

MUSTANG MINUTES

Pinellas Central Elementary Newsletter

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A Message from the Principal

Happy October, Mustang Families!

This year is FLYING by! First quarter is in the books. Our Mustang scholars are daily practicing what it looks like to be a student that is CHARGING through the day and learning. This month, teachers and administrators will be digging into student's data on their Reading and Math assessments. It is important that you are discussing your students' academic progress with your student and your student's teacher. Do you know your students' current performance levels or what their level should be? Remember, you are able to check your students' grades on Focus, as well.

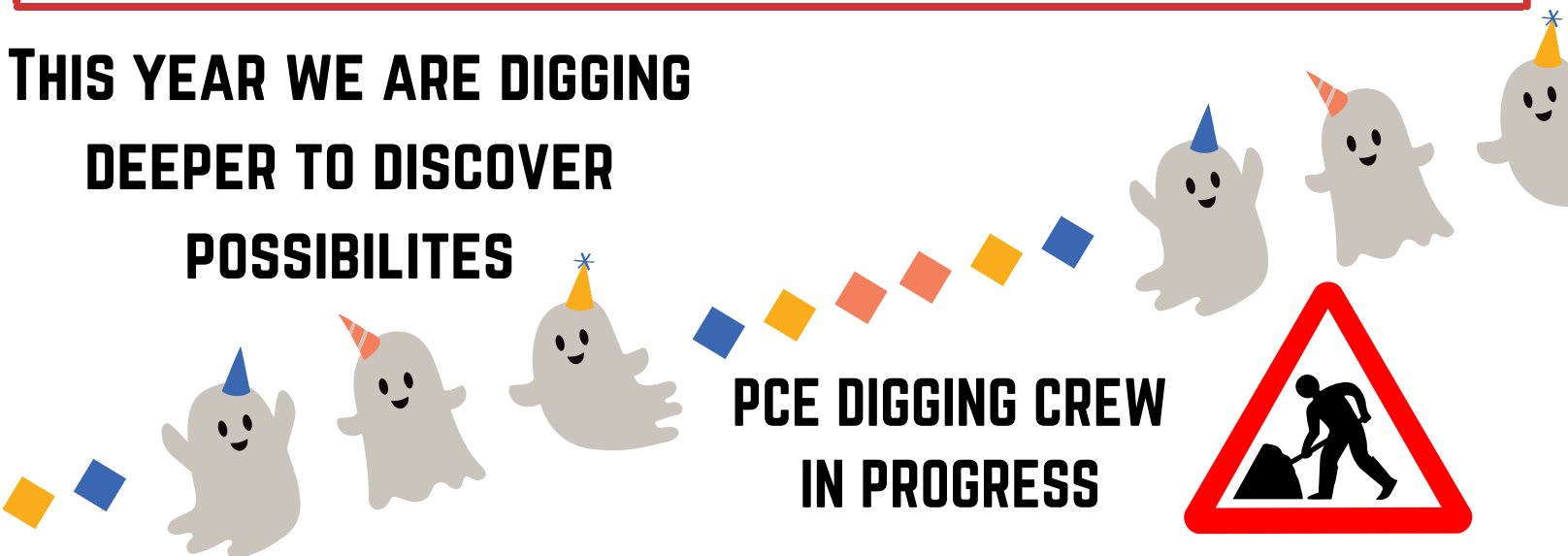
I invite you to join us on Friday, October 22nd, from 6:00-8:00 for our Trunk or Treat event. I am so excited to get to experience this event with you, as last year, events were not able to be held. I look forward to meeting you and seeing you.

If you are a 3rd-5th grade family and you have not returned your Parent/Student Computer Contract, please return it so that your child can have access to a laptop device. Thank you to those of you that joined us for our Open House. If you were not able to join, please make sure you watch your teacher's recording so you can stay in the know in regards to what is occurring in your student's classroom. Thank you for partnering with us to continue to grow your student. Being your school leader is one of my greatest joys.

Sincerely,
Abby Cannata, Principal

**THIS YEAR WE ARE DIGGING
DEEPER TO DISCOVER
POSSIBILITIES**

**PCE DIGGING CREW
IN PROGRESS**



UPCOMING EVENTS

10/08/21: No school for students

10/11/21: Spirit Night at Tijuana Flats

10/15/21: Fundraiser pick up date for items sold

10/18 - 10/22: Book Fair Week

10/19/21: Report cards are sent home

10/22/21: Trunk or Treat

10/25- 10/29: Red Ribbon Week



10/26/21: Fall pictures for students

10/31/21: Halloween

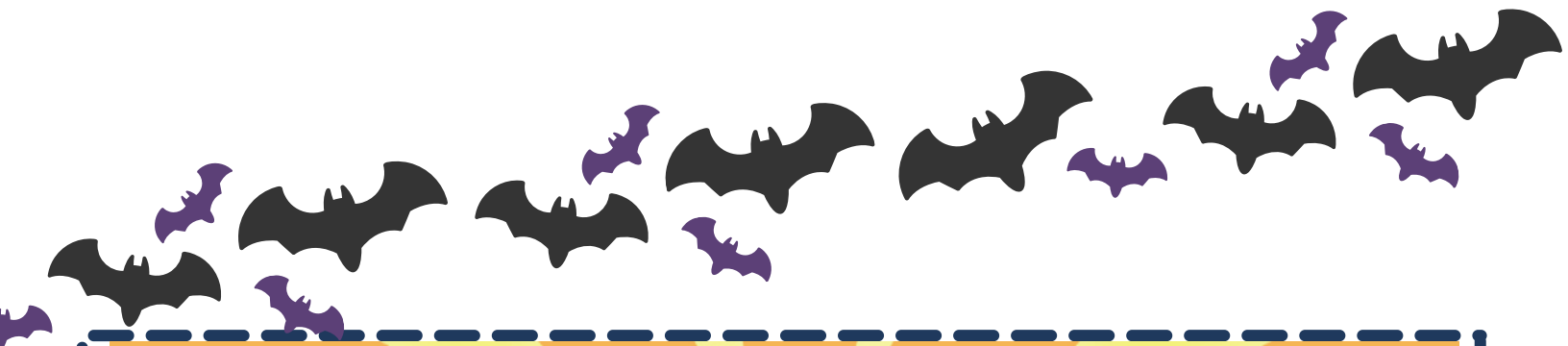
11/17/21: Great American Teach-In

**11/19/21: Enterprise Village
for 5th grade**



STUDENT REGISTRATION

If you need assistance with updating your phone numbers, email addresses, or emergency contacts, in your student's portal or need information regarding registration for Pre-K 3, VPK, or Kindergarten call our DMT Mrs. Gipson at 727-547-7853 ext 2007 or email her at Gipsont@pcsb.org



October is

**#Dyslexia
Awareness**

Month!

MEDIA CENTER INFORMATION



Fall Book Fair
October 18th - 22nd
in the Media Center

Students will shop
with their class.

You will be able to
shop Friday night
during Truck or Treat
too!

Hello Families!
If you still have
library books from
previous school
years, please
return them as
soon as you can.



STUDENT SERVICES



Red Ribbon Week

October 23 through 31st

Join us in our MISSION to help keep kids drug-free.

It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. For more information, visit:

<https://www.redribbon.org/>

National Bullying Prevention Month

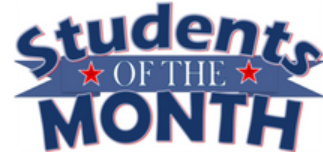
A month long event to prevent childhood bullying and promote kindness, acceptance, and inclusion. Did you know Pinellas County Schools use the See Something Say Something anonymous reporting tool? The Say Something Anonymous Reporting System enables students to anonymously report an issue 24/7/365 through an app, hotline, or website when they see a classmate who is at risk of harming themselves or others. To report an incident, visit: www.saysomething.net.



STUDENT SERVICES

Character Education Word of the Month: Tolerance

- Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people; including race, ethnicity, and religion.



Students who show exemplary TOLERANCE throughout this month will be nominated for Student of the Month and will be recognized on the morning news show which is broadcast to the school and accessible through Canvas.



PARENT CORNER

How to Keep your Child Safe Online

1. Be aware of settings in apps such as privacy and location; ensure strict privacy settings and location is “off”.
2. Create a culture of trust and communication with your child and generate rules for internet usage with them.
3. Don't rely solely on technology to protect your child...educate yourself!! Ask your child about apps or websites, and stay up to date on internet language and trends.
4. Maintain access to your child's device, know their accounts/profiles/screen names and monitor their usage. (Doctors recommend no more than one hour of screen time per day).
5. Have regular conversations with your child about the potential dangers of social media and how to stay safe. For more information visit: www.pcsb.org/mentalwellness

FAMILY/COMMUNITY LIAISON NEWS



PCE is allowed to have Volunteers on campus this year!! If you would like to volunteer and or become a mentor, you will have to complete our volunteer registration form. Please read the next page on how this process works.

Great American Teach-In is November 17th!! It will be in person this year! If you, friends, or family would like to come to the school this year to participate please contact Katie Murray.



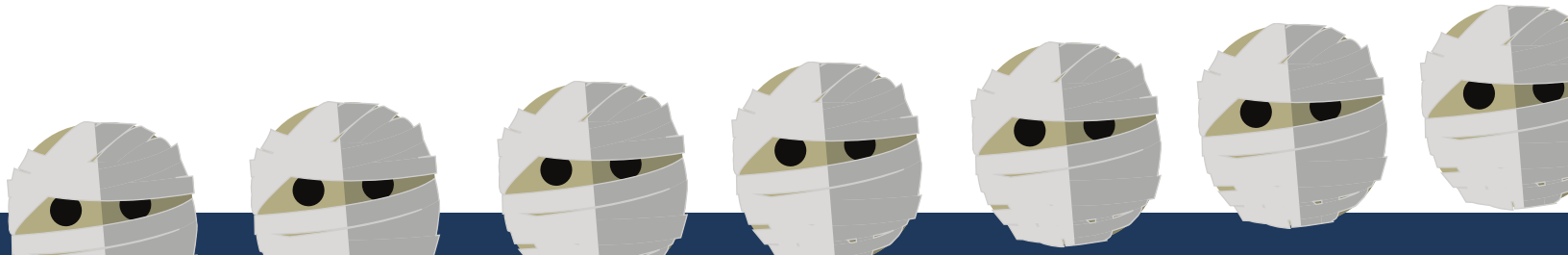
PCE is looking for a All Pro Dad's Team Leader. If you are interested in learning more information please contact Katie Murray.

Our fifth-grade students will be attending Enterprise Village on November 19th 2021!

We are in need 18 of volunteers for this unique event.

Enterprise Village teaches students about the free enterprise system, what it takes to run a business and a community, how to write checks, use a debit card and make wise consumer choices. During their visit, each student actually “works” a designated job; they can be anything from Mayor to a Bank of America teller to a counter clerk at McDonald’s to one of many other positions in this incredible mini city. They get “paid” for their work and on their breaks become the consumers. This is something you almost have to see to believe!!

If you have any questions, please contact the Family and Community Liaison Kathleen Murray at murraykat@pcsb.org or 727-547-7853 ext. 2001




VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

Get Involved with our Future

Volunteer, Mentor, Tutor, Speakers, PTA/PTSA, School Advisory Council, Business & Community Partnerships and Family Engagement and more...

The Office of Strategic Partnerships, Family & Community Relations mission seeks to formalize relationships between the district, schools, and community to bring resources together to support student success in our schools. We hope we can count on your support!

Complete the online registration and upload your driver's license or a photo legal ID. Your application will be processed, and you will receive an email approval with a User ID and password to log your volunteer hours.



Sign up online at :

<https://asd.pcsb.org/schoolwiresforms/volunteer/>

What do I need to get started?

- The online form will take approximately 5 to 15 minutes to complete.
- Please use a desk top or laptop computer to complete the online application. Do not use a cell phone. For the best experience, please use the Chrome browser and devices with full size displays.
- A Government Issued photo ID is required to upload to the form in order to process your application. Example: Driver's License
- Do not upload a Passport or a Military ID.
- If you are a current student at a Pinellas County School, you are not required to provide an ID Card.
- If you are unable to upload a clear image of your identification, you may email a picture or scanned document to murraykat@pcsb.org
- You will be required to submit your Social Security Number (SSN) for the purpose of a Criminal Background Screening.
- If you are a current student at a Pinellas County School, you are not required to provide your Social Security Number.
- Be prepared to disclose ALL criminal history to avoid ineligibility.
- You do not need to disclose traffic tickets.
- An e-mail will be sent to the e-mail address you provide to inform you of the status of your application. Your e-mail will remain private.
- Please make sure you have access to the e-mail you enter, as it is our primary means of communication with you.
- You must have an email address before completing this online application.
- If you are a current volunteer, you do not need to complete another volunteer application. Click on the volunteer link to reactivate your profile. Volunteers are required to reactivate their application each year, prior to volunteering.

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PTA

TIPS TO PROMOTE YOUR

SPIRIT NIGHT



NIGHT

AT

TJUANA FLATS

TEX-MEX

INCREASE TRAFFIC & SALES FOR YOUR SPIRIT NIGHTS, EARNING GREATER REWARDS FOR YOUR ORGANIZATION WITH THESE TIPS...

- **POST** Spirit Night details on school, PTA or organization's websites
- **HANG FLIERS** in high traffic locations. Ex: Teacher lounge, gym, cafeteria, etc...
- Make **PSA ANNOUNCEMENTS** at school and during day of event
- **HANG A SIGN** at student pick up/drop off car loop
- **DISTRIBUTE FLIERS** to teachers, students & community contacts
- Display on **OUTDOOR MARQUEE**
- Make an **EVENT FUNDRAISING GOAL** for each Spirit Night and announce progress towards goals
- **CREATE A COMPETITION** between classes, highest attendance at Spirit Night receives a prize
- Post event on local news & community **FACEBOOK** pages
- Send students home with **STICKERS** to remind parents

COMMUNITY & SCHOOL SUPPORT IS VERY IMPORTANT TO TJUANA FLATS.
THANK YOU FOR YOUR COMMITMENT TO OUR UNITED CAUSE.

TJUANAFLATS.COM



PTA



SAVE THE DATE 10/22/21 6 p.m. - 8 p.m.

TRUNK *or* TREAT

WE NEED YOUR HELP AS WE PREPARE FOR ONE OF THE BIGGEST EVENTS OF THE YEAR.

WE ARE LOOKING FOR FAMILIES AND COMMUNITY MEMBERS TO BE A CANDY STATION. DECORATE YOUR TRUNK AND AGREE TO HAND OUT CANDY. TO DO SO PLEASE VISIT OUR LINK AND SIGN UP!! ALL CANDY STATIONS AGGREE TO PROVIDE 400 PIECES OF CANDY.

CAN'T BE A CANDY STATION? WE'D LOVE CANDY DONATIONS. PLEASE FEEL FREE TO DROP OFF ALL CANDY DONATIONS AT OUR FRONT OFFICE.

<https://bit.ly/TrunkOrTreat21>





THE NURSES NOTES

Walk to School Day



Walk to School Day 2021 – October 6, 2021



International Walk to School Day is a global event that involves communities from more than 40 countries walking and biking to school on the same day. It began in 1997 as a one-day event. Over time, this event has become part of a movement for year-round safe routes to school and a celebration – with record breaking participation – each October. Today, thousands of schools across America – from all 50 states, the District of Columbia, and Puerto Rico participate every October.

<http://www.walkbiketoschool.org/>



FRIENDLY REMINDER

If your student is sick, please keep them home. If your student is exhibiting a fever, cough, vomiting or diarrhea they must stay home. They will need a doctor's note or a negative Covid test to return.

If your student has tested positive, has a positive household member, has been exposed or has a pending Covid test, please keep them home and contact our front office at 727-547-7853.

Thank you for helping to keep our Mustang family safe and healthy.



Thank you to our community partners for your donations and support of our school this year.

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