

Good evening, Jaguar Nation, this is Principal Wilson with our weekly update.

Pinellas County Schools families,

As you may know, Florida adopted new state education standards and changed the way testing is done in our schools. The new Florida Assessment of Student Thinking - or FAST - is a progress monitoring assessment for reading and math that will be administered, three times per year, to track your student's progress in learning the required materials within Florida's Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards.

The first progress monitoring assessment (PM1) will be administered September 1st (Reading), math will be administered September 7th

You can find out more information about the test and see sample questions at flfast.org/families. Once on the site, just select the grade band appropriate for your student(s).

Please note that these are **progress monitoring** assessments. It is important to know that although this test is taking place at the beginning of the year, students will be answering questions that cover the entire year's curriculum. We know and expect that there will be low scores to start, and those scores will rise and show their progress during the mid-year and end-of-year progress monitoring assessments.

The results of this first assessment will only be used to help teachers understand what areas to focus on with students. It is important that students take the assessment seriously, so teachers have accurate information to use for planning future lessons. The district will send communications to all families with how to access your student's results when they are available.

More information about the new state FAST assessments and B.E.S.T. standards can be found at <https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>.

If you have questions or concerns, please talk to your principal.

Volunteer/Mentors

*Parents we are asking that you please take a few minutes and reactivate your volunteer profiles if you have one so that you can record all of your volunteer hours. You must be cleared and in the volunteer database before volunteering. We are also currently recruiting mentors for our students. We are also looking for speakers for the Great American Teach In that takes place in November. Lastly, the Take Stock in Children Scholarship application period is currently open. For additional information on any of these items, please contact Michele Brisco briscom@pcsb.org.

PCS One to One Devices

*Student laptop check out is still underway. If your student has not yet checked out their school issued laptop, please make sure they do so ASAP. Students need the device for state mandated testing which begins this week, for in class computer-based programs that support their classes as well as other in class assignments. Students must have a signed equipment agreement to do so. They can pick them up in our media center before school and during lunch.

Lunch

*Just a reminder that the free lunch program that was in place during COVID is no longer available. Student lunches are \$2.75. Any student who qualifies for Free/Reduced lunch must have a new application submitted for the 2022-2023 school year. All statuses will change starting on September 22nd if you haven't filled out a current application those accounts will start to accrue negative balances. Link to submit Free/Reduced application: www.myschoolapps.com AND link to put money on a student's lunch account: www.myschool-bucks.com

Fundraiser

- *Thurgood Thespian Boosters will be collecting used sneakers in the morning car line starting Wednesday, August 17th and continuing through August 25th.*
- *Families can also bring sneakers to the Open House on August 25th or drop them off in Ms. Katz's classroom.*
- *This is a great way to keep sneakers out of landfills while supporting your school's theater program.*
- *Plus, you will have a chance to win new shoes! For every pair of sneakers donated, you will receive a raffle ticket. Two winners will receive \$50 Nike gift cards, and one lucky ticket will receive a \$100 Nike gift card.*

No School Monday, September 5th

School Pictures are Monday, September 19th

Required Parent Meeting Dates (2022-23) - (Must attend one a month) Please keep in mind we will update the dates (adding dates) by August 31st to include band/chorus/drama performances. After the updates are completed, I will send another call out with the updates. The updates will also be located on our school website. Please plan accordingly what dates works best for you. Representatives will be granted only when coordinated with the principal 48 hours (about 2 days) prior of the meeting. Please remember that you must be in attendance for the entire meeting, and you must arrive 15 minutes prior to the start of the meeting.

Date	Time	Location	Meeting	Agenda
August 29th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	PTA	Budget/School Improvement Plan/Expectations
September 1 st	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Building 1	Arts Information Night	
September 13th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	Literacy/Math Tips
September 26th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	PTA	TBD (Tentative - Mental Health/Anxiety)
October 6th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS (TBD)	AVID Meeting (only AVID families)	TBD
October 11th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	High School /TIPS (School Counselors)
October 12 th	5:30 – 7:30 PM	TMFMS Hallway	Orchestra Concert	
October 12 th	6:00 – 8:00 PM	Cafeteria/Gym	Band Concert	
October 20th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	Gifted Meeting (only for gifted families)	TBD
October 20 th	4:30 – 7:00PM	TMFMS Field	PTA	Fall Festival

November 1st	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	Area Superintendent/School Board Member
November 3 rd	7:00 – 8:30 PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	Theatre (Coffeehouse Showcase)	
November 14th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS	PTA	TBD (Community Family Night)
December 12 th	6:00 – 7:30M		Orchestra Concert	TBD
December 13th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	Test Taking strategies
December 16 th	6:00 – 7:30PM		Orchestra Concert	TBD
December 19 th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	PTA	TBD (Tentative – Bullying presentation)
December 20 th	6:00 – 7:30PM		Orchestra Concert	TBD
January 10th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	State of Union
January 23 rd	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	PTA	State of Union
February 2 nd	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS (TBD)	AVID Meeting (only AVID families)	TBD
February 7th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	TBD (Tentative - Social Media)
February 16th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS (TBD)	Gifted Meeting (only for gifted families)	TBD
February 16 th	7:00 – 8:30 PM	TMFMS Theater 2 Performance		TBD
February 17 th	7:00 – 8:30	TMFMS Theater 2 Performance		TBD
February 27th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	PTA	TBD
March 7 th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	TBD
March 27 th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	PTA	TBD
April 11th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	SAC	Elections
April 18 th	6:00 – 7:30PM		Orchestra Concert	TBD
April 24 th	6:00 – 7:30PM	TMFMS Cafeteria	PTA	Elections
April 24 th	6:00 – 7:30PM		Orchestra Concert	TBD
April 20th	7:00 – 8:30PM	TMFMS Gym		Spring Musical
April 21 st	7:00 – 8:30PM	TMFMS Gym		Spring Musical
April 22 nd	2:00 – 3:30PM	TMFMS Gym		Spring Musical
April 28 th	6:00 – 7:30PM		Orchestra Concert	TBD

Our **cell phone policy** for students - once students enter the building phones/earbuds must be off and out of sight from 9:40AM – 4:10PM. Cell phones/earbuds must not be visible (not in back pockets). Students may receive consequences for cell phones being visible. If a student needs to contact you (i.e., sickness, issues, concerns, detentions) or if you need to contact your child, please contact the front office (727) 552-1737.

Early pick-up ends at 3:45PM. Please be patient with us for early pick up during lunch time and PE.

Students will be participating in Positive Behavior Celebrations. Students earn points through our PBIS (Positive Behavior Intervention Support) Rewards system by adhering to our ROAR School-wide expectations (Responsibility, Organization, Always Safe, Respect). All adults have access to award points to all students. Students have access to this program through Clever. The following activities will be our celebrations. There will be opportunities to purchase items from our school store as well. Listed below are dates/events for the 1st semester.

Date	Event	Point Value	Purchase by
September 2nd	Ripped Jeans Day	15 points	August 31 st (noon)
September 8th	Social Time in Gym (9:45 – 10:05AM)	25 points	September 6 th (noon)

September 16 th	VIP Lunch (Recess outside)	30 points (this is limited to 50 people per lunch)	September 14 th (noon)
September 23 rd	Hat day	15 points	September 21 st (noon)
September 30 th	Croc/Slide Day	15 points	September 28 th (noon)
October 7 th	Ripped Jeans	15 points	October 5 th (noon)
October 14 th (Tentative)	TASCO event	40 points	October 12 th
October 20 th	Social Time in Gym (9:45 – 10:05AM)	25 points	October 18 th (noon)
October 28 th	VIP Lunch	30 points	October 26 th (noon)
October 31 st	Halloween Costumes	15 points	October 27 th (noon)
November 4 th	Hat day	15 points	November 2 nd (noon)
November 11 th	Crocs/Slides	15 points	November 9 th (noon)
November 17 th	Social Time in Gym	25 points	November 15 th (noon)
December 2 nd	VIP Lunch	30 points	November 30 th (noon)
December 9 th	Hat	15 points	December 7 th (noon)
December 16 th	Croc/Slides	15 points	December 14 th (noon)
December 22 nd	Winter Social (Dance) - 3:40 – 5:10PM	40 points (limited to 200 students)	December 20 th (noon)

Grade level activities

Students must meet the behavior criteria to participate in end of year activities. No more than three detentions or referrals for but not limited to the following (i.e. disrespect, horseplay, theft, defiance, profanity towards adults, bullying, cyberbullying, harassment, fighting). Students must be in school for at least half a day to participate in the activities. Students who ride the bus to the event cannot leave with a parent or family friends once on the field trip.

Event	Date	Students eligible if meets the behavior expectations
Gradventure (Universal Studios)	May 5 th (2:00PM – 2:00AM)	8 th grade students only
8 th grade dance	May 20 (5:00PM – 8:00PM) @Gulfport Casino	TMFMS 8 th grade students only
MOSI or Zoo	May 5 th	6 th grade students only
Tampa Aquarium	May 5 th	7 th grade students only

School website link

<https://www.google.com/url?sa=t&rct=j&q=&esrc=s&source=web&cd=&cad=rja&uact=8&ved=2ahUKEwimprnS-vX4AhVSQjABHZRDD74QFnoECA0QAQ&url=https%3A%2F%2Fwww.pcsb.org%2Fmarshall-ms&usg=AOvVaw00aAFTlaGeXwNLaEbvyzlp&cshid=1657718751123403>