



# Sunset Hills Elementary School

MARCH 2018 NEWSLETTER

## MESSAGE FROM ADMINISTRATION

Students, parents, and community, we want to thank you for your continued support and patience as we approach our 4<sup>th</sup> quarter. In an effort to ensure the safety of all students, staff, and visitors please continue to follow the process put in place and support the implementation of visitor check-out by turning in your badge at the front office before you leave.

### Points of Pride

You may have noticed our stage has transformed into a V.I.P. dining experience for those classes who continue to display café expectations daily. Way-To-Go to the four classrooms who have already participated: Traber, Albrest, Biama, and Spataro. Also, in the café we have implemented the "60 Science Power Words" to encourage vocabulary building. Look for the giant signs and ask your student to define a word. If they are able to do so correctly when administration asks they will receive a RAYS Way for "Yearning to Learn".

We thank you for your continued support and feedback, without your input we cannot continue to grow. Please visit the link below to participate in our parent survey and provide your feedback.

<https://www.pcsb.org/ParentSurvey>

## IMPORTANT DATES

3/1 - Ice Cream  
Social/ dr.  
Seuss  
night/PTA  
6:30PM-  
7:30PM

3/6- 5<sup>th</sup> Grade  
FSA Writing  
Assessment

3/7- 4<sup>th</sup> Grade  
FSA Writing  
Assessment

3/26-3/30-  
Spring Holiday  
Break

# PTA Updates



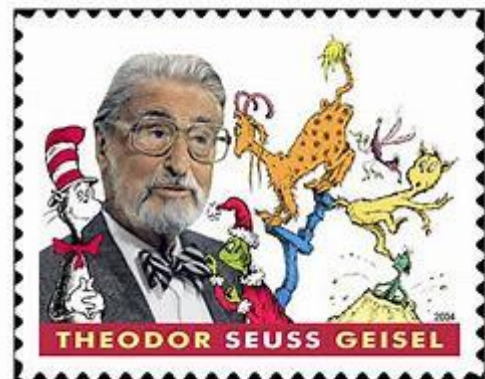
Thank you for attending The Valentine's MONSTER STOMP dance!!

March 1<sup>st</sup> 6:30-8 PM- Cafeteria

**Dr. Seuss Ice Cream Social-**

**Make your own sundae and enjoy some Seussical characters reading some of your favorite Dr. Seuss stories. We will also break for a quick General Meeting of PTA ( half hour) to create a volunteer election committee.**

Thank you to all the families who participate, and support our PTA. Your enthusiasm allows us to advocate for stronger schools, better education and a growing community. If you are not yet a member, you can still join by grabbing a membership envelope in the office and paying \$5.00. Nothing else is required of you. There are no required volunteer hours or required meetings. To be a member simply means that you are part of a national not for profit group that advocates on a local level for children and families all over the US.



This year we have been able to purchase playground equipment. Ask your kids about giant Connect Four and Jenga! We have purchased special storage for the Rays Ways Store to help maintain the store easily for our staff, also school planners were purchased for all students,. We have supported literacy by encouraging reading events and purchasing books and joining

literacy challenges with the Library. We supported Red Ribbon Week with extra goodies to give away. We supported 10 families with holiday meals for Thanksgiving and Christmas. We give each child, on each testing day, a snack and water to help them focus and encourage their mental focus. This past month we voted to help with the maintenance on the school owned golf carts, and to aid the school in extending the ELP program through the FSA testing. There are always needs within our school and classrooms and the PTA Board works hard to represent the members' wishes by answering these needs. Don't forget to thank a PTA volunteer. They work from their heart for nothing more than the knowledge that they helped make a difference for your families.

# March Student Celebrations

Rich Smith



## Sunset Hills Elementary Attendance

**January** Attendance = **86%** of all students have attended **90%** of the school year.

- Our Goal = 90% of all students attend 90% of the school year.
- Stingrays, we need to improve our school-wide attendance by 4% in order to reach goal.
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- The S.H.E. child study team has put in place an incentive for students to improve their attendance, and students could win a brand new bike!!! The incentive program is called **"Biking towards perfect attendance!"** We all know the importance of attendance on student achievement. Please help us "build excitement" in your child and promote our incentive program. The bike has been on the morning news program and on display around campus for all the students to see.
- Biking towards perfect Attendance program:
- The challenge is taking place for four weeks from **February 20<sup>th</sup> to March 20<sup>th</sup>**
- Student earns **two** entries into drawing for perfect attendance during that time
- Students earns **one** entry into a drawing for near perfect attendance. (1 excused day of being absent or 1 excused tardy or 1 excused early release)
- Winner will be announced on Wednesday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.
- Thanks so much for your support the "Biking towards perfect attendance" initiative! ☺

**Sunset Hills Elementary is Committed 2 Character Education:**

*"I pledge myself to C2C, respect and responsibility. Honesty and motivation, too, I'll use these traits in all I do!"*

**Congratulations to our January C2C students of the Month for Self-Motivation:**

Angela Bavis	Jessie Wysocki
Aubrey Beatty	Ethan Fatolitis
Evan Hill	Frances Damalos
Abigail Steenberge	Nicholas Arn
Liviah Willis	Makayla Jewett
Tucker Eastman	Ryan Hammer
Michael Coriaty	Aaden Nielsen
Lewis Smither	Tiana Tamas
Ben Lague	Samantha Hippe
Oliver Weideman	Victoria Fafrak
Rowan McDonnell	Vasiliki Lia
Kinsey White	James Dowdy
Addison Leonard	Mia Nater
Yianni Skourellos	Karsyn Darst
Merlina Cepele	

Our C2C trait for March is

**Honesty:**

Using truthful speech and Behavior.



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<b>Dinner Dilemmas</b> To create family discussions that promotes Character Education in Pinellas County.		
<b>March</b>  <b>Honesty</b>  <b>Using truthful speech and behavior.</b>	Week 1 Situation: The game is tied in extra innings. Sam's team could win if he can make it to home plate. Sam is tagged before he touches home plate. The umpire calls him safe. Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows if he does not say anything his team wins the title. On the other hand Sam knows he should be honest and tell the truth about being tagged. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?	Week 2  Situation: Sue finds a five dollar bill in the hallway at school. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue could give it to the fundraiser to help her school. On the other hand Sue could turn it into the office knowing it probably belongs to someone. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?
	Week 3 Situation: The school principal recognizes a number of students over the intercom for helping in another class. Sue's name is announced even though she did not participate. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue could keep quiet and receive the certificate. On the other hand she knows an honest person would tell the principal she did not earn the recognition. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?	Week 4  Situation: Sam is with a group of friends after school. They accidentally break a window in the school's greenhouse. Sam's friends beg him to keep quiet. Dilemma: On the one hand it is good to be loyal to friends. On the other hand Sam wants to be honest. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

**THE C2C TRAIT IN APRIL WILL BE SELF-CONTROL: MANAGING YOUR EMOTIONS AND CHOOSING ACCEPTABLE BEHAVIOR.**

## VISION/HEARING SCREENINGS

March 19, 2018

We will be conducting vision and hearing screenings on kindergarten students. First grade students will have vision, hearing and BMI screenings. Third grade students will have vision and BMI screenings. Students in kindergarten through fifth grade that are new to Pinellas County will have their vision and hearing screened, if time permits. Students that have glasses or hearing aids need to wear them for the screening. If your child is not in one of the grades to be screened, and you wish to have them screened, please send in a written request. Any questions, please contact Stacey Wendler, at 943-5523.



# Sunset Hills Elementary

# AFTER SCHOOL



FOR YOUTH DEVELOPMENT  
FOR HEALTHY LIVING  
FOR SOCIAL RESPONSIBILITY

March 2018

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A newsletter for the families and students of Sunset Hills Elementary School



## Happenings...

Spring Break is March 26th - March 30th. Ozona Elementary will be the hosting site. The address is 601 Tampa Rd. Ozona, Fl. The phone number is (727) 786 0913. Please remember to provide your child with 2 healthy snacks and lunch each day. There is no food provided at the site.

## Hot Topic...

Our Annual Giving Campaign begins this month. Your children are sharing their Y story with us. Take a look by the sign in/out table for them. We want to hear your Y story. Please consider joining us as we help our community with youth development, social responsibility, and healthy living.

We will be celebrating our students of the month for February. Please join me in congratulating the following students

PK - Anabella C.	3rd - Khloe A.
KG - Bryant A.	4th - Julia D.
1st - Charlotte Lee	5th - Merlina C.
2nd - Kosta K.	

They all received certificates for being good role models.

Do you want to keep up with what is going on with the Y and your child's before and after school program? Please check out and like our Facebook page, where you can stay up to date with our Y program and see postings of the fun that all our programs are having!

<https://www.facebook.com/PinellasSchoolAgeYMCA>

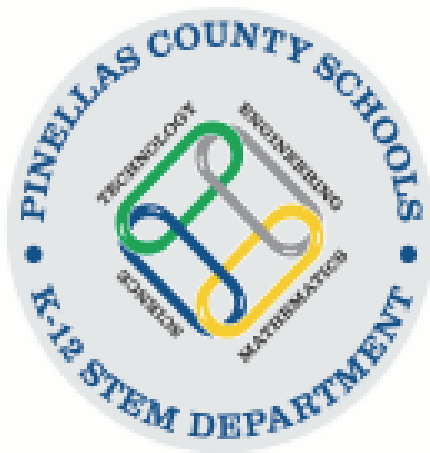
## THIS MONTH:

- ★ Spring Break  
March 26 - March 30, 2018  
Ⓞ Ozona Elementary
- ★ Annual Giving Campaign  
March 5th - March 16th, 2018
- ★ Daylight Savings Time  
March 11th, 2018  
Turn clocks ahead 1 hour

## IMPORTANT

We are a licensed program and cannot go before the hours of 6:30am or after 6pm. Please be sure to drop off and/or pick up your child during these times. A late fee will be applied: - \$10/child each 15 minutes or a portion thereof





FREE and open to the public!  
 Saturday, April 28<sup>th</sup>, 9:00am-1:00pm

USFSP Campus University Student Center  
 200 6<sup>th</sup> Ave. S., St. Petersburg FL 33701

Come interact with PCS STEM Academy students showcasing over 230 STEM engineering design inquiry projects, explore 10+ vendor tables, participate in a USFSP campus tour and so much more!

**Be sure to be there no later than 9:00am for our presentations and keynote speaker!!!!**

- Laura Spence, K-12 STEM Specialist of Pinellas County Schools
- Dr. Allyson L. Watson, Dean USFSP College of Education
- Keynote: Kyle Mastronardo, Entrepreneur and Co-Founder of Nardo's Natural Skincare



# Pinellas County Schools 5<sup>th</sup> Annual STEM Expo

Discover a world of science, technology, engineering and mathematics at the 5th Annual Pinellas County Schools STEM Expo. The purpose of this event is to showcase STEM engineering design projects, completed by more than 4,600 students representing 98 schools. Our Expo will highlight just how vital it is to engage students, teachers and community members in STEM education and careers.

<p><b>USF St. Petersburg Campus Tours</b></p> <p>Once inside the University Student Center, families will be able to sign up for a free campus walking tour (offered at different times throughout the day).</p>	<p><b>Reduced Dali Museum Admission for PCS STEM Expo Attendees</b></p> <p>After visiting the PCS STEM Expo, wear your expo button/ribbon, given out during the event, to receive ½ priced admission to the Dali Museum that same day, Saturday April 28. Many wonderful STEM connections with their exhibits!</p>
<p><b>Vendor Tables</b></p> <p>You will be able to interact with vendor tables displaying how their business makes connections to STEM content.</p>	<p><b>Lunch</b></p> <p>The Reef Café, located inside the University Student Center, will be open for food purchases from 10:00am-5:00pm.</p>
<p>If you have any questions, please email the PCS K-12 STEM Specialist, Laura Spence at <a href="mailto:LSpence@pcsb.org">LSpence@pcsb.org</a></p>	

## STEM Expo Event Timeline

8:20-8:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Families can bring their children to the University Student Center for check-in (1<sup>st</sup> floor).                     <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>*During this time, families can sign up for a USFSP campus walking tour at the check-in desk.</li> <li>*Parents/caregivers will be required to wait on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor while their STEM Academy child will be escorted (by STEM Academy teachers) to the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor to get set up for their presentation. FREE coffee will be available for those waiting on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor. (FREE coffee, compliments of National Geographic and Cengage Learning). Starbucks coffee is available for purchase on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor from 8:20-9:00 and then will reopen at 10:00am.</li> </ul> </li> </ul>
8:00-10:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Keynote presentations on 1<sup>st</sup> floor. No one will be allowed on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor during this time.</li> </ul>
10:00-1:00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>10:00-10:30 Kyle Mastronardo, Entrepreneur and Co-Founder of Nardo's Natural Skincare will be seated at a sign in table for a meet and greet opportunity.</li> <li>10:00-10:30 National Geographic and Cengage Learning will be giving away 500 STEM books to students at the meet and greet table.</li> <li>2<sup>nd</sup> floor opens (contains STEM engineering design projects and vendor tables).</li> <li>Please make sure to visit The Reef Café and Starbucks (both located on the 1<sup>st</sup> floor) which will be open for lunch purchases. All proceeds will support the USFSP campus, as they have generously donated the entire University Student Center for the use of the Expo as well as provided free parking for all attendees.</li> </ul>
10:00-5:15	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>After visiting the PCS STEM Expo, wear your expo button/ribbon given out during the event, to receive ½ priced admission to the Dali Museum that same day, Saturday April 28. Many wonderful STEM connections with their exhibits!</li> </ul>

## Parking

Free parking will be available at the parking garage, located at the corner of 3<sup>rd</sup> St. & 5<sup>th</sup> Ave S. (levels 2-5 only) as well as the surrounding parking lots (lots must be identified as Green and Gold). The University Student Center is located directly across from the parking garage.

\*Metered parking is not free and will be the responsibility of the owner of the car.

\*The Dali Museum is within walking distance from the University Student Center. Keep your car parked either in the parking garage or the surrounding parking lots while you visit the museum to continue to receive free parking for the remainder of the day.

STEM Expo Supported By:

