

Lynch Lions Newsletter

January 2021

Notes from Principal Kidd

Greetings Lynch Families:

Happy 2021! We are now heading into the 2nd semester of our school year. We have made progress in many areas and we thank each of you for partnering with us through these challenging times.

The second semester of this school will begin, on Wednesday, January 20th. Currently, most of our students are back in the building. More scholars will be returning to face to face instruction. Our goal is to provide the best possible education for each of our scholars as well as maintaining a safe environment for all.

A few reminders that we need your help with are:

- Making sure your child has a mask on (one that fits) upon arriving on campus each day
- Following the posted speed limit of 5 mph in our parking lot/car circles
- Allowing enough time each morning so that your child arrives to school by 8:45 AM daily
- Updating your contact information so that we can correspond with you when needed
- Scheduling a parent conference with your child's teacher
- Monitoring your child's progress for those on MYPCS

As we continue to wade through these uncharted waters, we ask that you continue to work with us as we begin to schedule parent workshops and move forward with our School Advisory meetings (SAC) and PTA Meetings. For now, these meetings will be held on TEAMS or Zoom. You may schedule a live conference with your child's teacher if that is your preference...we only ask that you do it with advance notice to the teacher.

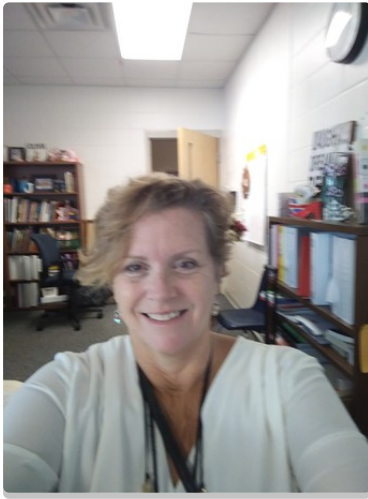
Additionally, the odds are stacked against us with having to adapt to so many changes this school year, a year we will always remember. It's the 2nd semester, and we will continue our work striving for highest student achievement for all students. Want to join us on this journey? When something is important enough, you do it even if the odds are not in your favor. The best is yet to come!

Respectfully,

Cynthia Kidd

Principal





Mrs. Jones' Jots

Happy January Lynch Elementary Families!

We are back in the swing of things and have just finished another round of MAP testing for ELA and Math. It is very important that if you have not scheduled a conference with your teacher or have reached out to know your child's progress, now is the time. Teachers will be working very hard to provide enrichments, strong core instruction and interventions, but family involvement is also necessary.

Please be on the lookout for additional tutoring that will occur before school and after school in the next few weeks.

Thank you,
Julie Jones



Please Remember to
Wear Your Mask!

Mark your Calendar!

Upcoming Events:

Jan 18 MLK Jr. Day-School closed

Jan 19 No school for students

Feb 15 No school for students

Feb 17-18 Vision/Hearing Screening

Feb 23 Pictures retakes

March 15-19 Spring Break

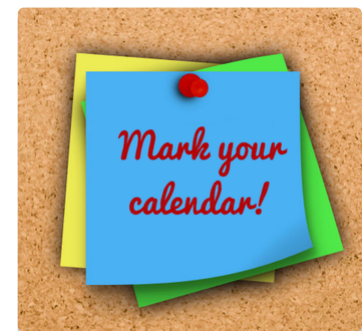
March 22 No school for students

April 2 School closed

April 20 Spring Individual Pictures

May 31 Memorial Day-School-closed

June 9 early dismissal: Last day for students. **Students will be dismissed 2 hours early.**



District Application Programs Information link



Apply Now
2021-2022 DAP

Interested in applying for a magnet program for the 2021-2022 school year?

Follow these 3 steps to apply to District Application Programs for the 2021-2022 School Year:

- **Step 1: Get a Portal I.D. and Password**

- If you do not already have a User ID and password for your family, go to a nearby school and ask for one. Bring a photo ID with you.
- Only one User ID and password is needed per family.

Step 2: Apply Online Jan. 6 - Jan. 15 before 5:00 PM

- Log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) on the district's website, <https://reservation.pcsb.org>, using your User ID and password
- Enter your program selections (up to five) from the list of programs.

REMEMBER: Non-PCS students must deliver all program eligibility documentation to Centers for Gifted Studies or high school Cambridge AICE and IB programs to the appropriate program office(s) by the close of the school day on Jan. 22, 2021.

Step 3: Accept Invitations Feb. 15 - Feb. 26 before 5:00 PM

- Log on to the Student Reservation System (SRS) with your User ID and password during this period to accept a program invitation. If you do not accept during this period, your child's invitation(s) will no longer be valid.
- Review your child's status in all programs to which you applied.
- It is not necessary to accept waiting list positions.
- If you accept any ONE program's invitation during the acceptance period, the student's name will be removed from all other lists, (except the center for Gifted Studies) including waiting lists.
- You have the option to change your mind and select a different program before the 5:00 PM Feb. 26, 2021 deadline.

For questions about the Application Process or Portal I.D.s and passwords, Contact the Student Assignment Office at StudentAssignment@pcsb.org or by phone at 727.588.6210.

If you have questions about specific programs, contact the programs directly or the District Application Program Specialist at DAP@pcsb.org or by phone at 727.588.5037.

A New Magnet Program for Students with Reading Difficulty

New! Center for Literacy Innovation at Midtown Academy
PCS is opening a NEW Center for Literacy Innovation at Midtown Academy in St. Petersburg for the 2021-2022 school year. The program will serve students in grades 1-5 who have dyslexia and/or exhibit specific reading difficulties.

Applications open January 25-February 5, 2021 and can be made at www.pcsb.org/CLI! For more information about the program, please go to www.pcsb.org/CLI.



Celebrate Literacy Week!

Lynch is gearing up for "Celebrate Literacy Week" which will take place January 25th - January 29th. The theme this year is "Humanity Tells a Story - What's YOUR story?". Please be on the lookout for flyers to come home describing the different themes and activities that will take place that week.

~Ms. Bennet
Reading Coach



Mrs. Macking's Math Memos

We recommend that students complete 5 or more lessons per week with DreamBox Learning, at school or at home.

Encourage your child to develop the following habits:

- **Be okay with mistakes.** As long as students complete lessons, DreamBox will be able to assess their comprehension and adapt.



- **Work independently.** Helping a student through a lesson can progress them beyond their current abilities and lead to frustration.
- **Use the help/hint button when needed.**
- **Use headphones with the volume on.**

For Parents of **Third, Fourth, & Fifth grade** students:

- Please work with your children on multiplication facts whenever possible (in the car, while making dinner, when you take a walk, etc.)
- Show your child math in the real world (at the grocery store, when you're paying bills, sports statistics, etc.)
- Encourage your child to draw pictures and visual representations when working out math problems

For Parents of **Kindergarten, First grade, & Second grade** students:

- Please work with your children on addition and subtraction facts whenever possible (in the car, while making dinner, when you take a walk, etc.)
- Show your child math in the real world (at the grocery store, when you're paying bills, sports statistics, etc.)
- Encourage your child to draw pictures and visual representations when working out math problems

Math Games are Fun! Choose a Math Game to play with your child from this website:

<https://mathforlove.com/lessons/games/>

Technology Tidbits!

Our 4th and 5th graders are loving their laptops, which were provided by Pinellas County Schools as part of the PCS Connects 1:1 program. Students in grades 4-10 (who didn't already have a qualifying device checked out) were provided a Dell 3190 2/1 laptop. This device allows for all sorts of engaging and interesting, hands on lessons in the classroom. Flipgrid, Nearpod, Kahoot, Gimkit, and more!

If your students in Kindergarten through grade 3 are back in school face to face and you would like to turn in their devices, please do so. They can be turned into the front office. Any devices that were checked out in March need to come back to school because they are in need of updates and software checks. Most likely you are noticing some issues with these devices at home because of this. Please contact Mrs. Goodloe at goodloek@pcsb.org to discuss how to get these devices updated so they run smoothly for you at home.

Click here to see what our cafeteria is serving for breakfast this month

Click here to see what our cafeteria is serving for lunch this month.

Free Meals Available for Pick Up on THURSDAYS! See the flyer below for more information.

PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS FOOD & NUTRITION FREE MEAL DISTRIBUTION HOURS & LOCATIONS JANUARY 2021

WHAT MEAL OPTIONS ARE AVAILABLE FOR PINELLAS COUNTY CHILDREN?

All children in Pinellas County 18 years & younger are eligible for

- 7 days' worth of breakfast, lunch, dinner meals, & 5 days' worth of snacks, **FREE**
- Distribution on Thursdays at 28 school locations
- Child does not need to be enrolled in Pinellas County Schools or be present for pickup
- No ID required for pickup
- Meals are distributed on a first-come, first-served basis

PICKUP LOCATIONS

• Elementary Schools (Pick up 4:00-6:00 p.m.)

Belleair El	Lakewood El
Eisenhower El	Sandy Lane El
Garrison Jones El	Skyview El
High Point El	

• Middle Schools (Pick up 4:45-6:00 p.m.)

Azalea Middle	Osceola Middle
Bay Point Middle	Palm Harbor Middle
Carwise Middle	Pinellas Park Middle
Dunedin Middle	Safety Harbor Middle
Fitzgerald Middle	Seminole Middle
Lealman Innovation	Tarpon Middle
Academy	Thurgood Marshall
Meadowlawn Middle	Middle
Oak Grove Middle	Tyrone Middle

• High Schools (Pick up 4:00-6:00 p.m.)

Boca Ciega High	East Lake High
Countryside High	Largo High
Dixie Hollins High	

LEARN MORE

Get more information and nutrition education materials at pcsb.org/food



VISION: 100% STUDENT SUCCESS
MISSION: EDUCATE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE



Vision: 100% student success

Mission:

We will prepare every student for college, career, and citizenship by providing quality educational experiences and integrating literacy through all disciplines.

Area Iv Superintendent: Pat Wright

