



# Panther News

September / October

## PANTHER NATION UPDATE

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### Principal Message

The beginning of the school year is filled with lots of enthusiasm, renewed energy and high expectations. The first month of school has exemplified our expectations for the year – halls are quiet and students are engaged in their learning. Thank you to all of you for helping your children prepare for a productive school year.

Here are a few reminders:

**Lines of Communication:** Communicate with your child's teachers on a regular basis. I strongly encourage you to call or email your child's teachers (their email can be found on the school website) as soon as possible to open the lines of communication to determine how you can work together to optimize your child's academic success. Also, check parent portal often.

**School Support:** If you notice that your child is showing signs of academic, social or emotional, trouble, please contact their guidance counselor, support staff or the office right away. Don't wait until your son or daughter starts to seriously struggle. We want to work together, as a team, to support your son or daughter.

**Preparedness:** Please, please encourage your child to make sure they come to school prepared EVERY DAY!! Many students are

showing up with no pencils, paper, etc. It is very important to come PREPARED! Encourage your child to wear their school issued ID badge daily. IDs are a way to identify students and foster personal connection. Also encourage your child to bring their school issued planner daily. The purpose of the daily planner is to improve student achievement through the reinforcement of better preparation and organization skills and improve communication between students, parents, and teacher.

**Get Involved:** Finally, encourage your child to get involved in a school activity. There are a variety of activities such as: academic clubs, student government, etc. that students can choose from. Activities give students an opportunity to meet new people, explore something new and it fosters student engagement.

I am here to assist you to ensure that your child has a successful year. Do not hesitate to contact me at 298-1616 or by email at [mitchellto@pcsb.org](mailto:mitchellto@pcsb.org) or the Assistant Principal, Dr. Melissa Porter, at 298-1616 or via email at [porterm@pcsb.org](mailto:porterm@pcsb.org)

Welcome Back Panthers! Have a Great Year.

*Tonya Mitchell*  
Principal

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# Be a Volunteer!

The opening of school is an exciting time for students, parents and teachers. We, at Clearwater Intermediate School are excited about the possibilities for the new school year.

Please consider volunteering at our school. Below are some ways to do so:

## Tutor

Tutors assist students either on an individual basis or in small groups to re-inforce basic skills in academic subjects. Placements are made depending on what the tutor feels comfortable with.

## Mentor

Mentors work with struggling students. By serving as role models, mentors can provide encouragement and friendship to a student needing to build self-esteem.

## Activities Volunteer

Activities Volunteers lend a hand to support any special activities hosted by the school.



One example this year would be the school book fair held on the second week of school.

## Great American Teach-In

The Great American Teach-In is part of the American Education Week celebration. It is a special opportunity for you to visit our school and share what you know with a group of students. This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, November 15<sup>th</sup>. Please consider participating!

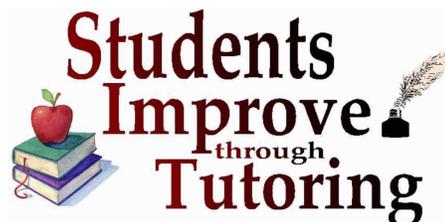
We hope that you will consider volunteering at our school in some way. Volunteer registration forms are available in the front office, or from the school's Family and Community Liaison, Mr. Romeyn.

Family and Community Liaison  
(727) 298-1616 X2023  
[romeynr@pcsb.org](mailto:romeynr@pcsb.org)



Students can access the I-ready reading program from a home computer that has internet. Spectrum has a program for \$15.00 a month for internet service for students.

Keep Reading all those great books!



In an effort to promote high student achievement, we are offering additional support to our students through our Extended Learning Program (ELP). This program is available after school (4:05 – 5:05 pm) on Tuesdays and Wednesdays for tutoring or course recovery.



## **WHAT is PTA and WHY Should we have it at our School?**

PTA is the largest non-profit voluntary association committed solely to children and youth. Organized in 1897, its basic concern has always been to create a better life for every child. In the process, PTA has united parents, teachers, administrators, legislators and communities in this effort. The concerns have changed and evolved, but the Purposes of PTA have remained the same.

In PTA, we have a united purpose, a higher goal. All of us working together can make a tremendous difference...for all children and young people everywhere.

PTA membership is open to everyone. PTA is inclusive of all people who care about children and schools. PTA builds bridges between homes, schools, and communities to help children succeed academically and personally.

PTA is a united national voice for children. Not all decisions affecting a child's school happen at the local level, and the Mission of PTA is to address the educational and social needs of all children. For more than a century, PTA has been a driving force in national education policies and programs. Today, PTA continues to champion the importance of parent/family involvement, safe and nurturing environments, and proper funding, curriculum, and leadership in our public schools.

Be a part of that mission. Let's build a strong PTA at our school to help our students and all children! We can make a difference one child at a time.

**JOIN US FOR THE KICK OFF MEETING**  
**WHEN: MONDAY OCTOBER 2, 2017**  
**TIME: 6:00 PM**  
**WHERE: CLEARWATER INTERMEDIATE**

## Upcoming Events

MON	TUES	WED	THURS	FRI
Sept 25	Sept 26 Write Score Test All students (10:00 am to 12:00 pm)  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Sept 27  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Sept 28	Sept 29
Oct 2  PTA Meeting (6:00 pm)	Oct 3  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 4  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 5	Oct 6
Oct 9	Oct 10 Picture Day   ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 11  PSAT Testing (8 <sup>th</sup> grade)  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 12	Oct 13
Oct 16  Hurricane Make up Day	Oct 17  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 18  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 19	Oct 20
Oct 23	Oct 24  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 25  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)	Oct 26	Oct 27
Oct 30	Oct 31  ELP (4:05 to 5:00)			

## Title I

Clearwater Intermediate is a Title I school

### What is Title I?

Title I is the largest federal assistance program for our nation's schools.

The goal of Title I is a higher quality of education for every child. Its purpose is to address the academic needs of students and to assist them in meeting their state's academic standards.

The program serves millions of children in public elementary and secondary schools each year including eligible students in private schools.

Visit the Title I Family Library

**Location:** 2499 25th Street South St. Petersburg, FL

No Library Card Needed & No Late Fees

Each time your child visits the library they will receive a FREE BOOK!

Monday & Thursday 8:30- 6:00

Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday 8:30-3:30

For more info call 727-893-2988

# DOES PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS HAVE YOUR CORRECT CONTACT INFO? Don't Miss Out on Important Information!

Parents can now log onto the Student Reservation system to update their phone numbers and email addresses

Providing up-to-date contact information will enable you to receive:

- Communications about emergencies or severe weather events
  - Timely information about school or district events
  - Information and status updates about choice and other special application opportunities
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## To update your information:

1. Visit <https://reservation.pcsb.org> and log in with your parent username (P.xxxxxx) and password. If you do not have a parent ID, you can get one by going to any school and presenting a valid photo ID.
2. Select the option: "Change Phone and Email Address Only"
3. Enter your child's name and date of birth or student ID number, and then update your phone number and email address.

**Remember:** Updating the emergency contact card at your child's school does not update your contact information in the system used for automated phone calls and emails.

**Please check and update your contact information as soon as possible.**

**Questions? Call the Student Assignment Office at 727-588-6210.**



## Electronic Device Policy

Effective September 5, 2017

Clearwater Intermediate recognizes that the appropriate use of electronic devices can provide great potential for enhanced learning opportunities for all students. However, there are many other uses of electronic devices which can be a major distraction from the learning process; thus the use of electronic devices while on Clearwater Intermediate campus is prohibited. Effective September 5, 2017 All electronic devices are required to be check in at the beginning of the school day before students enter the building. Electronic devices will be housed in a pre-labeled bag which will be stored in a safe in the front office. Electronic devices will be returned at the end of the day.



## Dress Code Policy

- No rips, holes, or cuts in clothing.
- Clothing must cover undergarments. Undergarments should not be visible. The outer clothing should not be transparent so as to reveal the undergarment.
- Pants and shorts should not be worn well-below the student's waist, in such a way that their undergarments are revealed.
- The student's torso, including the midriff area, must be covered at all times.
- Shoes must be worn at all times. No flip-flops, slides or slippers. Prefer closed toes shoes to promote safety. May wear sandals with back straps
- No leggings, jeggings or form-fitting pants.
- Students may wear shorts, skorts, or skirts as long as they are longer than mid-thigh. We define "mid-thigh" as being half way between the bottom of the buttock and the knee. We recognize that very short shorts/skirts are popular however they are not appropriate for a school setting and students will be asked to change or cover-up should they violate the stated length minimums.
- Female students should refrain from wearing any t-shirt, blouse or top that reveals undergarments or excessive cleavage.
- Tops must cover the shoulder (no off-the-shoulder sweaters or sweatshirts, spaghetti straps or tank tops). Boys may not wear tank tops or sleeveless shirts
- Hats, headbands, head scarfs of any kind and sweatshirt hoods worn over the head are not acceptable during school hours. Students will be instructed regarding this expectation at the beginning of the school. Subsequent violations may require the students to relinquish the item and a parent or guardian to come in to the school to retrieve the hat, headbands, head scarfs or sweatshirt.
- Apparel which advertises, promotes, or displays illegal substances, (alcohol, drugs, tobacco products, etc), illegal activities, or alcohol establishments, profanity, sexual innuendos or double meanings are not acceptable.