Madeira Beach Fundamental X-8

Home of the Manta Rays

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Hello again MBFS,

February 2018

Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8

http://www.pcsb.org/mb-ms

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.

Welcome to the month of February! This February we celebrate kindness, and will work to make Madeira Beach Fundamental a certified kindness school. This ties in perfectly with Commitment to Character development and conversations taking place during our weekly community circles. Our school has accepted the School Kindness Challenge! Kind schools are most effective at helping students succeed, both in school and in life.

In schools where the stakeholders (students/ staff/ community) intentionally teach, grow, and celebrate kindness, students feel a great sense of safety, support, and acceptance. A risk free learning environment is created. Students will be participating in lessons to engage and increase their overall empathy, kindness, and school unity. Here at Madeira we believe it's just nice to be nice. So this month we will remind our students to take the extra moments to say or do something kind for someone in your family, job, or a complete stranger. Kindness is about more than being nice to someone else. It's a learned skill and a habit that needs practice. The School Kindness Challenge allows us to incorporate kindness into the school day and make kindness a practical, commonplace skill. It's flexible and customizable.

Here are some activities to try to celebrate kindness:

Try this game of pay-it-forward: anonymously make someone smile, leave behind a card telling them to keep the ripple going. It's easy and fun. You're the scientist and the world is your laboratory. Is kindness truly contagious? There's only one way to find out, give it a try.

Here are some ideas to get you started:

- Have a kind word for those who you have contact with.
- Compliment a stranger sincerely.
- Smile and laugh more often.
- Return shopping carts to the store.
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- Share a comic strip or something funny with someone else.

• Pick up trash or pull some weeds in your neighborhood or on your campus. •Give out random acts of kindness buttons, ribbons and books.

- Send someone an animated greeting card on the internet.
- Tutor your classmates in a subject that you are good at.
- Send kindness notes to your classmates/teachers/parents etc.

We are so excited to celebrate kindness this month. We have an opportunity to ensure every child goes to a school that is welcoming, patient, and accepting. Enjoy the new month being kind to others and bringing sunshine to the beach.

Sincerely, Mr. Chris Ateek, Principal

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February Important Dates

- 2/5/18 PTSA Meeting
- 2/6/18 Chipotle Fundraiser
- 2/7/18 Progress reports
- 2/8/18 Idol Goes Mad Dinner Night at 5-8p.m.
- 2/13/18 SAC Meeting/ Parent university 5:30pm
- 2/18/18 Idol Goes Mad Auditions, K-5 at 5:30 p.m. & 6-8 at 6:30 p.m.
- 2/19/18 No School
- 2/21/18 All Pro Dads Breakfast Madeira McDonalds 6:45am

<u>Friday Spirit Days</u>

Fri -2/2 - Jersey day in honor of the Super Bowl

Fri 2/9 - a red/pink out day for Valentine's Day

Wed 2/14 - Fancy Nancy Day

Fri 2/16 - College T-shirt/ Jersey Day

Fri 2/23 - Mustache day

Hurricane make up days: March 12, 2018

Chipotle fundraiser info -

Madeira Beach Fundamental School Jazz Band 02/06/2018 4:00pm-8:00pm 11241 Park Blvd., Seminole, FL 33772

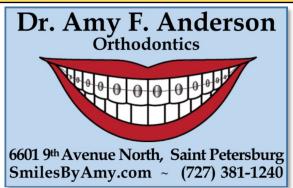
Crossing Guards

You could receive February Membership Credit for helping us out in the mornings and/or afternoons!!



We could use your help in the mornings and afternoons with covering some of the gates or helping in the parking lot on campus. If you are willing to help out for two mornings a month, or longer if you can, you will receive membership credit for the month of February. You would need to be at school for about a half an hour each shift. You do not need to be a Lever II volunteer but you MUST be a registered volunteer that has reactivated their focus account for this school year. If you need help with this please contact our Family & Community Liaison, Stacie Allen. Please clink the link below to sign-up.

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<u>Madeira Beach Idol</u>

It's time for our 8th Annual Idol Goes Mad Family Dinner Night to be held on Thursday, February 8th! Enjoy an evening of fantastic performances by our students alongside a complete spaghetti dinner meal complements of The Olive Garden.

Attention Graduating Seniors from class of '18

Did you attend Madeira Beach Fundamental? Do you know a graduating c/o '18 senior who attended MBFS? If so, we would love to have you (them) come back to Madeira Beach and walk with our graduating kindergarten class on Tuesday, May 22nd, 2018 at 7:15am

A breakfast will be provided for you.

If you are able to participate, please RSVP by using the sign-up link

http://www.signupgenius.com/go/60b0449a8aa28a64-madeira

or contact Stacie Allen, our Family & Community Liaison at 727.547.7697 or <u>allensta@pcsb.org</u> by Thursday, May 17th

Wear your cap and gown and walk with the 2018 graduating class of Kindergartens in our campus parade starting at 8:30am.

Khan Academy/ 8th Grade

Recently your child's school counselor went through classrooms to help students view their PSAT scores electronically and link them to a Khan Academy account. This account provides lessons geared towards areas that need to be strengthen for the PSAT and future College Board assessments. If you would like more information please attend the rescheduled SAC breakout session on February 13 at 5:30 with Mrs. Santos and Mrs. Vermillion. They will be handing out paper copies of student's PSAT scores along with walking parents through this process. If you would like to get a head start on the school's initiative, please see the login at <u>www.pcsb/mb-ms</u> (located to the right side of our school homepage: titled Khan Academy).

Elementary Memory Books are now on sale!

There are 2 choices: You may pay by credit card on-line for \$15.

Logon to: <u>www.yearbookordercenter.com</u> use order number: 18751.

The on line website will be closed on March 16th.

Or you may send in your payment of \$15 with the form that was sent home with your child. You may also pick up a form in the elementary school front office. Please make checks out to MBFS or exact cash will be accepted. The deadline to send in your payment at school is Friday, February 16th, 2018.

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.

Student Homework, and Drop off at the Office

At the middle school grades, homework may be assigned any day of the week. Students who do not have homework assignments completed and in class by the assigned date will receive two demerits. However, the student will be given credit for the portion of the homework that is completed. When parents/guardians sign a homework paper, it is an indication that the parent/guardian has looked over the assignment for accuracy, completion, neatness, name, and appropriate responses. Students whose homework does not have the required parent/guardian signature will receive one demerit. Students who do not bring the necessary materials to class will receive one demerit. Students will not be allowed to use the school phone to request forgotten materials be brought to school. Homework which is forgotten at home and brought to school by the parent/guardian will not be delivered to the classroom.

Perfect attendance in the month rewards

In each month of the school year MBFS will look at student attendance closely. All students with 100% attendance for the entire month will receive a Shorts Day/ Hat Day as a reward. Award recipients can select any style of shorts or hat to wear. Students who qualify will be notified in advance.

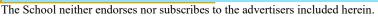
Additionally, K5 students will receive a brag tag for perfect attendance thru out a grading period and will receive an attendance brag tag to wear indicating this. All the names of middle grades students who qualify for perfect attendance in a grading period will be placed in a drawing, and up to 20 will be selected to receive a special ice cream sundae social during their lunch time.

Perfect attendance for all of the second semester

All students with perfect attendance all year, and/or for all of second semester will have their names placed in a drawing to win a prize.

Fundamental guidelines require active parent involvement. If your child is having a serious health problem or there is another issue interfering with your child's regular attendance, please keep us in the loop. We do understand that children sometimes become ill or other circumstances result in an occasional absence.







KUDOS –

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped in the month of January. 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>

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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 <u>allensta@pcsb.org</u> 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.

End of the Year Calendar (May)

- 14-15-8th grade breakfast at American Legion (tentative as we await confirmation from the American Legion)
- 18- Open Court, 1:00 PM, 3rd and 4th grade
- 18-8th grade dance, 6:00 PM-9:00 PM (location TBA)
- 19-8th grade Busch Gardens Trip
- 21- 5th grade breakfast at American Legion (tentative, awaiting confirmation from the American Legion)
- 21- 5th grade Kickball game, 12:30 PM
- 22- Seniors Graduation Breakfast, 7:00 AM Kinder graduation/, 8:30 AM in gym
- 22- 6th grade awards ceremony, 1:00 PM in gym (students dismissed from gym)
- 23- 5th grade awards, 8:30 AM in gym and 7th grade awards, 1:00 PM in gym (students dismissed from gym)
- 24- 8th grade awards, 8:30 AM in gym
- a) All awards last no more than 1 hour and 15 minutes
- b) All award presentations begin at either 8:30 AM, or 1:00 PM for easy advertisement
- c) All 1:00 PM award presentations dismiss from the ceremonies.



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2018 American Sport Kite Championship Results

Our Flying Manta Kite Team took 1st place best overall team

Novice individual dual line ballet

- 1st Place Morgan P.
- 2nd Place Emma P.
- 3rd Place Tucker B.
- 4th Place Maverick M.

If you see the students please give them a shout out, they got out and competed in front of several thousand people!!!

February General Membership Meetings

February 5: PTSA, 5:30 PM or 7:00 PM

February 13: SAC/ Parent University 5:30 PM

Pasta for Pennies

It's time for our annual Pennies for Pasta campaign where we collect pennies for the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. For several years, Mad Beach has been their biggest contributor. Let's keep that streak alive. This year every teacher has an online team page where you may make contributions to their class account. Send this link to friends and family, near and far to help us reach our school goal total of \$9000.00. Starting Monday January 29th, click on the attached link and search for your student's homeroom teacher's name (K-5th grade) or your student's 1st period teacher (6th - 8th grade), it is that easy. Also start saving your pennies to bring them in to be counted during the week of February 20th - 26th. Thank you for helping make this event a huge success and showing kindness to others. <u>http://events.lls.org/pages/sun/MadeiraBeachFundSchool-2018</u>

Patriot's Pen Essay Contest

Sixth graders Ashley P., Alexis B., and Ana L. won 1st, 2nd, and 3rd places, respectively, in the Madeira Beach (Post 4256) Chapter of the Veterans of Foreign Wars Patriot's Pen Essay Contest. The topic was "America's Gift to My Generation," and these skillful writers from Mr. Ross's classes will receive a monetary prize and plaque in an upcoming VFW ceremony. Ashley's essay was also the 1st place winner for VFW District 9, and she will receive an award from the Department of Florida in Orlando and could possibly advance to national level competition!

Advocacy:

"Did you know that legislative leaders continue to shift a lot of your tax dollars to for-profit charter corporations (privatization) instead of to Florida's constitutionally required free public schools?

These for-profit schools don't have to hire qualified teachers; have minimal regulation; and don't have to prove to the state how they are spending your tax dollars.

How are your Tallahassee politicians doing? For? or Against? free public schools; or doesn't it matter to you where your hard-earned dollars are going? Some of which is landing in leg-islative pockets. Be aware of which way your Senator or Representative is voting."

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MANTA MINUTES FROM YOUR PTSA:

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

February dates:

5th PTSA General Meeting (5:30 or 7:00p)

Join us for special guest, Renee Flowers of the Pinellas County School Board, who will share information and updates as well as answer any questions you may have.

7th Staff Luncheon (sponsors gr. 3, 5 & 6)

Theme for this luncheon is "Italian." We appreciate your support by way of food donations as we thank our staff through these luncheons for all they do!

8th Idol Goes Mad Dinner Night (5-8 p.m.)

Come see an evening of entertainment by our talented students alongside a delicious meal catered by the Olive Garden. A complete Spaghetti dinner including salad, breadsticks and drink are available on show night for \$5. You won't want to miss it! Dinner is served at 5pm and showtime begins at 6pm. Dinner purchase is not required - you may simply come enjoy the show!

19th No School

21st All Pro Dad, Madeira McDonald's - 6:45am

Join us for this special time of bonding for our students and the special male role model in their life! We will feature inspirational topics and thoughtful conversation.

Upcoming Events - March

Fish Fry - March 3 from 12-6pm

Don't miss our 24th annual Fish Fry and Family Fun Festival! It's a day of music, food and fun for the whole family. Forms are going home for tickets, meals, t-shirts and more now. Items can also be purchased at the PTSA Online Shop: https://squareup.com/store/MadFun

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Vitalina S. Thomas S. Sophia M. Matthew R. Jennifer C. Jack K. Callee C. Jacob D. Trevor M. Parker W. Ciera M. Samantha S. Isabella C. **Ouenton G.** Ella Y. Georgia J. Elliana W. Emma D. Thomas M. Tyler T. Joshua W. **Grayson L.** Alyssa O. Farrah C. Lola C. Kenzie H. Wyatt H. Luis C. Wyatt F. Cody B. Logan M. Christian S. **Dominick G.** Christos M.

Happy February Birthdays!!!

Amber P. Shailv R. Morgan W. Elizabeth N. Abigale D. Michael B. Carter D. Madison D. Nolan F. Jac S. Faith B. Khadijah H. Ashleigh B. Paul B. Mava H. Jayla M. Hannah M. Dillon D. Rvan W. Jacob G. Youssef Z. Maisie C. Carson R. Mackenzie G. Hannah P. Lukas P. Evan F. Daniella H. Camryn M. Mylee D, Palmer S. Sophia B. Spencer G. **Reilly H.**

Mia P. Merianne S. Colin C. Joshua S. Lauren D. Pavton F. Isaiah I. Tucker B. Jade J. Aref K. Tangil K. **Reilly S.** Elizabeth S. Brisson, B **Riley C.** Rowan M. Noah W. Mia W. Anissa A. Sofia C. Sarah A. Taegan L. Elizaveta K. Averv E. Jaden W. Jenna S. Makala W. Vinsean N. **Brooke H.** Grayson G. Maya W. Heaven K. Gemma C. Alexis A. Jayden S. Ashlyn K. Valintina C, Saige C. Tvra M. Alessianna M. Wake S.

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Please use our car line

Enrollment in our school is a privilege enjoyed by Madeira Beach Fundamental students and their families. Therefore students are expected to exhibit exemplary achievement and conduct while at school. We always appreciate exemplary conduct from our parent community, as the neighborhood and businesses which surround our school are an extension of us.

Part of being a good steward in the community is to respect the wishes of local businesses. They have requested that you do not direct your children to be dropped off or picked up from the local businesses nearby, like the Publix Shopping Center, and Walgreen's.

The school is in lock step with these businesses. We do not advocate parking in private parking lots. Students just do not look out for cars and motorists sometimes just don't see them. Additionally, increased traffic, where our families block entrances or exits, and use businesses as a second or third car line, discourages business from the community at student drop off and pick up times, and prevents their staff from find parking for work.

Our car circle is available for your use. It is safe, and efficient. There is also adequate parking in our visitors parking lot for our families who wish to park and walk up to drop off or pick up. We all recognize the value of time and realize traffic can be tough. We have found traffic to be lighter for families who arrive a little early in the morning (no earlier than 7:15 AM middle grades, and no earlier than 7:25 AM K5). On the other hand, traffic can be lighter in the afternoons for families who arrive a little later (no later than 2:25 PM K5, and no later than 2:45 PM middle grades).

Thank you for understanding and working together with the school and the community at large.

Afterschool pick up protocols

So that we can be consistent with our car line drop off and pick up protocols, and use the same processes in uniformity, ALL K5 after school activity student pick up (except the YMCA after care program) will now take place near the elementary PE court (red lane/ car line). ALL middle grades after school activity student pick up (except the YMCA after care program) takes place in front of buildings 8 and 13 (the area with the covered side walk, and between the cross walks closest to the front office and dolphin statue). Students who participate in afterschool activities will be waiting for pick up in those locations.

No students will be released across parking areas without adult supervision. Thank you for being prompt in your pick up of students from afterschool events.





813-444-5102

Finally, a place that concentrates on ADHD.

ICCUSMD is a medical practice that focuses on ADHD care Dr. Regina Hardin, MD

1501 S. Dale Mabry Hwy Suite A-6 Tampa, FL 33629

www.focus-md.com

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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.



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****Fishing Club**** Needs You!

Are you an experienced fishing guide or experienced Angler??

Mad Beach Fishing Club NEEDS YOU!!

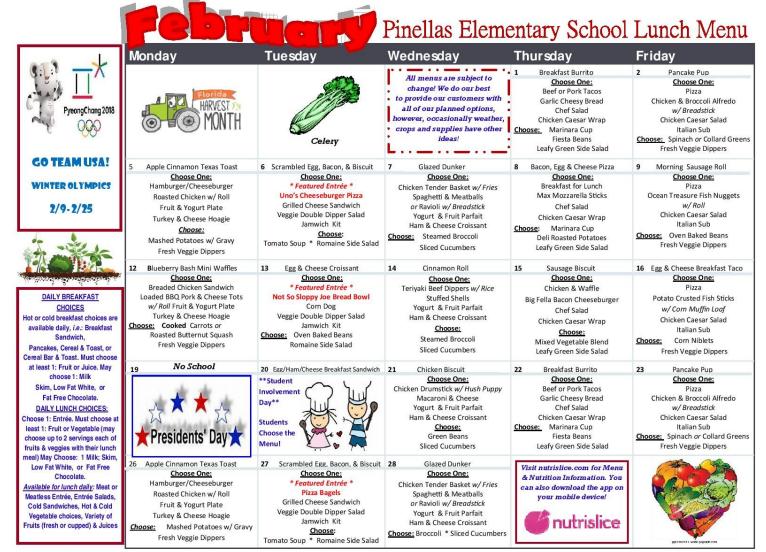
We would like experienced fishing guides or experienced anglers to come and talk to our fishing club!

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 bardese@pcsb.org





In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Pinellas County School Food Service is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD). USDA is an equal opportunity provider and employer.

SHOPPING PROGRAMS

Target Thanks a Billion Campaign: As part of the social campaign, guests are encouraged to share a message of appreciation through <u>Target's Facebook page</u> or the <u>Thanks a Billion website</u>, honoring a teacher who has made an impact on their life. When a guest submits a note of gratitude (certain <u>terms & conditions apply</u>), Target will donate \$25 to the teacher's school with the opportunity for each school to receive up to \$25,000. But here's the best part: Target won't stop until it's given away a grand total of *\$5 million*. For more information please go to this website: <u>https://corporate.target.com/article/2015/05/thanks-a-billion</u>

OFFICE DEPOT PROGRAM PROGRAM ID# 70022285 or 70022286: This unique program for schools cannot only benefit your school now, but help keep them in free supplies all year long. All you need to do is make a qualifying purchase* at Office Depot and present your school's 5% Back to Schools program ID - and we'll take care of the rest. For more information please go to http://www.officedepot.com/a/promo/backtoschool/Spercent/acm_sp=EpoterLinks__-spercentBack

http://www.officedepot.com/a/promo/backtoschool/5percent/?cm_sp=FooterLinks- -products- -5PercentBack Or call Linda O/ 727.547.7697

KULA has partnered with Red Robin to create the "Burgers For Better Schools" program that is an extension of their loyalty, or "Royalty" program. Royalty members can login using their existing royalty account, or create a new one. From there they can select any school of their choice as their designated school to automatically receive 1% of the total bill from their meal each time they dine at any Red Robin locations. The donation is automatic and the customer only needs to notify the Red Robin employee of their royalty account number at the time of payment. Because we do not track individual patrons donations to separate clubs or organizations, the donation is to be used at the school's discretion. Please visit <u>www.redrobin.com/betterschools</u> for information and FAQ's.





February 2018

Commitment to Character

Tolerance - Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.

Teaching Tolerance and Black History Month:

Pioneering black female comic artist to be honored in Hall of Fame By Washington Post, adapted by Newsela staff Grade Level 7 01/26/2018

https://newsela.com/read/first-black-woman-comic/id/39773

Two excellent videos for grades 6-12:

Mighty Times: The Legacy of Rosa Parks

This is the story of how one woman, through a single act of defiance, stirred a community to unite in opposition to segregation and changed American forever. The curriculum revisits a familiar historical event and finds new stories that introduce new heroes. Behind every great protest movement is a community of ordinary people who accomplish extraordinary things. The film revisits the Montgomery Bus Boycott of 1955 and 1956, and presents it as more than a history lesson, but as a model for young activists looking to make positive change in their communities.

The Children's March

This video and curriculum material tells the story of how the young people of Birmingham, Alabama, braved fire hoses and police dogs in 1963 and brought segregation to its knees. Their heroism moved President Kennedy to introduce the Civil Rights Act of 1964, a key piece of federal legislation that transformed not just the South, but the entire nation.

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- Send kindness notes to your classmates/teachers/parents etc.
- Share your cookies with your classmates.

Three Words a Day

- Feb. 1 Control your thoughts.
- Feb. 2 Don't think can't.
- Feb. 3 Put things away.
- Feb. 4 Exercise improves attitude.
- Feb. 5 Use positive words.
- Feb. 6 Develop good habits.
- Feb. 7 Friends take time.
- Feb. 8 Trust your judgment.
- Feb. 9 Like yourself first.
- Feb. 10 Always pay attention.
- Feb. 11 Build someone's confidence.
- Feb. 12 Questions aren't dumb.
- Feb. 13 Tell the truth.
- Feb. 14 Love is best.
- Feb. 15 Respect others' feelings.
- Feb. 16 Don't fear failure.
- Feb. 17 Everyone has worries.
- Feb. 18 Ask what if __?
- Feb. 19 Ignore put downs.
- Feb. 20 Go ahead laugh.
- Feb. 21 Helping feels good.
- Feb. 22 Think before speaking.
- Feb. 23 Always work willingly.
- Feb. 24 Cheer somebody up.
- Feb. 25 Never get discouraged.
- Feb. 26 Consider others' needs.
- Feb. 27 Do for yourself.
- Feb. 28 Don't make excuses



Black History Month educational resources:

- African American History Month
- National Endowment for the Humanities: EDSITEment's Guide to Black History Month Teaching Resources
- PBS Newshour: Black History Month Resources for the Classroom
- <u>Smithsonian Education: Black History Teaching Resources</u>
- Association for the Study of African American Life and History
- Dr. Carter G. Woodson African American Museum (St. <u>Petersburg)</u>
 Florida Memory: Black History Month, Resources for Students
- Florida Memory: Black History Month, Resources for Students
 and Educators

Dinner Dilemmas

Purpose: To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.

Dinner Dilemmas are designed to go home once a month with the students. Schools that send home a weekly newsletter could print one dilemma each week in its publication. During the week families are asked to discuss the dilemma. It is hoped that families will talk about the dilemma and decide how the character quality of the month relates to the situation presented. It is further hoped that families will discuss the dilemma of the week and decide how the character quality of the month applies to each family member.

Week 1

Situation: Sue was in her guided reading group. Everyone was taking turns reading aloud. Some in the group were slow and cautious readers.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue became impatient for her turn. On the other hand Sue knew she should be tolerant toward all readers. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Week 2

Situation: The kids in Sam's class overhear Tony ask to make two Mother's Day cards. The kids start making fun of Tony because he has two moms.

Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows he should be tolerant of other people's families. On the other hand Sam feels peer pressure to go along with the crowd.

Discussion: What is your advice to Sam?

Week 3

Situation: All the neighbor kids wait at the same school bus stop. One girl has cerebral palsy. She goes to a special school and rides a different bus. The kids are consistently making fun of her. Dilemma: On one hand Sue and Sam have joined in the taunting in the past. On the other hand, this is Tolerance month at school and they have pledged to practice tolerance.

Discussion: What is your advice for Sue and Sam?

Week4

Situation: A student comes to school with a hat on after chemotherapy. Her hair has fallen out. Kids grab the hat and toss it around. She begins to cry.

Dilemma: On one hand Sue choose not to join in. On the other hand Sue feels she should speak up about tolerance towards those who look different.

Discussion: What advice do you have for Sue?

Books to read aloud on Tolerance:

Something Else by Kathryn Cave Story of Ruby Bridges by Robert Coles

A Picture Book of Anne Frank by David A. Adler

Contact Information Autumn Lunin Email: lunina@pcsb.org Next Month is March: Honesty-Using truthful speech and behavior.



Diversity--crayons

We could learn a lot from crayons. Some are sharp, some are pretty and some are dull. Some have weird names, and all are different colors, but they all have to live in the same box.

QUOTE OF THE WEEK:

Quotes: Starting the week of January 29:

"Week 1 – "Share our similarities, celebrate our differences." M. Scott Peck

Week 2 – "People take different roads seeking fulfillment and happiness. Just because they're not on your road doesn't mean they've gotten lost." H. Jackson Brown

Week 3 – "The highest result of education is tolerance." Helen Keller

Week 4 –"Injustice anywhere is a threat to justice everywhere." "Martin Luther King, Jr.

Week 5- "Civilizations should be measured by the degree of diversity attained and the degree of unity retained." W.H. Auden

What is your school doing to promote good character? Please share you activities and ideas.