

# Pinellas Central Mustang Round-Up



December 4, 2017

VISION: Professional Community of Educators promoting 100% student success

CORE VALUES: Professional – Passionate – Positive

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Pinellas Central Elementary is to create a safe and positive learning environment where all individuals feel valued and challenged to reach their highest potential.

## Principal's Message,

Greetings Pinellas Central Families,

As we approach the Winter Break and a new year together, we would like to take this occasion to warmly wish each of you and your families a most happy and healthy holiday season! We hope that you will find time to relax and create special memories with your children. As always, we are proud of how hard our students and staff have been working each and every day! We want to thank you for the continued support you show to your students and to PCE. One of our school-wide goals this year is to help our students become rigorous readers. Perhaps taking a moment to listen to your child discuss the character traits of their favorite holiday storybook characters would show you how they are learning to think deeply and critically when reading.

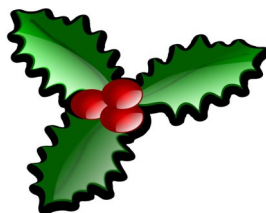
In the meantime, we wish to invite you to our December family event, *Stories with Santa*, including a performance by our PCE chorus on December 14th, as our students ring in this festive time of year. This evening event runs from 6:00 pm to 7:30 pm. Our PTA will also have the Wonderland Gift Store open for students to purchase gifts for their family and friends. Please join us for this festive holiday fun event.

I wish to kindly thank you for all your support and participation in The Great American Teach In held in November. We had approximately 40 presenters come out and share their skills, knowledge, and life-experiences with our students. It was a great day for PCE as we experienced what it means to belong to a greater community. We witnessed a jam-packed day of students immersed in learning about various professions and skills.

Please remember to check our school website on a regular basis for updates and information, including our monthly calendars and newsletters. The website may be accessed by logging onto <http://www.pcsb.org/pincen-es>. As always, we look forward to hearing from you, and most importantly, seeing you around campus.

Dr. Cara Walsh

Principal



## Mustang Round Up Thanks and Announcements

### Great American Teach-In

We'd like to send a great thank you to the following presenters who joined us for our Great American Teach-In on 11/15/2017.



It was a wonderful event.

DJ Tony Orozco

Wild 94.1 DJ Joey Franchise

One Blood Representative Travis Germain

Jason Hicks, James King, Dave Dembisback, & Josh Brown from the City of Pinellas Park Public Works

Scott McGowan from Custom Mobility

Mae Root

Warren Wilson & Dave Lamb of UPS

Officer Luginbill of the Pinellas Park Police Department

Bill Mischler former mayor of Pinellas Park

Matt from MA Fitness

Joe Wieland

Bob Heagey from Florida Fish & Wildlife

Jennifer Johnson & Kari Rood from Florida Fish & Wildlife

Dave Dingle & Chris Horndon of Duke Energy

Jason Rawley and Superheros of Suncoast Ghostbusters

The staff of Pasadena Pet Motel-Kristen Triplett, Cathy, Sarah & DJ

Davion Walker from Busch Gardens

Representative from Clearwater Marine Aquarium

Mr. Felton Pinellas Park Fire Department

Barb Page

Nevar Murray from Florida Aquarium

Mr. Chauncey Kimmons US Navy

Ms. Angela Jury US Navy

Ms. Jennifer Jones US Navy

Thank you to Publix Supermarkets, Sonny's BBQ in Pinellas Park, & PDQ Pinellas Park for their food donations to help us feed our amazing speakers! We appreciate having you as our community partners!



### APEX Fun Run PTA Fundraiser



Thank you all for your support during our fundraiser! The APEX team joined us for two weeks to motivate our scholars with character building daily lessons and were a positive impact on our school. Our scholars had a blast during the fun run on 11/16. Stay tuned for January's Newsletter to see how much we raised! If you haven't gotten your pledge payments in there is still time.

*Thank You!*

Please participate in Pinellas Central's Annual Title I Parent Survey which will be distributed to students during the month of December and available online from November 28th through December 13th. The purpose of this survey is to provide Pinellas County School District's (PCS) Title I Program leadership with valuable feedback from parents of students enrolled at Pinellas Central Elementary. Your opinion is valued, appreciated, and important to continued school improvement. No individual data will be reported and only summarized data will be presented in the report. In order to complete the online survey, please type the survey link below into your web browser and follow the prompts.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/TitleI2018>



This year we're excited to welcome back Wonderland Gift Shop. The holiday gift store will give your child the opportunity to shop for gifts for family and friends during school. Most items are priced under \$6. Our Wonderland Gift Shop will be open December 13th -15th during school. Students will be allowed to shop during their classes scheduled time and only if they have brought money for the shop. The gift shop will also be open on December 14th during Stories with Santa for families to enjoy. Fliers will be sent home with more information as well as the date your child's class will be visiting. Additionally, we are looking for volunteers to help the shop run smoothly. Please contact Jami Carpenter at (727) 547-7853 ext. 2101 or [carpenterjam@pcsb.org](mailto:carpenterjam@pcsb.org). We'd love to have you!



## Mustang Round Up Patrol Recognitions, Upcoming Events, Department News



### Patrols of the Month



**Skylar Rosengrant**- Skylar is always on time to post and very dependable. Thank you for being a super scholar!

**Sydney Harmon**- Sydney always does her duties fully and is willing to step in when a patrol is needed. Great job Sydney!

**Riley Childs**- Riley does an excellent job of helping out Mrs. Quinn in the afternoon. She is very grateful for all of his hard work. Keep up the great work Riley!

Way to go Patrols! Keep up the great work!

### DATES TO REMEMBER

12/4 PTA Board Meeting 6p.m.

12/8 All Pro Dad's Morning, 7:35-8:05 a.m. come join us for breakfast, time with your kids, and giveaways! Open to all father's, father figures and mom's that do both roles.

12/13-12/15 Wonderland Gift Shop open

12/14 Holiday Chorus Concert, Wonderland Gift Shop and Stories with Santa 6 p.m.-7:30 p.m.. Come enjoy a fun night singing, story telling, cookies, cocoa, and a visit with Santa.

12/22 End of Report Card Period

12/25-1/05/2018 Winter break

1/08 School reopens. Hurricane make-up day & PTA Board Meeting 6p.m.

1/11 Kindergarten Round Up 6:00 p.m.

### ESOL News

How do you say Happy Holidays all around the world?

**Happy Holidays in Spanish:** Felices Fiestas!

**Happy Holidays in Vietnamese:** Hạnh phúc ngày lễ

**Happy Holidays in Serbian/Croatian:** Sretni praznici!

**Happy Holidays in Chinese:** 節日快樂

**Happy Holidays in Mandarin:** Jie Ri Yu Kuai

**Happy Holidays in Korean:** 행복 휴일

**Happy Holidays in Filipino:** Masaya pista opisyal

**Happy Holidays in French:** Joyeuses Fêtes!

**Happy Holidays in Portuguese:** Boas Festas!

**Happy Holidays in Russian:** СЧАСТЛИВЫХ ПРАЗДНИКОВ

**Happy Holidays in German:** Forhe Feiertage

**Happy Holidays in Dutch:** Prettige feestdagen

Ms. Herdman

Ms. Coletti

Mrs. Velazquez

Ms. Thutram



During the month of December at P.E. class we will be doing chasing and fleeing games. A lot of chasing and fleeing games we play are basically tagging games. While playing these tagging games your child will chase, flee, and dodge to avoid or catch others. Some examples of the games we will be playing are sharks and minnows, capture the flag, and Pacman tag. Safety for your child is always our top priority and we will remind students to always look where they are running to avoid collisions. Chasing and fleeing games are some of the favorite games among our scholars and we look forward to teaching it to them.



### Chorus News!!!

Chorus Winter Concert is Thursday, December 14th at Pinellas Central. Chorus students will meet in the art room at 5:30 p.m. The concert begins at 6:00p.m. and will be followed by our PTA winter event. Please wear chorus shirts with black pants or skirts. If you have any questions, please contact Ms. Duffy via email at [duffel@pcsb.org](mailto:duffel@pcsb.org).

Musically,

Ms. Duffy

## Mustang Round Up Department News

### OT/PT

“Play is the basis of all art, books, sports, movies, fashion, fun, and wonder – civilization. Play is the vital essence of life.”  
Dr. Stuart Brown



Are we so focused on academics that we are neglecting how the brain learns? I am glad that there are more movement breaks in the school day and recess is making somewhat of a comeback but more movement has to occur at home. Children need to get outdoors to play and to play without rules all the time. Play teaches children how to control themselves and how to interact with others. Play also develops cognitive agility.

Open ended play – the play that uses imagination, for example playing with an empty box, has decreased by 25% from 1981-1997. Pre-school children’s motor ability is in direct correlation to their intellect when they enter kindergarten. A study of low-income children from preschool to age 23 showed that only 7% of those who were exposed to a play oriented pre-school were arrested on felony charges while those children who were exposed to an instruction oriented preschool experienced 33% felony arrests.

A Texas Study found that there was a direct correlation between fitness scores and test scores in science, math and language arts. The study also found that with increased fitness scores there was a decrease in discipline problems and an increase in school attendance.

Non-productive activity increases productive activity and play supports learning, the key word being activity. Decrease in movement and play increases weight retention. Increase in weight is associated with a decrease in brain volume by 4-8%.

There is also an increase in screen time for children via TV (which is more high definition,) iPad, computer and tablet. All of these emit a blue light which disrupts the brain pattern for sleep not to mention it promotes sitting and not moving. It is the opposite of being active. Children should not be screen watching at least an hour before bedtime in order to get a full nights rest. Screen time during the day should be broken up with movement opportunities.

We all need to move more and what better way than through play? In my physical therapy sessions with the special needs students, I incorporate as much play as possible because I know children learn best when playing.

### Art News

#### Kids Tag Art Pinellas



**PCE 5th graders designed a unique vanity tag during art class.**

Kids Tag Art Pinellas is a Florida Standards-aligned curriculum where Pinellas County 5th graders design their own unique vanity tags (front license plates) during art class. The 2017/2018 school year features nearly 2,000 designs that can be viewed and purchased at [kidstagartpinellas.org](http://kidstagartpinellas.org).

Kids Tag Art Pinellas is a community partnership program made possible by partnerships between the Pinellas County Tax Collector’s Office, School District, and generous community sponsors. More information can be found at <http://taxcollect.com/kids-tag-art-pinellas/>. Congratulations PCE Artists:

Abriella Salinas	Dominyk Carter	Jonathan Serrano	Riley Childs
Annika Lopez	Eva LaTorre	Kaylen Padavong	Selma Adulovic
Ariana Wertz	Gisselle DeMeyer	Khari Jenkins	Shawn Jackson
Cherish Green	Iza'Bella D'elia	Ksenia Sirotenko	Sophie Sokolowski
Christopher Levi	Janelis Amador	Laila Kimmons	Sydney Harmon
Damien Harder	Jessica Jones	Lexie Chaseng	Tiffany Siev
Denis Dubric	Logan Licci	Princess Ferguson	

## Mustang Round Up Department News & Students of The Month

Counselor's Corral

December Character Word

**Kindness** (Being nice and considerate towards others.)

Practice Kindness



### Grief Support for children and Families

The holidays can be hard for families who have experienced a loss. Did you know that **Suncoast Hospice** helps families and children who are dealing with the loss of an immediate family member, regardless of whether you or your deceased loved one received hospice care. Children experiencing the loss of a loved one or friend need specialized support appropriate to their age and circumstance.

For more information, call Suncoast Hospice (727) 467-7423

Or visit their website: <http://www.thehospice.org/Grief-Healing> Be Strong, Be Safe, and Happy Holidays!

Warm regards,

Mrs. Rosen



### Students of the Month

November 2017

CITIZENSHIP

#### Kindergarten

Kaydeance Gilmour - Bodell  
Ianna Kleiner - Brennan  
Miki Ortiz-Nazario - Gantz  
Ajla Muslic - Gross  
Chase Firchow - Nault  
Chloe Firchow - Reitz

#### First Grade

Arina Kotsiuba - Bohrsen  
Ariana Francois - McHale  
Sophia Kalinina - Pruden  
Sierra Snead - Robinson  
Darrell Thompson - Walko  
Brianna Koehler - Williams  
Eduardo Godinez-Luna - Wylie

#### Second Grade

Isabella Rodriguez - Georgia  
Davon Darling - Herman  
Caleb DelViscio - Ristoff  
Alivia Gyasi-Agyei - Thigpen



#### Third Grade

Summer Maxlow - Gasky  
Jonathan Nguyen - Hevia  
Vielka Rodriguez - McConnell  
Yadhukrishna Jithesh - Robertson  
Lillian Fagan - Sweiss  
Nathan Costa - Quinn

#### Fourth Grade

Tran Nguyen - Brnada  
Nathan Paul - Harmon  
Brandy Serratos - Hoylman  
Lennoris Ellis - Johnson  
Blake Currier - Nichols

#### Fifth Grade

Kaylen Padavong - Avolt  
Gisselle DeMeyer - Hallenbeck  
Miyoko O'Neal - Pizzi  
Alejandro Zapote-Mayorga - Redington  
Christopher Levi - Sturz  
Avantay Kimbler - Vickstrom