Your example carries a strong message!
- Team up with teachers. Together, you can help your child succeed in school and in life.

Just a Reminder ...

Students must have everything they need when they are dropped off for school. This includes projects, homework, PE clothes, etc. If these items are dropped off after the start of the student day, they will not be given to the students. Please see Page 4 of your agenda for more details regarding this Fundamental Guideline.

Mid-term Exam dates:

Friday, December 15th - Thursday, December 20th

It is important all middle school students are in attendance for mid-term exams. Parents, please be sure to have your child get plenty of rest, eat a nutritious breakfast, and come prepared to do their best.

Advocacy:

"Support your Education Professional who is running for public office. They are the ones who know what is really going on in public schools, not the current elected politicians who are only interested in unaccountable charter schools that use taxpayer's money to their own advantage. Know who you are voting for, and why! Exercise your right to VOTE!"



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KUDOS

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped in the month of November. We had a lot going on and we could not do it without you.

THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED US OUT, WE TRULY HAVE THE BEST VOL-UNTEERS IN PINELLAS COUNTY!!!!

MBFS has the best Volunteers!

Help Needed!!

We are in need of mentors at our school. We are looking for volunteers who are committed to the development of our students. If you can help a student gain new insights and work towards their goals, please contact Stacie Allen, Family and Community Liaison at 727-547-7838 or <u>allensta@pcsb.org</u>

Wanted all registered volunteers!!

Please remember to log in your volunteer hours so that Madeira Beach Fundamental gets credit for all your hard work. If you are not a registered volunteer, please contact Stacie Allen, Family and Community Liaison allensta@pcsb.org or 727-547-7838

REPORT ABSENCES

Now on our school website you will find a new icon that says "Report Student Absence". This icon will be on each of our website pages. When families click on this icon it generates an email that will go to the Outlook mailboxes of our office staff notifying us of a student absence. Families should be informed that they can use this method to report absences in addition to all the existing ways such as calling and writing notes. They will also be able to include an attachment such as a doctor's note.

FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

This year, Night Under the Stars (our annual holiday music and drama club performance) is scheduled for Monday, December 11. The drama club will perform at 5:30 pm and the music performance schedule is as follows:



6:30 - Student performers arrive and report to locations TBD

- 7:00 Kindergarten performance (3 songs)
- 7:15 1st Grade performance (3 songs)
- 7:30 4th and 5th Grade performance (4 songs)



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Great American Teach-In

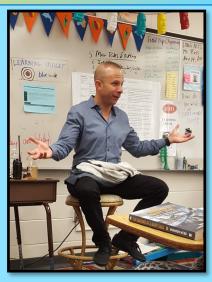


Teaching From the Top

Principal Ateek took advantage of the Great American Teach -In to do what he likes best: get into the classroom. Some sixth graders in Mr. Ross's 3rd period Language Arts class learned about evidentiary standards in a game of "You Be The Judge."

Students discovered firsthand the complexities of considering evidence, testimony, and proof before making critical decisions.

Stephen W. Ross



Flying Mantas Sport Kite Club Meeting Dates

See Mr. Volland if you would like to join the Flying Mantas Sport Kite Club. Club meets Tuesdays 2:15 until 3:45

Veterans Day Fall Fly Kite Festival Treasure Island Kite Festival











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MANTA MINUTES FROM YOUR PTSA:

PTSA thanks YOU for your support of our Fall Fundraiser! It was a huge success!

Join us for our events ahead...

December:

18th-22nd Winter Boutique, MBFS Elementary Computer Lab - This annual tradition will feature plenty of great crafts, gifts and homebrew goodies that everyone in the family will enjoy! Elementary students will have scheduled classroom shopping times and middle grades students may shop during their lunches (as permitted). Early morning shopping opportunities will also be available. Stay tuned for our flyer with details!

20th All Pro Dad (6:45 a.m.) - Dads and/or male role models are invited to join their student for bonding time with a special topic geared toward the holiday season.

25th -29th Winter Holidays – No School

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High School Application Programs Info

<u>To 8th grade families:</u>

The Pinellas County School's Open Application period begins January 10, 2018, and concludes January 19, 2018. As students and families make high school decisions for the 2018-2019 school year we highly suggest students and families review all programs, and to visit all high schools. All schools offer unique student learning opportunities. We encourage your child to attend school tours if offered as well.

As an important reminder, all 8th grade students attending a fundamental middle school receive a feeder pattern priority into a high school fundamental school, **provided the parent makes an application during the January application period, and ranks the fundamental high school of their choice as their first choice application**." What does this mean? It means if your intent is to progress into a fundamental high school you must apply! One of the biggest mistakes past 8th grade families have made was to not apply for a fundamental option. Those families made the assumption of a direct entry into a high school fundamental program without making an application. For other grade level families, there is no need to reapply during the application period January 10 – 19th, 2018 if the intent is to remain at MBFS.

Mad Beach Family:



Every year, on the third Thursday of November, smokers across the nation take part in the American Cancer Society Great American Smokeout event. Encourage someone you know to use today to make a plan to quit. By quitting – even for 1 day – smokers will be taking an important step toward a healthier life and reducing their cancer risk.

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Quitting isn't easy. So make sure people know how much you support them every step of the way. On November 16, join others across the nation as they begin a tobacco-free life. The American Cancer Society is here to help anytime you or anyone else needs it. To find out more, visit **cancer.org/smokeout** or call us at **1-800-227-2345.**



Wishing "SHOE" a happy holiday season!

Dear Families,

When I look at all that I have and all that I need, I feel as though most of my "needs" are actually "wants". I can't think of a single thing that I need.

With Mr. Ateek's permission, as a schoolwide initiative, we are kicking off our <u>sixth</u> annual collection of NEW sneakers for the students of several schools. In 2011, we collected 21 pairs of new sneakers; in 2012, we collected 23 pairs of new tennis shoes; in 2013 we collected 64 pairs; in 2014, we collected over 120 pairs of NEW SNEAKERS, and last year we had 200 pairs. This year, I would absolutely LOVE to exceed that number. If you are able, please send in NEW sneakers between now and December 15.

Think about it: If every staff member purchased just one pair of new sneakers, we'd easily exceed the previous record of 200 pairs. Then, if every student brought in one pair, we'd have to get a truck to deliver! The joy that you can bring to a child can be acquired by this one simple act, not to mention the joy that it will bring you!

I would love to ask you to participate with me buying as many pairs of new sneakers as possible before Friday, December 15, 2017. The gender and size do NOT matter—they will eventually fit a student at one of our partner schools! You may send the <u>new</u> shoes in with your student or have them delivered to either the middle school or elementary offices. If you put "Beaver" on a note and tape it to the box, the shoes will be delivered here for you. I hope that our shoe table over RUNS (pun intended!) with the generosity that MBFS has always shown to children.

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Linda Beaver MBFS Plant Operations Foreman

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Dear Friends,

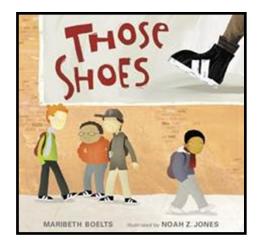
Thank you to those of you who have already asked about our annual "Wishing SHOE Happy Holidays" new sneaker drive, based on the book **Those Shoes** by Marybeth Boelts. **Yes, we ARE doing it again this year!** The kick-off will begin as soon as Thanksgiving Break is over.



It all started as a class project about seven years ago, collecting about 20 pairs of new sneakers. The next year it emerged into a "Madeira Beach Fundamental SCHOOL project" with more and more new sneakers being donated every year. Last year, in 2016, we set a record of 198 pairs of new sneakers in less than one month!!!!! (Here are some pictures of just some of the sneakers that we collected in years' past.)

If you are new to this, here are the guidelines: any NEW (preferably in the box) sneakers, any gender, any size because eventually, they will fit someone. From there, we donate them all just in time for the holidays to Sandy Lane Elementary School. Just send them in with your student or send them to either front office. As a school, we are going to watch the collection grow in the mural hallway of the elementary building.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either Mendy Jones (MS Student Services) or Brooke Crandall (ES Assistant Principal). Thank you once again for making this, **one of MBFS' favorite traditions**, a realization once again.





Holiday Reading Challenge

• Winter Break:

December 23rd- January 8th

• Spring Break:

March 24th- April 1st

There will be one winner per grade level for each holiday break! Your teachers will work together to determine the Challenge rules and winners!

- Read 180: Pass Quizzes with a 70% or higher through Reading Counts or your Independent Reading bookshelf on eReads, eBooks, or paperbacks.
- iReady: Complete lessons at 70% or higher.
- Reading Plus: Complete See Readers by scoring at least 80% or higher.
- Khan Academy: Complete practices.
- Additional option for all: Read and keep a reading log of your pages read and notes.

Prizes are determined by your school and can include a Kindle, book, or other prize!



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English Classes ESOL classes offered by Pinellas County Schools Madeira Beach Fundamental School is hosting English Classes for adults 5 mornings a week right here in the portable in front of the elementary school building. The classes are being taught by Pinellas County Schools certified teachers. The fee is \$30.00 per semester. Tell your friends and family about this wonderful opportunity. Call the adult education office at 547-7872 for more information.

Counselors' Corner

Any families in need of school supplies, we have plenty of backpacks, pencils, pens, glue sticks etc. Please contact your Guidance Counselor.





Fishing Club Needs You!

Are you an experienced fishing guide or experienced Angler??

Mad Beach Fishing Club NEEDS YOU!!

We would like experienced fishing guides or experienced anglers to come and talk to our fishing club!

Topic Suggestions:

- Cast net techniques
- Fishing rigging and presentation
- Offshore and Inshore strategies
- Knot tying
- Artificial baits and how to use them
- Cleaning fish
- Cooking fish and recipes

The fishing club meets from 2:20-4:00 every other Thursday. Speakers could attend for the whole meeting or parts of the meeting. If you could help us out please contact Mr. Bardes at <u>bardese@pcsb.org</u>



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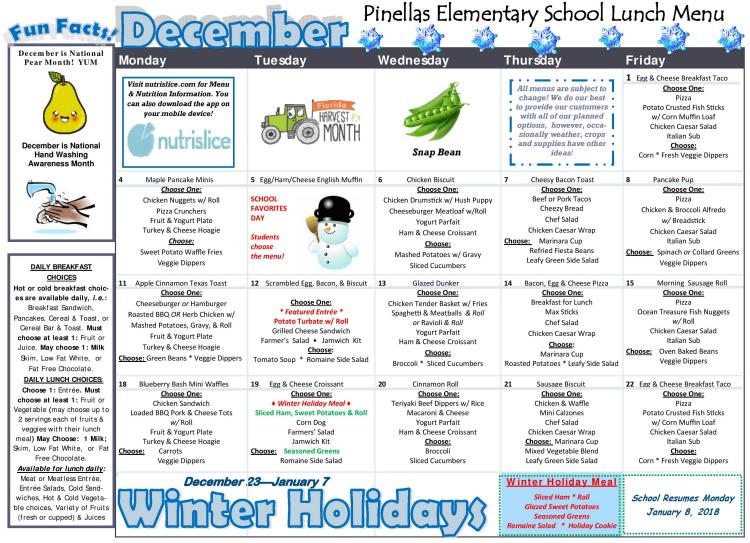
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