

Dear 2023 Retirees,

On behalf of Pinellas County Schools, thank you for your dedication and service to our students and community. You have embodied our core values, and through your work, you have enriched the lives of countless students and families. Although you are retiring, please know that the impact you have made does not end. Teachers, and all Pinellas County Schools employees, touch lives in ways that carry on for generations to come.

Thank you for being an integral part of our Pinellas County Schools family. We wish you good health, happiness and great fulfillment in your next chapter. Congratulations.



Kevin Hendrick

Pinellas County Schools Superintendent

Dear 2023 Retirees,

On behalf of the Pinellas County school board, I would like to congratulate you on your retirement!

We are grateful for the hard work and incredible dedication that you have given to the students and families of Pinellas County Schools. Many thanks to the educators, support staff, and administrators who have given so much to contribute to the success of our students. When you look back, we hope you will see with pride what incredible achievements your steadfast commitment has helped to build.

We wish you a very happy retirement filled with joy and memories you will cherish forever.





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AnonaELEMENTARY



Lisa WittmannSecretary Bookkeeper, 11 Years of Service



Area 1 Office

Cynthia Carbone

Secretary Area Superintendent, 33 Years of Service



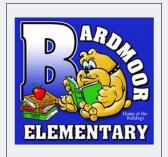


Bardmoor ELEMENTARY



Robert Stanley

Paraprofessional, 9 Years of Service



Bay Point ELEMENTARY

Dorene Brunetti

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 16 Years of Service

Shirley Feltz

Teacher, 7 Years of Service



Sue Godfirnon

Teacher, 24 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: The best and most exciting thing about teaching kindergarten was teaching kids to read. I still get goosebumps when they "get it"!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Relaxing, kayaking, and spending more time with my family. Going to enjoy watching Sunday Night Football without worrying about having to go to work on Mondays!





Bay Point ELEMENTARY



Paula MilfordTeacher, 18 Years of Service



Ronald Motyka
Teacher, 47 Years of Service
Favorite memory at PCS: Teaching different grade levels during
Summer Bridge. Before the pandemic, we took great field trips
with our students. I especially enjoyed taking first graders to the
Clearwater Aquarium.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to not being on a time schedule and taking little trips.



Belcher ELEMENTARY



Sandra Claxton

Teacher, 16 Years of Service



Belleair ELEMENTARY

Bonnie SmithTeacher, 23 Years of Service





BlantonELEMENTARY



Alysia DillonTeacher, 14 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: My favorite memories are all the times I saw the light bulb turn on for my students when they learned something. I enjoyed working with so many students with diverse needs.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I have been working for my family's business on the administrative side. I plan to enjoy my 9 grandchildren and participate in their school events.



Brooker Creek ELEMENTARY

Lynda Anderson

Secretary Bookkeeper, 27 Years of Service

Debbie McConnaughey

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 9 Years of Service What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Enjoying time with the grandkids.







Campbell Park ELEMENTARY



Scherris Diaz

Paraprofessional, 23 Years of Service



Carwise MIDDLE

JoAnn Niles

Teacher, 33 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One of the best memories I would say is being nominated for Who's Who Among America's Teachers. The nomination comes from a student. I still don't know which student it was, but I was always hopeful that I made a positive impact on my student's lives and the nomination was confirmation that I made a lasting impression.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to relaxing and lots of traveling





Career, Technical, and Adult Education SERVICES



Brenda Vlach

Administrator Adult High School, 37 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: The Countywide Graduation Ceremony every year with grads from ages 16 to 80 participating. It is an awe inspiring experience.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Plan to be a "Sunbird" soaring between Wisconsin and Florida with the animals in a mini-van.



Clearwater HIGH

Ellen FlaspohlerTeacher, 23 Years of Service





Countryside HIGH



Dawn Richmond

Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 32 Years of Service



Cross Bayou ELEMENTARY



Kathy Wickett

Principal, 27 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working with such dedicated teachers and administrators at North Ward Elementary, McMullen Booth Elementary and Cross Bayou Elementary.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with my family, especially my grandsons!



Curlew Creek ELEMENTARY



Sarah HoneyTeacher, 9 Years of Service

Chris WardNight Foreman Elementary,
11 Years of Service





Disston ACADEMY

Lesley Cooper

Teacher, 28 Years of Service





Minnie MorandPlant Operator, 22 Years of Service



Dixie Hollins HIGH

Joseph Freshley

Teacher, 21 Years of Service

Scott Mason

Teacher, 37 Years of Service

Paula Roberts

Secretary IV, 35 Years of Service





Dunedin HIGH

William Lewis

Night Foreman High, 42 Years of Service

Garry Scheuer III

Teacher, 17 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Really valued, and miss now, the camaraderie among my teacher friends.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending more time with my wife, continue my love of learning- endless interests and skills to explore.



Chloe Schreiber

Teacher, 19 Years of Service



Dunedin Highland MIDDLE



Kristo Bardhi

Plant Operator, 14 Years of Service



East Lake HIGH



Greg Rocktoff

Teacher, 39 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: The Video conference with my students and the Space Station. Lots more!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Keep moving......catch waves, ride powder, expeditions and adventure with the family!



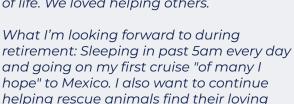
Linnea WilliamsSchool Office Clerk II, 34 Years of Service

Terri Yancey

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Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 38 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The fundraising that we did with our Best Buddies / ESE department and school to help abandoned or abused pets have a better life. And to help cancer victims through our Relay For Life events have a longer and better quality of life. We loved helping others.







Exceptional Student Education SERVICES



Karin (Catharina) Forrest

Teacher, 39 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: My first and favorite memory is that I was hired by Bernice Johnson who called me at 8:00 am the morning when I arrived to Florida from New Jersey! I still had the UHAUL and mattress on the car when I met her for my early morning interview! Since then, my favorite memories are of all the students and staff I have enjoyed my many career days with! So much love!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: My husband and I plan to do a lot of cruising and purchasing a RV to travel throughout the United States.



Teacher AlternativeSERVICES



Mark WardrumTeacher, 18 Years of Service



Food & NutritionSERVICES

Joanna EstellClerk Specialist II, 30 Years of Service





Fuguitt ELEMENTARY



Michael Fisher

Plant Operator, 9 Years of Service



Gibbs HIGH



Margaret GressTeacher, 37 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: All the great kids I taught! I love running into them when I am out and about in the community and catching up with them. It's wonderful to have students remember me and all the life skills they learned in my classes.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Helping coordinate the Gibbs High School History Museum. Visiting my family, and finally getting to see the National Parks throughout our beautiful country.

Gregory SumnerHead Plant Operator, 35 Years of Service





Gulf Beaches ELEMENTARY MAGNET



Scott Peters

Head Plant Operator, 11 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: One favorite memory was created at the beginning of my career as Head Plant Operator at Gulf Beaches Elementary. The staff and I were preparing for the reopening of the school as "Gulf Beaches Elementary Magnet School - A Center for Innovation and Digital Learning". That was nine and a half years ago.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Riding my motorcycle.



Gus A. Stavros Institute

Barbara Ina

Resource Teacher, 37 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I enjoyed reuniting with many former students when they visited...as parents. Connecting with countless, generous parent and business volunteers throughout the years was always fun and rewarding. I will always treasure the relationships I shared with my "work family".

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I plan to play golf, travel, hang out with my dog and get up when I want to.





Human Resources & Division SERVICES



Beth Anderson

6-8 Reading Specialist, 16 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: There is nothing better than running into a former student at a store or out in the community and getting a hug, a thank you and a glimpse of what you did or said to them and that it mattered.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to time with my grandchildren, and getting my fill of pickleball and golf.

John FrankAdmin Professional Standards, 37 Years of Service





Human Resources & Division SERVICES

Dawn Handley

Employee Wellness Specialist, 15 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: All the friendships and relationships that I have gained over the 15 years. I never thought I would be so fortunate to have an amazing work family.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Expanding my nonprofit, travel, enjoying friends and family.

Liz Pribble

Staff Developer, 30 Years of Service

Philip Sardin

Clerk Specialist I, 22 Years of Service





James B. Sanderlin PK-8



Jerry Williams

Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 9 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: Working with special need students. I love being able to give the the support they might not otherwise receive.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: We have a small bungalow in Bali, and I spend on spending every available minute on the beach.



Lakewood Community ELEMENTARY

Patricia Brewer

School Counselor Adult Vocational, 37 Years of Service





LargoMIDDLE

Largo HIGH

Michael Collins

Teacher, 41 Years of Service





Teacher, 35 Years of Service







LynchELEMENTARY

John Mundella

Night Foreman, 35 Years of Service





Madeira BeachFUNDAMENTAL K-8



Donna Porterfield

Data Management Technician, 25 Years of Service



MaintenanceSERVICES

Paul Atkinson, JR

Air Compressor/Emergency Systems Technician, 36 Years of Service

Gary Bajkowsky

Electrician-Journeyman, 10 Years of Service

Roy Harris

Heating/Air Conditioning Mechanic - Journeyman 35 Years of Service





MaintenanceSERVICES



William Izzo, JR

Air Compressor/Emergency Systems Technician, 36 Years of Service

Gary Merrill

Maintenance Service Foreman, 34 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: Repairing football scoreboards on game day.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Continuing to repair pinball machines





Maintenance SERVICES



Steven Petrosky

Heating/Air Conditioning Mechanic - Journeyman 31 Years of Service

Susan YandelClerk Specialist II, 39 Years of Service





McMullen-Booth ELEMENTARY



Ann Gerakios Arfaras

Teacher, 35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: As the proud daughter of Steve Gerakios (teacher, 30 years, Clearwater High School) and Esther Gerakios (Media Services, 20 years, PCS Administration Building), carrying on my family's legacy in education in Pinellas County, for the past 35 years, has been the honor of a lifetime. Along with my sister, Maria Gerakios (teacher, 40 years Countryside High School), and my brother Manual Gerakios (Associate Professor, 19 years, and counting, at St. Petersburg College, T.S.), we are eager to continue to serve our community as advocates for the profession and all those who continue to devote their lives to it. And most importantly, my love to you Michael (Mechanical Engineer and possible future teacher) and Steven (teacher, 4 years and counting, Largo High School) for being such amazing sons and caring human beings. I am forever grateful to be your Mom.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Travel to the NC Mountains as often as possible, especially in the fall. Volunteer. Spend more time enjoying my beloved Clearwater Beach-the place where I grew up.



MeadowlawnMIDDLE

Charles Matoka, JR

Paraprofessional, 14 Years of Service

Margaret Ross

Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 21 Years of Service

Effie Trihas

Teacher, 14 Years of Service





Mildred Helms ELEMENTARY



Mary Deoliveira

Assistant Principal, 34 Years of Service



Northwest ELEMENTARY



Marie BrainardPrincipal, 30 Years of Service

Lorraine KingTeacher Assistant, 22 Years of Service





Oak Grove MIDDLE

Deborah Dyer

Teacher, 21 Years of Service





Patricia MulhollandTeacher, 8 Years of Service



Oakhurst ELEMENTARY



Lisa Cesta

Teacher, 14 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The memories that stand out are working in various schools with outstanding teachers and friends that I will cherish forever. The opportunity to teach Adaptive PE was an incredible experience!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to sleeping in, working out, finding Joy in every day, and going on new adventures!

Jennifer SullivanTeacher, 31 Years of Service





Oldsmar ELEMENTARY

Larry Toebe

Head Plant Operator, 40 Years of Service





Orange Grove ELEMENTARY

Cheryl Sleppy

Teacher, 20 Years of Service





Osceola Fundamental HIGH

Deborah Giovo

Family and Community Liaison, 15 Years of Service





Karen MoodySchool Office Clerk II, 8 Years of Service



OsceolaMIDDLE



Joanne Scherer Teacher, 33 Years of Service



Palm HarborMIDDLE

Karen Tremblay

Food and Nutrition Manager IV, 32 Years of Service





Pasadena Fundamental ELEMENTARY



Kim ThomsonTeacher, 30 Years of Service



Pinellas Central Schools

Police Department



Michael Hawkins

Police Sergeant, 9 Years of Service



Pinellas Secondary SCHOOL

Mary-Kay Cornell

Data Management Technician, 17 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: I Enjoyed Working with amazing people in my school, FTE ladies, also the help desk, transportation crew and all DMT's who are the best! I will miss you all but I'm so going to enjoy my well deserved retirement. Thanks to everyone who helped me get here.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Plan to travel with my 6 awesome Grandchildren and 1 great grandson!



Theresa Damewood

Plant Operator, 35 Years of Service



Pinellas Technical COLLEGE, CLEARWATER



Sharon Henry, RN, MM, MSNursing Instructor, 10 Years of Service
Favorite memory at PCS: Having former students who have been out in the field working as nurses coming back and thanking me.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: More time for children/grandchildren and more time to work out with CrossFit.

Kathleen RobinsonClerk Specialist II, 18 Years of Service





Pinellas TechnicalCOLLEGE, ST. PETERSBURG

Robert Smith, JRPlant Operator , 42 Years of Service

Arilee Still School Counselor, 31 Years of Service

Brian YoungTeacher, 17 Years of Service





Pinellas Teleschool SERVICES



Frederick FriedmanTeacher, 12 Years of Service



Ponce De Leon ELEMENTARY

Amany Akhnoukh

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 13 Years of Service





Lynne Moench Teacher, 20 Years of Service



Pre K-12 Performing Arts SERVICES



Barbara Frank

Secretary Bookkeeper, 24 Years of Service



Safety Harbor MIDDLE

Eartha L. Mims, EdD
School Counselor, 36 Years of Service



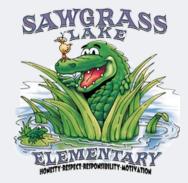


Sawgrass Lake ELEMENTARY



Marquetta Rich

Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 24 Years of Service



School Social Work SERVICES

Lindsay StaceySocial Worker, 17 Years of Service





Seminole HIGH

Janice Monroe

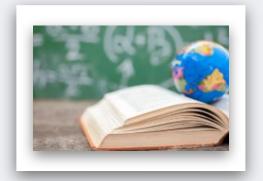
Teacher, 29 Years of Service

Judith Powell

Campus Activities Monitor, 26 Years of Service



Night Foreman, 19 Years of Service





Seminole MIDDLE

Darla Gatesman

School Counselor, 28 Years of Service

James Hawblitzel

Head Plant Operator, 35 Years of Service

Dolores Pastorino

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 7 Years of Service





Seventy-Fourth St. ELEMENTARY

Anna Patterson

Behavior Specialist, 35 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: Making a book with my 1st grade class about Miz Granny, our 94-year-old classroom volunteer whom no one else wanted. Our book was selected for the traveling library and mentioned in a St. Petersburg Times article about Miz Granny and Pinellas County volunteers.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with friends and family





Sexton ELEMENTARY



Frederick NodinePlant Operator, 12 Years of Service



Skycrest ELEMENTARY

Patricia Jones

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 11 Years of Service





Skyview ELEMENTARY



Maryellen Silva

Registered Physical Therapy Assistant, 29 Years of Service



Specialized SERVICES



Patricia BylerTeacher Speech Language Impaired, 34 Years of Service

Jill PflukeTeacher Visually Impaired, 20 Years of Service





St. Petersburg

Mary Lou Derrickson

Secretary II, 27 Years of Service Favorite memory at PCS: Attending graduations of all my students over the years... from school football fields to Tropicana, always a thrill to see my kids get their diplomas after years of hard work.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Sleeping in! High schools start early! Love to read, watch tv, do puzzles, hoping to eventually babysit a grandchild or two...

Dorothy Tran

Bilingual Assistant I, 33 Years of Service





Student Assignment SERVICES



Juanita TavarezClerk Specialist II, 20 Years of Service



Tarpon Springs Elementary

Dorothy FreemanClerk Typist I, 14 Years of Service





Technology & Information SERVICES



William F. Barnett Jr.
Technology Technician, 23 Years of Service
Favorite memory at PCS: Driving a school bus

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Building a homestead on 10 acres in TN and growing/canning produce.

Claudia Claerhout-SaltzApplications Administrator, 29 Years of Service

George LewellenSenior Application Specialist, 9 Years of Service





TransportationSERVICES

Daphni Black Sermon

Bus Driver Relief, 30 Years of Service

Mary Daddario

Bus Driver Relief, 17 Years of Service

Janis Hoskins

Bus Driver, 24 Years of Service

Bryon Hunter

Bus Assistant, 9 Years of Service

Kathleen Johnson

Bus Assistant, 32 Years of Service





TransportationSERVICES

Paul Leyendecker

Bus Driver Relief, 19 Years of Service

Joel Smith IIIBus Driver, 13 Years of Service





Tyrone MIDDLE

Patricia Thompson

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 21 Years of Service





Warehousing SERVICES



Isuf LupaStock Clerk, 11 Years of Service



WestgateELEMENTARY



Barbara Philie

Food and Nutrition Manager II, 10 Years of Service

Smiljka MartinovicPlant Operator, 18 Years of Service





Congratulations on Your Retirement For all your hard work for all the support, and help you have given others, may all your years ahead be filled with the rich rewards of joy and fulfillment you so greatly deserve

Meerabai Madam

and have so fully earned.



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