

OSCEOLA MIDDLE SCHOOL

Chiefs Weekly Updates Week of March 25, 2019

Upcoming Spirit Days:

Please support the school by attending our Spirit Day events. Some events are for students and some are for the entire family! Your support helps the school to be able to enhance our current programs or to add new ones.

- Astro Skate Fundraiser – Friday, May 3rd

Students who are involved in credit recovery can now attend any credit recovery session to work on any subject area. Please utilize the days and times listed below for credit recovery. Thank you!

- Monday – 8:00-8:45 – Ms. Moore G-106
- Monday – 4:15-5:00 – Media Center **
- Tuesday – 8:00-8:45 – Mrs. Blanco F-205
- Tuesday – 4:15-5:00 – Media Center **
- Wednesday – 8:00-8:45 – Mr. Tierney – Media Center
- Wednesday – 8:00-8:45 – Ms. Moore – G-106
- Wednesday – 4:15-5:00 – Media Center **
- Thursday – 4:15-5:00 – Media Center **

** Transportation will be provided home for students enrolled in Credit Recovery. Students were given letters to bring home to sign up. If you did not receive a letter and your child's report card has F's for final semester grades, please contact the grade level guidance counselor.

➤ **8th Grade Parents:**

- GradVenture information and permission forms were given to students as well as expectations. GradVenture is full but Mr. Eiben has a wait list. If he gets enough students to fill another bus we will be able to take more students.

➤ **PTSA:** Membership forms are available! Please Join PTSA for only \$8!!

- Please send in your **Box Tops 4 Education**, Sunny D and Tyson labels to the front office.
- **SPIRIT WEAR IS STILL AVAILABLE FOR PURCHASE!**
- **Next meeting: Tuesday, April 23rd 5:30pm – Media Center**

➤ **OMS Food Pantry**

OMS runs a Food Pantry for our families in need. We ask students to bring in non-perishable food items throughout the year. This year we helped 31 families for Thanksgiving and Christmas breaks with a complete meal for the family and additional meals for the week. Please send in any items to the front office. There is a large box by the water fountain that they can be placed.

- The food pantry is available **ALL YEAR** if a family should need it. Stop by the school or contact Michelle Shepard at shepardm@pcsb.org.

General Announcements:

- When needing to pick your child up from school early for an appointment please call ahead to the grade level offices to let the clerk know when you will be at school. This will speed up the process especially if your child is on the PE field and needs to come in to change clothes before leaving or during lunches.
 - 6th Grade office extension 2129
 - 7th Grade office extension 2133
 - 8th Grade office extension 2126
 - Make sure to bring in a Photo ID to check out your child.
 - **NO PERMITS TO LEAVE WILL BE GIVEN AFTER 3:45PM EACH DAY.**
 - **ALL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES ARE HELD ON TUESDAY MORNINGS @ 8:50am.**
- From the Nurse: If a student needs to be on crutches, the student and parent must meet with the nurse before going back to class. The nurse will issue an elevator pass if needed but will also need to confirm with a doctor's note that the crutches are a medical necessity and for liability for the school. A chart is attached also for when you can send your child back to school after an illness.
- From the Cafeteria: Please go to www.myschoolapps.com to apply online for Free and Reduced Lunches. It does take a few days for final approval. If you received the letter from Pinellas County Schools that you do not need to go online this is still true. This applies to all other families. **Letters/phone calls are being sent home for students owing money via your student or mail.**
- There are **still seats available** in our YMCA program. If you are interested in this program for your child please go to www.ymcasuncoast.org to register.
- Chief Change Store – A Lunch \$600 B Lunch \$753 C Lunch \$330 Total:\$1683

- **Extended Learning Opportunities:** ELP offers credit recovery, course tutoring, assessment preparation, and remediation for participating students. Students will be able to sign up during lunches. For the schedule please click on the link provided.

<https://www.pcsb.org/cms/lib/FL01903687/Centricity/Domain/6390/ELP%20Schedule%20OMS%202018-19.pdf>

- Morning ELP – Ensure your student is at the car circle gate at 8AM. Teachers will not wait for students that are late as they must start their tutoring session.
- After School ELP – Promptly pick-up your student at 5PM (5:10PM for STEM) in the car circle. It is essential that students be picked up on time in order to ensure students will be permitted to continue future ELP sessions.

- **ESE Parent Survey is underway**

The Florida Department of Education launched the annual Exceptional Student Education Parent Survey Feb. 1. Parents of students in Pre-K through 12th grade who receive special education services can share feedback about how well schools are partnering with them and promoting their involvement in their children's education. Feedback helps the state and the school district improve educational services for children with special needs and their families. Please encourage parents of students who receive special education services to take the survey. The survey is available at www.esesurvey.com. A hard copy of the survey will also be sent home with students. Have questions about the survey? Contact Tracy McMannus at 727-588-6062 or MCMANNUST@pcsb.org.

- **March is National Women's History Month** — In 1987, Congress designated March as National Women's History Month, creating an opportunity to recognize and celebrate the achievements of American women. This year's theme is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." The theme honors women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society. To learn about the 2019 honorees, visit <https://nationalwomenshistoryalliance.org/2019-honorees>. Additional information about Women's History Month is available at <https://womenshistorymonth.gov>.

- **Arts in Our Schools Month** — March is nationally recognized as *Music in Our Schools Month*, *Theatre in Our Schools Month*, *Dance in Our Schools Month* and *Youth Art Month*. All Florida schools are encouraged to use March as an opportunity to celebrate the arts and provide students with meaningful, authentic arts experiences.
- **National School Breakfast Week** — Schools prepare to celebrate [National School Breakfast Week](#), March 4-8. The celebration showcases the impact of school breakfast on student success. Last school year, 2.6 Million breakfasts were provided to students in the district. This year's theme is "Start your Engines with School Breakfast."
- **Black History Month contests**

The state is sponsoring Black History Month contests for students and educators. This year's theme is "Celebrating Public Service."

 - **Student Art Contest** — The Black History Month Art Contest is open to all K-3 students. Each student submits an original, two-dimensional artwork based on this year's theme. Two winners will be selected.
 - **Student Essay Contest** — The Student Essay Contest is open to all students in grades 4-12. Each student will submit one essay no longer than 500 words based on this year's theme. Three winners will be selected: one elementary school student, one middle school student and one high school student. Each winner will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by the Florida Prepaid College Foundation.
- **VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!** We need volunteers for the front office and testing proctors. Please contact Ms. Mizia at miziaa@pcsb.org to schedule time to help out.
 - We will be needing proctors for testing starting in April! Our 7th and 8th grade testing is computer based and we would like additional assistance during this time. Please be aware you are not allowed to proctor during a test in which your child would be taking. If you have a 7th grader, ask to proctor during an 8th grade test!

➤ **STEM HONORS SUMMER CAMPS** (enrollment NOW available)

- Link to 2019 STEM Honors Summer Camp Application Packet: www.pcsb.org/STEM (scroll down to the middle of the page and download the application packet)
- Who: students entering 8th-9th grades during the 19-20 school year, only 60 students per site
- When: 8-day camp 6/10-6/13 and 6/17-6/20 (no camp on Friday's)
- Hours: 8:00-3:30 Mon.-Thurs.
- Where: East Lake Middle School and Lakewood High School (parents will get to choose location)
- Cost: \$150 (includes lunch for 8 days and a t-shirt)

Additional Important Dates:

Music in our Schools Month

Social Work Month

- **Monday, March 25th**
- **Tuesday, March 26th**
 - **CSI Club**
- **Wednesday, March 27th**
 - **Gaming Club**
- **Thursday, March 28th**
 - **STEM Club**
 - **Track Meet – Home @4:30pm - FREE**
- **Friday, March 29th**
 - **Unclub 8:30am Bus Circle Gate**

April – testing begins for students!

Thanks to our Students and Staff who helped create our first float for the Seminole Pow Wow Parade!! And thanks to those who walked in the parade!!





