Madeira Beach Fundamental X-8

Home of the Manta Rays

We are ONE school!

October 2017

Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8

Dear MBFS community,

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. As you may know 17 school facilities were opened as hurricane shelters during Hurricane Irma. I, along with other Pinellas County leaders, and first responders worked in a shelter during the hurricane. There were even teachers, like Madeira Beach's own Mr. Volland, who arrived because they just wanted to help. Pinellas County served some 25,000 people. We cared for people of all ages and backgrounds who trusted us to care for them and their families. We helped fragile senior citizens, the medically vulnerable, the homeless and pets too. There were so many adults and children just being comforted, as this may have been their first hurricane experience. Our bus drivers transported people from residential facilities to shelters. Our food service workers provided meals and snacks, and maintenance workers and plant operators provided countless services. After the shelters closed, facilities staff completed repairs and cleaned all shelters.

One of those schools used as a shelter was Lealman Innovation Academy. Some of the classrooms which were used by shelter residents need restocking. Many of their classrooms were missing general teaching supplies.' I am proud to say that Madeira Beach Fundamental collected needed supplies to help out Lealman Innovation Academy. Our student organization, Future Business Leaders Association (F.B.L.A.) sponsored this.

Specifically to our school, Irma caused the school to be without power for a short period. The building specifically lost some soffit and gutters along the front of the middle school cafeteria. District carpenters were out immediately to make repairs to that. Luckily there was no damage to the inside of the cafeteria. Awnings to the elementary science lab were damaged. Outside we lost some limbs to oak trees and a downed palm tree or two. The fence along the perimeter of the elementary PE field was bent, and we did lose the shaded covering students use on the middle grades PE field, but other than the grounds being really soggy, the grounds and docks fared really well.

In closing I have seen and been part of some incredible moments of strength, and care seeing people help people over the last few days. We are a strong community. I am hopeful the strength of our community can be seen near and from a far, even in times of no adversity for a long time to come. We will be able to share stories for a long time. Thank you for loving each other, being patient, humble, and kind. And keep bringing others sunshine.

Take care, Mr. Ateek, Principal



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October Important Dates

10/10 SAC/Parent University 5:30

- 10/11 Student Council Elections
- 10/13 First Grading Period Ends
- 10/13 Student Council Election Results
- 10/13 & 27 Dock Lunches (Middle School only)
- Manta Store Fri Oct 20th (elementary only)
- 10/27 Report Cards Distributed

10/27 C2C Breakfast

November Important Dates

- 11/02 High School Magnet Fair Gym
- 11/03 Daddy/Daughter Dance, 6:00-8:00 p.m., Gym (PTSA meeting credit)
- 11/07 Student Pictures
- 11/09 Progress Reports Distributed

11/10 - MBFS Tour

- 11/13 Fall Fundraiser Delivery
- 11/14 NJHS Induction
- 11/15 Great American Teach In
- 11/20-11/24 Thanksgiving Break

<u>Spirit Days</u>

10/06 - Formal Day 10/13 - Blackout Day (wear all black)



Recognition Day is October 27 –

celebrating the end of the first grading period

Classroom recognitions take place across the campus in all grades to recognize a student improvement in some way.

These other recognitions will take place:

All Citizens of the Month who will be recognized at Breakfast (7:00 AM, Middle grades breakfast, 7:25 AM K5 breakfast) in our middle grades cafeteria

Principal's list awards will be distributed during lunches to middle grade recipients.

An open court celebration (Open Court will always take place at 1:15 PM.) will be held for our elementary students (recognizing of perfect attendance, honor roll and principals list students) in third, fourth, and fifth grade.

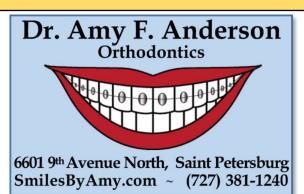
Visitors are required to sign in at the office for onsite activities.

Please mark your calendars and plan for regular school days on:

Hurricane make up days-

October 16, 2017 January 8, 2018 March 12, 2018







Picture Day

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

September General membership meeting opportunities

October 20- PTSA 5:00PM or 7:00 PM (Fall Festival)

October 10- SAC/ Parent University, 5:30 PM

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>allen-sta@pcsb.org</u>.

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.

Attendance Awareness

The school will be closely looking at student attendance each month. Students with 100% student attendance for the month of October will receive a Shorts Day, and or Hat Day Friday, November 3 (any styles, as long as they meet the no more than 3 inches above the knee, no holes requirement). We will notify all students of their reward in advance of November 3.

Advocacy

"Some politicians vote for our children and their education; other politicians vote to see what they can get for themselves. Which one is your Senator and Representative? Be informed! Check their voting records to find out. PTA parents have a powerful voice – Be Involved in your child's education!"

Great American Teach-In



Volunteers needed this year for the Great American Teach-In. If you or someone you know has an interesting career or job please contact our school, we would love to hear about what you do. The date of our Great American Teach-In is Wednesday, November 15th.



KUDOS –	Free Lunch
Thank you so much to all of our wonderful volunteers who have helped in the month of September.	Pinellas provides lunch at no charge for all stu- dents from Sept. 18 - Oct. 20, 2017
Helping in carline, with clean-up after Hurricane Irma, in the office and classrooms, PTSA, volunteer- ing to be Room Reps, All Pro Dad's and with the C2C Breakfast! We really appreciate you and know that our school wouldn't be the school it is without all of you!	As an assistance to families in the aftermath of Hurri- cane Irma, regular school lunch will be available at no charge to all students at all schools from Monday, Sept. 18, 2017 to Friday, Oct. 20, 2017. The Florida Department of Agriculture requested this assistance from the U.S. Department of Agriculture for students in 48 FEMA Major Disaster Declaration counties.

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.

Date Change for Madeira's Grandparent's Lunch

Grandparents are an important part of children's lives Madeira Beach Fundamental wants to recognize this by inviting them to have lunch with their grandchild during the week of October 16-20th. This will be a chance for them to learn about what's happening in their school. Grandparents may bring them a lunch, buy a school lunch or just sit and spend time with them. The book fair will also be open in the media center for you to visit. Arrive a few minutes early to sign in.

Tuesday, 10/17: Fifth grade at 10:10 and Second grade at 11:15 Eighth grade- C lunch at 12:05

Wednesday, 10/18: Kindergarten 10:45 and Fourth grade Rutkis/ Thompson 11:45 & Stang/Parmentier 12:00 and Seventh grade – B lunch 11:15

Thursday, 10/19 First grade at 10:00 and Third grade 11:35 and Sixth grade – A lunch at 10:25

*** Feel free to come whichever day works best for you and your family. You are welcome to stay for multiple lunches in one day.

***Adult school lunch = \$3.50



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October 23-27 Red Ribbon Week Spirit Dates

Every year, during the last week of October, 80 million people show their commitment to a healthy drug-free lifestyle through Red Ribbon Week. We are celebrating Red Ribbon Week on October 23th-27th. In order for your child to show his/her commitment to a healthy drug-free lifestyle, your child has the opportunity to participate in the following activities:

Monday, October 23th: "WEAR RED DAY"- Red symbolizes being drug-free. Wear your red!

Tuesday, October 24th: "CRAZY SOCK DAY"- Find your craziest socks to wear to show your commitment to being drug-free!

Wednesday, October 25th: "CRAZY HAIR"- We're crazy about being drug free.

Thursday, October 26th: "DRESS FOR SUCCESS"- Dress as your future career

Friday, October 27th: "YOUR FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT DAY"- Wear bright clothing and sunglasses to school.



The Mad Beach Chapter of Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA) is off to a great start! This year's club has climbed to 58 students, and another doz-

en or so on a waiting list. A team of officers has been elected, we've held a T-Shirt design contest (Props to Georgia J. for the winning T-shirt design), and have started our first service project - restocking post-hurricane supplies for Lealman Innovation Academy!

Congratulations to (President) Oliver H., (VP) Eric C., (Secretary) Aaliyah B., (Treasurer) Sophia S., (Historian) Jamie B., and (Reporter) Lara S. Our leadership team got to attend the Tampa Bay Rays leadership development day on September 6 (just before the approach of Irma), and got a chance to coalesce as a team themselves through a variety of activities and speakers. (Plus, we got to see a ballgame. Good day.)

October looks like it will be just as busy. Students will be preparing for competitions, helping with the Fall Festival on October 20, and attending the Pinellas County Fall Rally October 31. (Please watch out for future communications about events in our community.)



FBLA is one of the largest student led organizations in the country, and is designed to give students in middle and high school a chance to take on leadership roles through hands-on activities. It provides a way to network with other positive and motivated students throughout Florida, and gives students an experience that they simply can't get in the classroom. We would not be able to do this without the generous support of sponsors. Once it is complete, we will be publishing a full list of our sponsors in the November newsletter (as we acknowledge all we are thankful for.)

Looking forward to another great year in FBLA!

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MANTA MINUTES FROM YOUR PTSA:

October - Upcoming Events

Wednesday, Oct 18- All Pro Dad, 6:45am, Madeira McDonalds

Join us for our second meeting this year from fathers, male role models and their special kiddos to share in some special bonding time with a dash of helpful topics!

Friday, Oct 20- Fall Festival 5-8pm, MBFS Campus

It's a night of family fun for everyone! Bring the whole family for games, entertainment food and fun this evening on our beautiful campus. Monthly meeting credit is received for attendance.

November Highlights

Daddy and Daughter Dance

Friday, November 3, \$20 per family

Our third annual MBFS Daddy Daughter Dance is back! It's an evening of music, magic and memories. Tickets sell fast, so stay tuned for upcoming sale date information!

Mad Fun Run and 5K

Saturday, November 4, 9:00 am 5k Race, 10:00am Fun Run

Join us for our Inaugural Mad Fun Run and 5k! It's a beautiful opportunity for families to come together in the spirit of health and wellness as a mad fun community! Pre-Registration will begin soon for individuals and families.

But you could attend a November event, or volunteer in November or December for January General Membership meeting credit! Here are ways to earn credit---

1. Attend our school High School Magnet/ Fundamental Fair Tuesday, November 2, 5:30 PM in the gym. High School representatives who have reached out to us will be present to provide information about their programs.

2. Attend our Daddy Daughter dance (or male role model) Our third annual Daddy Daughter (or male role model) Dance will be held on Friday, November 3 from 6-8pm in our Gym. We invite all K-8 students to attend with their daddy or adult role model. There will dancing with a live DJ, refreshments, a special photo session to help capture the lasting memories of the night, and much more. Don't miss out on this magical evening. Ticket price is \$20 per family and can be paid through both front offices. Please keep in mind space is limited for this event and signups will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Forms will be going home with students on Monday 10/23 and must be received by 10/27.

3. Are you interested in earning meeting credit without attending a night time meeting? Our IAC needs you! Be a part of the IAC committee that meets on Tuesday and/or Thursday. You don't have to be free all of the time but serve when you can. Please email Mrs. Crandall, assistant Principal (K5 interest) and Mrs. Ivy (middle grades interest) to be added to the list of volunteers. If you serve on two IAC meetings then it will equal one month's meeting credit.

4. Participate in the first Manta 5K and Mad Fun Run! This run will take place Saturday, November 4, at Walsingham Park located at 12615 102nd Avenue, Seminole, Shelter #7.

The event begins at 9:00 AM for the 5K with the Fun Run beginning at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$5.00 per participant. A link for online registration and hard copy forms will be going home with students.

5. Attend your child's National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony, November 14, 5:30pm.



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High School Application Programs Info

The Pinellas County School's Open Application for Magnet/ Fundamental Program begins January 10, 2018, and concludes January 19, 2018. As students 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. We encourage you to attend school tours if offered. Our school will host a High School Magnet/ Fundamental Fair Thursday, November 2, 5:30 PM in the gym. High School representatives who have reached out to us will be present to provide information about their programs. Pinellas district sponsored magnet fairs (November 9 at Boca Ciega High School and November 11 at Pinellas Park High School), so you may make an informed decision. Please do NOT dissuade them from any program, as all high school programs offer great things.

Please be reminded 8th grade students/ families are required to apply for magnet and fundamental options if not planning to attend a neighborhood school. One of the greatest mistakes our families make is to assume that because they are currently in a fundamental seat, they are guaranteed a fundamental, or magnet seat for high school. You will not be invited into a magnet, or fundamental seat without applying.

The following schools have reached out to us related to 8th grade shadowing opportunities. As additional shadowing opportunities are announced I will communicate these with you.

Osceola Fundamental High School

"Shadowing will take place at Osceola Fundamental High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning October 10, 2017, through December 8, 2017 for all 8th grade students interested in attending the school next year. Parents can register via the Osceola Fundamental High School website (<u>WWW.PCSB.ORG/OSCEOLA-HS</u>) starting Monday, September 25, 2017. Osceola Fundamental High School's Discovery Night will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Osceola Fundamental High School Auditorium."

St. Petersburg High School

Shadowing is open for students interested in the IB Program at St. Petersburg High School. The application is available on <u>www.stpetehigh.com</u>.

Lakewood High School

Offering students a rigorous four-year academic program emphasizing, Advanced mathematics,

Advanced Science, Computer Applications/Programming, Multimedia/Television Production, and Scientific Research

Preparing students for careers in, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine, Multimedia Technology/ Production, Scientific Research, Computer Programming, Computer Graphic Design/Production, and Television Production

For a shadowing date visit the CAT website at <u>www.cat.pcsb.org</u>. Shadowing is one on one with a current CAT student (10th graders). Parents are allowed to request a student. Lunch is served in the cafeteria or from the al carte. It is the parent's responsibility to contact their student's middle school to report the student's absence. All shadow students will receive an excuse note for their shadowing date. Note: Students are expected to observe the Pinellas County Schools Code of Student Conduct. Dress Code: We have a modified dress code here at Lakewood. Please dress accordingly.

Shadowing opportunities:

September 5, 2017 – January 11, 2018, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 6:45am – 2:05pm

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SALE DATES

OCTOBER 10, 2017 (SAC MEETING, IN THE LIBRARY)

OCTOBER 20, 2017

(FALL FESTIVAL 5:30-6:30 IN THE LIBRARY)

JANUARY 16, 2018 (SAC MEETING, IN THE LIBRARY)

DEADLINE TO ORDER BOOKS ONLINE IS JANUARY 20, 2018.

Questions? Contact the school bookkeeper at 547-7697

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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.

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Counselors' Corner

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



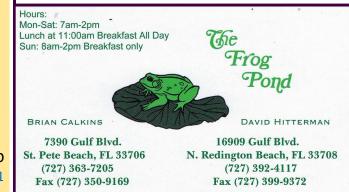


Flying Mantas Sport Kite Club Meeting Dates

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

Remainder of the 1st Semester Schedule

October	3rd & 17th
October	31st Halloween Fly
November	7th
Fa	11th & 12th Veterans Day all Fly Kite Festival Treas- re Island Kite Festival
November	28th
December	5th



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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Happy October Birthdays!!!

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Finally, a place that concentrates on ADHD.

1Svp is a medical practice that focuses on ADHD care Dr. Regina Hardin, MD

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Riley	Α.
Isabella	Α.
Jacob	Α.
Makenna	Α.
Amber	Α.
Trace	В.
Aaliyah	В.
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Grayson	В.
Ashley	В.
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Carson	К.	Alexis
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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>

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School Attendance Awareness

- As a reminder, parents/ guardians are required to contact the school in writing for any and all absences, otherwise the school will consider your child's absence unexcused.
- Did you know you can Report a Students Absence on our website at www.pcsb.org/mb-ms?
- Simply click the link (at the top of the page directly to the right), to send an email to the school to report this absence. Include the Student's Name, Date of Birth, Grade, Date Absent and Reason. If applicable, please send any documentation to support the absence. When complete, click the send button.
- If you wish to have an absence excused in advance, please refer to the Pinellas County Schools Code of Student Conduct pages 33-36, and our school fundamental handbook, located in the front pages of your student agenda for a full and more detailed explanation of Pinellas County Schools attendance policies and what can and cannot be considered excused. Related to student attendance, please remember the earliest student drop off in the morning is 7:15 AM (middle grades), and 7:25 AM (K5). The latest student pick up in the afternoon is no more than 30 minutes from the end of the student day.
- Good attendance helps children do well in school and eventually in the workplace. Good attendance matters for student success as early kindergarten and throughout elementary school.
- By middle school, poor attendance is a leading indicator of dropout. Developing the habit of attendance prepares students for success on the job and in life.
- Each month MBFS will look at student attendance closely. All students with 100% attendance for the month of October will receive a Shorts Day as a reward Friday, November 3. (All award recipients can select any style of shorts to wear) and/or Hat Day.
- Excused and Unexcused absences quickly add up to too much time lost in the classroom, starting in kindergarten and even pre-k, especially for the most vulnerable population.
- Students are at risk academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days. Once too many absences occur, they can affect learning, regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused. Avoid unnecessary absences. Some absences are unavoidable. Occasionally, children get sick and need to stay home. What is important is getting children to school as often as possible.
- <u>Sporadic, not just consecutive, absences matter. Before you know it just one or two days a month</u> <u>can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.</u>
- Chronic absence, missing 10 percent or more of the school year does not just affect the students who miss school. If too many students are chronically absent, it slows down instruction for other students, who must wait while the teacher repeats material for absentee students. This makes it harder for students to learn and teachers to teach.

