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## Principal's Corner

**May 28, 2021**

Good afternoon, Tiger Nation,

This is Alec Liem, Principal of Largo Middle IB World School calling with your weekend update. I am excited to share some information about our 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration. We will be hosting a socially-distanced drive-through event on June 8<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-6:30pm in our Bus Circle. There will be prizes, awards, a DJ and more! 8<sup>th</sup> grade families, please come out, drive through and see your Largo Middle IB World School family wish you well on your next adventure!

Please remember that we will be collecting computers, textbooks, instruments and any outstanding library books this week. The schedule for our laptop computer collection is on our website, including specifics for our MyPCS students. This includes all scholars in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> grades. Please remember to bring your chargers in as well. Scholars with outstanding library books have received over-due notices several times over the last few weeks. Thank you to those that have turned them back in. If you have specific questions, please reach out to your child's grade level office.

We have information on our website about the Summer Bridge Enrollment process which is open to all students. You may register online through the Student Reservation System. We will be extending the Summer Bridge program from 1:30-3:00pm for those scholars that are interested in STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. Come join the fun and create something with our 3-D printers, learn to fly our drone and participate in other project-based learning activities. Through the YMCA, we will be offering free before and after wrap around care from 7:00am to 5:30pm on the days that Summer Bridge is running. You can register online at [ymcasuncoast.org](http://ymcasuncoast.org).

Lastly, please remember that we do not have school on Monday, May 31<sup>st</sup> in observance of Memorial Day. Have a great rest of the weekend!

**May 21, 2021**

Good Afternoon Tiger Nation,

This is Alec Liem, Principal of Largo Middle IB World School calling with your weekend update. We still have a small number of yearbooks available for purchase. If you would like to purchase one for your child, please email Mrs. Martin at ([Martinpa@pcsb.org](mailto:Martinpa@pcsb.org)) and then pay \$30.00 to our bookkeeper, Mrs. Dileonardo in the form of cash or money order. The remaining yearbooks will be on a first-come, first-served basis. For

those of you who have purchased a yearbook, they will be distributed this Friday, May 28<sup>th</sup> during 7<sup>th</sup> period. For our MyPCS Learners, they will be available for pickup in the front office on the 28<sup>th</sup> as well.

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Please be on the lookout for our PCSB stakeholder survey that will be coming to your email tomorrow, May 24<sup>th</sup>. Your participation is vital to help our school and the district make improvements and identify best practices. If you do not receive the survey via email, the link is on our website.

It is hard to believe that we are coming down the home stretch of this school year! We will be collecting all devices from our Face-to-Face learners beginning June 1<sup>st</sup>. Collection from our MyPCS scholars will occur on June 9<sup>th</sup> from 2:30pm-6pm and June 10<sup>th</sup> from 9am-1:00pm. Please bring in their computer with charger, textbooks, as well as their instrument if they have one checked out. For our MyPCS families, please park in the front parking area near the administration building and bring any items for return to the front office. The schedule will also be on our website for your reference.

Date	Grade	Teachers
Tuesday, June 1 <sup>st</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Smith/Martin
Wednesday, June 2 <sup>nd</sup>	8 <sup>th</sup>	Smith/Martin
Thursday, June 3 <sup>rd</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Crawford/Marshall
Friday, June 4 <sup>th</sup>	7 <sup>th</sup>	Crawford/Marshall
Monday, June 7 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Young/Meitz
Tuesday, June 8 <sup>th</sup>	6 <sup>th</sup>	Young/Meitz
Wednesday, June 9 <sup>th</sup>	MyPCS (any grade level)	2:30pm-6:00pm
Thursday, June 10 <sup>th</sup>	MyPCS (any grade level)	9:00am-1:00pm

## May 16, 2021

Good Afternoon, Tiger Nation!

This is Alec Liem, Principal of Largo Middle IB World School calling with some important updates. As we are come down the home stretch of this school year, we need your help in reminding your children about our campus-wide expectations. We need for all tigers to come to school on time, in dress code, ready to learn!

End of year information regarding PCS Connects computer return, textbook and instrument collection will be coming soon, so please standby. This is a reminder that as of Friday, May 14<sup>th</sup>, our ELP tutoring has ended for the year. Students who are working on credit recovery in Edmentum may still come next week. The final day to complete credit recovery work is next Friday May 21<sup>st</sup>. If you have any questions, please reach out to Ms. Hornick or your grade level office.

We have information on our website about the Summer Bridge Enrollment process which is open to all students. You may register online through the Student Reservation System. This year we will have a new opportunity for students to participate in PE and Drama! Please register your child early. Breakfast, Lunch and arterial transportation will be provided!

Thank you for taking the time to listen and enjoy the rest of your afternoon!

**May 9, 2021**

Good Afternoon Tiger Nation,

This is Alec Liem, Principal of Largo Middle IB World School, calling with your weekend update. In a year that has offered numerous challenges and required exponentially more energy than years past, we are thankful for all our teachers and support staff for their work this year.

Families, please be aware for the 2021-2022 school year, students entering 7<sup>th</sup> grade are required to have a Tdap (tetanus-diphtheria-pertussis) prior to attending class on the first day of school or valid documented exemption. All schools in the county are required by Chapter 64D-3.046, Florida Administrative Code, to enforce these immunization requirements. Please submit a completed Certificate of Immunization form (DH 680) to the school office prior to the start of the school year in August if you have not already provided us with documentation.

A big shout out to Ms. Manker, Ms. Duncan and the members of our Band and Orchestra programs who represented us last weekend at the 2021 Pinellas All County Music Festival. Destiny from 7<sup>th</sup> grade was our band program representative and nailed the tricky Euphonium parts in the North County Middle School Band! Lincoln from 7<sup>th</sup> grade was one of our orchestra program representatives and showcased his Violin skills in the Middle School Orchestra! Brandon from 8<sup>th</sup> grade was our final orchestra representative, and he had the honor of sitting first chair in the Viola section! These students truly went the extra mile, including attending numerous after school lessons to be fully prepared for the rehearsals and to best represent our school. This culminated in stellar performances that spanned throughout the day on Saturday. Way to go, Tigers!

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Please remember that we have ongoing FSA testing next week. The calendar is on our website with opportunities for our MyPCS scholars to register for testing opportunities as well. Please encourage your child to be on time and prepared for these assessments. This is a wonderful opportunity for them to shine and display what they have learned this year. If you have any questions, please reach out to me or your child's grade level office. Have a great rest of the day!

**May 2, 2021**

Good Evening, Tiger Nation,

This is Alec Liem, Principal of Largo Middle School calling with some important updates for this week. Please continue to help us keep all members of our tiger community safe by reminding your scholar to wear their mask while on the school bus and throughout their time on campus. It is critical that they wear it correctly, with their nose covered, throughout the hallways and in the classroom. We want to finish the year safely.

Teachers change the lives of millions of children every day—and in a year where instruction could be virtual, in-person or a mix of both, their immense work and impact have provided a much-needed sense of community and connection. Despite the challenges of the COVID-19 pandemic, educators across America

are working hard to ensure every student has the tools they need to reach their full potential. As we move into Teacher Appreciate Week, I encourage you to reach out to your children's current and past teachers to thank them for the tremendous work they do everyday on behalf of your children.

We also need your help in supporting our safety efforts on campus. Children may access the cafeteria to eat free breakfast every morning when campus opens at 9:20. Once they are finished with their breakfast, they are to report directly to their first block class of the day. Please help reiterate this with your children. We want them to be as safe as possible.

Please be aware that progress reports were sent home on Friday. Please check in with your child to review this and feel free to reach out if you have any questions. We are in the home stretch of this quarter and school year, please encourage your kids to continue to check in with their teachers if they need any assistance. Students cannot be promoted to the next grade level if any core course has a final grade of an F. We have free tutoring available before school on Tuesday and Thursday from 8:20am-9:20am and Monday afternoon from 4:15-5:15. If your child is on MyPCS, there is a link to virtual tutoring on our website (<https://tinyurl.com/MyPCS-ELP>). For additional support over the summer, please register your child for Summer Bridge. There is information on our website about the enrollment process. You may register online through the Student Reservation System. Breakfast, Lunch and arterial transportation will be provided!

The Reading FSA starts this coming week for all grade levels. We are excited and know that our learners are ready to shine! Please check our website for specific dates and reach out to your child's grade level office with any questions. As a reminder for our MyPCS learners, there are links for session sign ups on our website.

Thank you for taking the time to listen, I hope you had a nice weekend and am looking forward to another great week of learning at Largo Middle School!

**April 23, 2021**

Good Evening, Tiger Nation,

This is Alec Liem, Principal of Largo Middle School calling with some important updates for this week. This is a reminder that our yearbooks are now on sale and can be bought online at [www.balfour.com](http://www.balfour.com) for \$30. If you are interested in buying one, please do so before they run out!

Please help us keep our campus safe by reminding your scholar to wear their mask while on the school bus and throughout their time on campus. It is critical that they wear it correctly, with their nose covered, throughout the hallways and in the classroom. We want to finish the year safely.

We have started our before and after school intramurals! If your child is interested, please share your completed athletic paperwork with the Intramural sport coaches prior to participating. The paperwork can be found by clicking on the "Athletics" tab under Clubs and Activities on our website. If you have any questions, please contact your grade level office.

Our STEM program is also underway! If your child is interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, please encourage them to join the fun on Fridays at 8:15 in Pod 3 with Mr. Del Orbe. The 3-D Printers are amazingly fun!

We have information on our website about the Summer Bridge Enrollment process which is open to all students. You may register online through the Student Reservation System. This year we will have a new opportunity for students to participate in PE and Music! Please register your child early. Breakfast, Lunch and arterial transportation will be provided!

We need you to continue to monitor our upcoming FSA Assessments that are listed on our school website. For our MyPCS scholars, additional opportunities for them to complete these assessments have been posted within the links on our website. Please reach out to your grade level office if you have any questions.

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Beginning this week, we are starting Intramural Sports before and after school! If you would like your child to get involved, please make sure they fill out the attached sports packet, including a physical and insurance prior to them taking part. Volleyball will occur Monday and Tuesday after school from 4:20pm-6:00pm, boys Basketball will run on Wednesday and Thursday from 4:20pm-6:00pm and Girl's basketball will run from 8:15am-9:30am on Wednesday and Thursday mornings. If you have any questions, please contact your grade level office.

Our STEM program is also opening back up. If your child is interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics, please encourage them to join the fun on Fridays at 8:15 in Pod 3 with Mr. Del Orbe.

PVS in Pinellas County invites you to take part in their open enrollment period for the 2021-2022 school year from April 11-July 12. They are a fully accredited Virtual school guided by certified educators who are based here in Pinellas County. Full time and part time enrollment are available for scholars in K-12<sup>th</sup> grade. To apply, please visit [pcsb.org/virtualschool](http://pcsb.org/virtualschool)

8th Grade Families, please check with your scholar and ask about the letter that was sent home in regard to their progress with each Science grade level standard that will be assessed on the FSA. If your child scored below 60% on any of the grade level standards, we need for them to attend one of our targeted FSA Science bootcamps for that standard. The dates and times are on the letter sent home, as well as listed below.

- Tuesday April 20th @ 8:20 9:20am (6 th Grade Standards Review)
- Thursday April 22th @ 8:20 9:20am (6 th Grade Standards Review)
- Tuesday April 27th @ 8:20 9:20am (7 th Grade Standards Review)
- Thursday April 29th @ 8:20 9:20am (7 th Grade Standards Review)
- Tuesday May 4th @ 8:20 9:20am (8 th Grade Standards Review)
- Thursday May 6th @ 8:20 9:20am (8 th Grade Standards Review)

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**April 9, 2021**

Good Afternoon, Tiger Nation,

This is Alec Liem, Principal of Largo Middle School calling with some important information. Please join me in recognizing our AWESOME Assistant Principals as we celebrate National Assistant Principal Appreciation week. They are an incredibly supportive group that is integral with the success of our school and your children.

Thank you to all of our families that have ensured that their Tiger has been prepared for the ongoing and upcoming FSA assessments. I encourage you to ensure that your child gets a full night's rest and arrives to school on time and ready to do their best. I've seen the work that your children and our teachers and staff have been putting in and I know we're prepared to move through the testing season as a school community. The data provided from these assessments will help teachers diagnose and better support your child with meeting their academic goals next year.

For your reference, the testing calendar has been attached to this email as well as posted on our website. All testing will occur in sanitized locations on campus and scholars will be socially distanced while testing in accordance with CDC and DOH guidelines and recommendations.

For our MyPCS learners, we have opportunities on our website for you to sign up and come into campus to complete your assessments. On the day of your assessment, you can drop your child off in the car line and then pick them up in the front of the school. If your child will be walking home, please contact the grade level office, so we are aware.

Please email Mrs. Caparaso if you have any questions. She is happy to assist.

Attached you will find information regarding our upcoming Summer Bridge Enrichment program available to all scholars. You may register online through the Scholar Reservation System. This year we will have a new opportunity for scholars to participate in elective enrichment courses. Please register your child early! The flyer to register is attached to the email as well as located on our school website. The link for registration is (<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/4032>)

Last but certainly not least, I would like to recognize our Largo Middle School Track team for their herculean efforts this season. They have shown great growth under the leadership of their track coaches, Coach Anater, Coach Jones, Coach Kemp, Coach Martin. A special shout out to Joyah Porter for breaking the school record for the High Jump as she cleared 4'8" at their last track meet! Way to go!!

Thank you for taking the time to listen and know that we are here for you and your scholar. If there are any questions you have or specific needs, please feel free to reach out to me or your grade level assistant principal, we would be happy to help. Have a great weekend!