



# PCS ESOL Family Outreach Newsletter

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## Pinellas County Schools - News

### Pinellas County Schools en Español - Facebook page

Pinellas County Schools now has a Facebook page in Spanish for our Spanish-speaking families. Help us spread the word! Connect with us on social media through **Pinellas County Schools en Español**—[www.facebook.com/PCSBespanol/](http://www.facebook.com/PCSBespanol/)

The page connects Hispanic families with news and information about the school district and ESOL events in Spanish! Please follow the link above, like, and share!

### Pinellas County Schools

#### Parent Helpline En Español

Spanish-speaking parents have the opportunity to call the helpline to obtain information related to the school district. Helpline phone number: 727-588-6415



### PCS Prekindergarten Programs

Apply for prekindergarten programs! The application period for Pre-K for 3 year olds and Voluntary Prekindergarten is

Jan. 21-Feb. 1.

PCS will hold LEAP into Pre-Kindergarten events to help families prepare for Pre-K 3 and VPK and apply for a seat.

These events will take place from 6-7:30 p.m. at the following locations:

- Jan. 28 – Pinellas Park Elementary
- Jan. 29 – Tarpon Springs Elementary
- Jan. 30 – Fairmount Park Elementary
- Jan. 31 – Eisenhower Elementary

Pre-K 3 is for children who will be 3 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. VPK is for children who will be 4 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2019. For information about Pre-K 3, visit [www.pcsb.org/prek3](http://www.pcsb.org/prek3) or call 727-588-6000 ext. 2184.

Spanish interpreters will be available.

For more information in English/Spanish, please contact:

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## Free Events for ESOL Families

### 1. ESOL Community Advisory Meeting

**Location/date/time:** Clearwater East Community Library–SPC Clearwater Campus:2251 Drew St, Clearwater, FL 33765 | Building LI, First Floor, Community Room Wednesday Feb 6 at 10:00-12:00p.m

**Objectives:** Collaborate with ESOL families and community agencies to learn about the needs of ESOL families and connect families with community services and agencies.

### 2. PCS FOCUS—student information system, and Clever @ Home

**Location/date/time:**

- ◇ Clearwater East Community Library –SPC Clearwater Campus| Building LI, First Floor, Community Room| Thursday, Feb 7 at 3:30-4:30 p.m.
- ◇ Tarpon Springs Middle School, Feb 20 at 5:00-6:00 p.m.

**Objectives:** Provide parents an overview about PCS FOCUS student information system and Clever at Home.

### 3. Academic Expectations in Elementary School

**Location/date/time:** Starkey Elementary School Feb 26 at 5:00-6:00 p.m. | **Objectives:** Inform families about the tests students take, English proficiency level and performance on state tests, FOCUS, test standards, and resources available to achieve academic success.

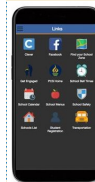
### Clearwater High School Family

**Night Event: Location/date/time:** Clearwater High school | Tuesday, Feb 12 6:00-8:00 p.m. Informational Session Topic (s) in English and Spanish: PCS Early Education Programs Pre-K, VPK, and Kindergarten programs, Pinellas Technical College, SPC financial aid help (FASFA), and Online School Support.

This event is free for all PCS families interested in participating!

## PCS Resources for Families and Students

### Free Pinellas County Schools App



PCS App helps families access student information on their cell-phones and mobile devices. The App provides easy access to: Current Student Grades, Current Student Attendance, Recent Student Assignments, Upcoming Student Assignments, Relevant Web Links, Recent Facebook Feeds, Recent Portal Message, and more. The app can be downloaded from the Google Play Store or the Apple App Store.



### Clever @ Home

supports learning outside of the classroom Students are encouraged to continue using the resources found within Clever before or after the school day from home. Where can I find in Clever?

Online Digital Textbooks for student's core subjects, such as Khan Academy, Istation ST Math, Teengagement, and many more. Students can access these resources through [clever.com/in/pcs](http://clever.com/in/pcs) by signing in with their PCS account.

### The Personalized Learning Pathway

(PLP) is a new online platform that helps students navigate their path to academic and career success. The PLP helps students: keep track of achievements, goals, see their performance on assessments and

access targeted lessons to improve; track progress toward graduation and discover areas they may need to address. Students can keep track of advanced coursework, industry certifications and performance on college entrance exams to determine if they are ready for college and careers, and more. Students can access the PLP through [clever.com/in/pcs](http://clever.com/in/pcs) by signing in with their PCS email account.

