

# Pinellas Central Mustang Round-Up



February 1, 2018

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

Our staff all strive to demonstrate our core values; passionate, professional and positive as we work with you and your children every day and these values are seen in our students as well. They are passionate about learning. Our mid-year assessments are completed and we are demonstrating strong learning gains in all grade levels

Did you know we have a Pinellas County School finalist for Teacher of the Year? Congratulations to Jenni Herman, 2<sup>nd</sup> grade teacher!! She was honored at Mahaffey Theatre January 31st. We are very proud to have Mrs. Herman teaching at Pinellas Central Elementary.

All of our students are continuing to develop their reading, writing, and math skills to meet the Florida Standards. An expectation for all students is to complete assigned homework which includes reading nightly. This supports their learning in every subject area. Thank you for instilling the importance of completing homework as well. Great study habits support students in their class work, assessments, and throughout their education.

State testing will begin in March and ends in May. We continue to prepare our students for these assessments as we strive to be an A state rated school in 2018.

Dr. Cara Walsh  
Principal



## Mustang Round Up Announcements & Reminders

Beginning January 3, 2017 all student absences must be reported in writing directly to the school office. There are 2 ways to complete this requirement.

1. Go to our school website [www.pcsb.org/pincen-es](http://www.pcsb.org/pincen-es) and click on the report student absence button in the top right corner of the home page. You will be directed to an email that will be sent directly to the Student Records Office. Please include all information as listed below.

2. Return a hand written explanation from you or proof of a medical appointment to the school's front office.

**NOTE: Reasons for absences can no longer be reported in agenda books because documents must be filed in the student records office.**

Telephone calls will not excuse an absence. Please submit the written note upon the students return to school.

All notes explaining absences must include the following:

Students Name

Teacher

Date of Absence

Reason for Absence

**Please see the Student Code of Conduct for the list of reasons absences are excused and other expectations (Pages 33-36).**

- *Note: A parent may excuse 5 absences per semester (10 per year) that meet Code of Conduct criteria. Further absences after these would require additional documentation.*

### Dates to Remember

February 5th–9th Book Fair

February 9<sup>th</sup> Class Picture Day

February 9<sup>th</sup> PTA Sponsored Valentine's Dance 6-7:30pm

February 23rd Muffins with Mom 7:35 am–8:05am

February 23rd Student-led Conferences 8:05am-12:00pm

February 27<sup>th</sup> Astro Skate Skating Party 6-8 p.m.

\$6 cash only & McDonald's Spirit Night 10191 66th St N.



WE LOVE  
OUR VOLUNTEERS

February is Pinellas County's Volunteer Appreciation Month! We absolutely love our volunteers here at PCE and appreciate all that you do. From chaperoning field trips, helping in classrooms, in school events, helping in the media center, and so many other things. Our volunteers are the heart of our school!

If you would like to volunteer we would love to have you! Please see Mrs. Carpenter in the front office for a registration form and information on how you can help! We are currently looking for Volunteers for our Book Fair February 5<sup>th</sup>-February 9<sup>th</sup>!

### PTA

Your Pinellas Central PTA is looking for people interested in joining our board for the 2018/2019 school year. If you are interested in being nominated for a position on our board or being a part of our nominating committee, please e-mail [pinellacentralpta@gmail.com](mailto:pinellacentralpta@gmail.com) for more information. Find us on Facebook at [facebook.com/mustangspta!](https://www.facebook.com/mustangspta/)



Have piles of clothes your kids have outgrown? We are in need of clothing and would love to take them off your hands! Gently worn or new, laundered, shoes and clothing sizes 3T- 18 for both girls and boys is greatly appreciated. If you're making a donation of socks or underwear, they must be new.



## Mustang Round-Up Department News

### PE

Outside at P.E. we will be introducing a gymnastics unit to all of our students. We will bring out the mats and work on balancing, rolling, and transferring of weight. After the students have a chance to practice each skill, they will be able to combine these together and design their own gymnastics sequence. Some students are a little apprehensive when they hear gymnastics, but once they give it a try they end up having a great time. We look forward to teaching your child this different and fun skill.



Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Brindley

Mr. Wilson

Mrs. King

### Music News

Save the Date:



First Grade “informance” during Student Led Conferences, Friday, February 23. Look for more information to go home about specific times for your child’s class.

Third Grade Concert, Thursday, April 26

### COUNSELOR’S CORNER

The Character Word for February is **Tolerance**. Tolerance is respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.



Here are some ways we can practice **Tolerance**:

- Listening to and respecting different points of view
- Looking past outer appearances
- Enjoying what others have to offer

“Share our similarities, celebrate our differences”

M. Scott Peck

Have an awesome February!

Mrs. Rosen

### Art News



Does art inspire you? Clouds that look like faces? Sugar? Discovering new galaxies? Artists have looked to the world around them for centuries to gain inspiration. This year’s 10th anniversary of Doodle 4 Google asks students to do the same. The winner’s artwork will be made into an interactive doodle on Google.com. There will also be loads of scholarships and prizes. For more information, go to <https://doodles.google.com/d4g/>

Mrs. Woodward

### ESOL News

On Friday, February 16<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the Chinese New Year! 2018 is the year of the dog! During the parade our students that celebrate Chinese New Year will have the chance to come dressed in traditional dress. Check out the school website to see pictures of this fun event. Also, check out this website to learn more about Chinese New Year:

<http://www.china-family-adventure.com/chinese-new-year.html#.VL57xsvQfU>



## GOT BOX TOPS?



TURN 'EM IN NOW!

The Box Tops for Education contest ends on 2/23/18.

To participate, clip and submit labels with your child’s name and their teacher’s name on the envelope or bag you submit them in. Prizes will be awarded for top classes and the top student!



Missing a jacket? Check the lost and found. We have a lot of unclaimed jackets and other items.

## Mustang Round-UP Recognitions

### Patrols of the Month



**Khuyen Tran**- She is always on her post and ready to go. She does a great job being a great role model in and out of class. Great Job!

**Angelica Carlos Zacarias**- She has been a tremendous help to Mrs. Heather on the bus. She makes sure the students on her bus are getting on and getting off safely. Outstanding!

**Lexander Coleman**- He does a great job setting a good example for his classmates in class and on his post. Way to go!

### Students of the Month JANUARY 2018 SELF-MOTIVAITON



#### Kindergarten

Mizuki Kaun - Bodell  
Marina Romero - Brennan  
Kendra King - Gantz  
Devyn Bennett - Gross  
Amelia Alexander - Nault  
Jacob Young - Reitz

#### First Grade

Malena Mena - Bohrsen  
Jonathan Gunguru - McHale  
Arnav Korde - Pruden  
Aramis Carbonell-Garcia - Robinson  
Savannah Sok - Walko  
Long Le - Williams  
Avalynn Delgado - Wylie

#### Second Grade

Nadan Nguyen - Georgia  
Antron Clark - Herman  
Anvi Dobhal - Ristoff  
Aiden Turner -Thigpen

#### Third Grade

Harmony Brooks - Gasky  
Stefan Radionov - Hevia  
Landon McVey - McConnell  
Jairollys Cotes Peguero - Robertson  
Gracyn Hill - Swiss

#### Fourth Grade

Beyonce Gutierrez-Castellanos - Brnada  
Abigail Palko - Harmon  
Arthur Spike - Hoylman  
Aubrey Sanchez - Johnson  
Dixie Whitaker - Nichols

#### Fifth Grade

Lexander Coleman - Avolt  
Khuyen Tran - Hallenbeck  
Chanel Reynolds - Pizzi  
Jeremiah Alvarez - Redington  
Yasmin Mayers - Sturz  
Shumarllo Gwyn - Vickstrom