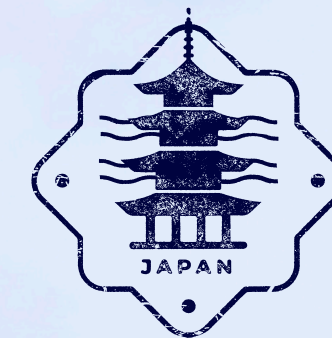
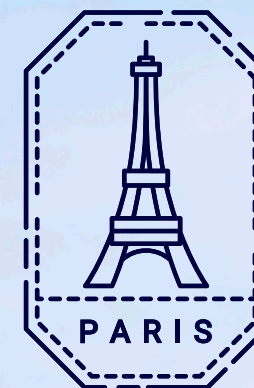
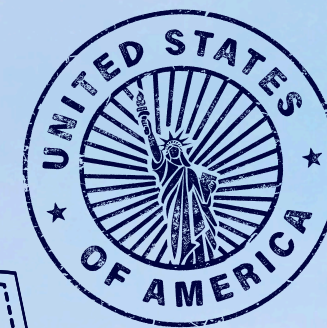


# 2024 FALL/WINTER RETIREMENT MEMORY BOOK



*Find joy in the Journey*





## ***Dear 2024 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 2024 Retirees,*

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

We are grateful that you have chosen to leave your mark on education. Many thanks to you - the educators, support professionals, and administrators for your hard work and dedication. You have impacted thousands of students, leaving a legacy that will reverberate well into the future.

We wish you all the best as we celebrate your retirement from Pinellas County Schools.

***Laura Hine***

*Chairperson of the Pinellas County School Board*



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(Single Member District #6)

***Dawn M. Peters***

(At Large District #3)



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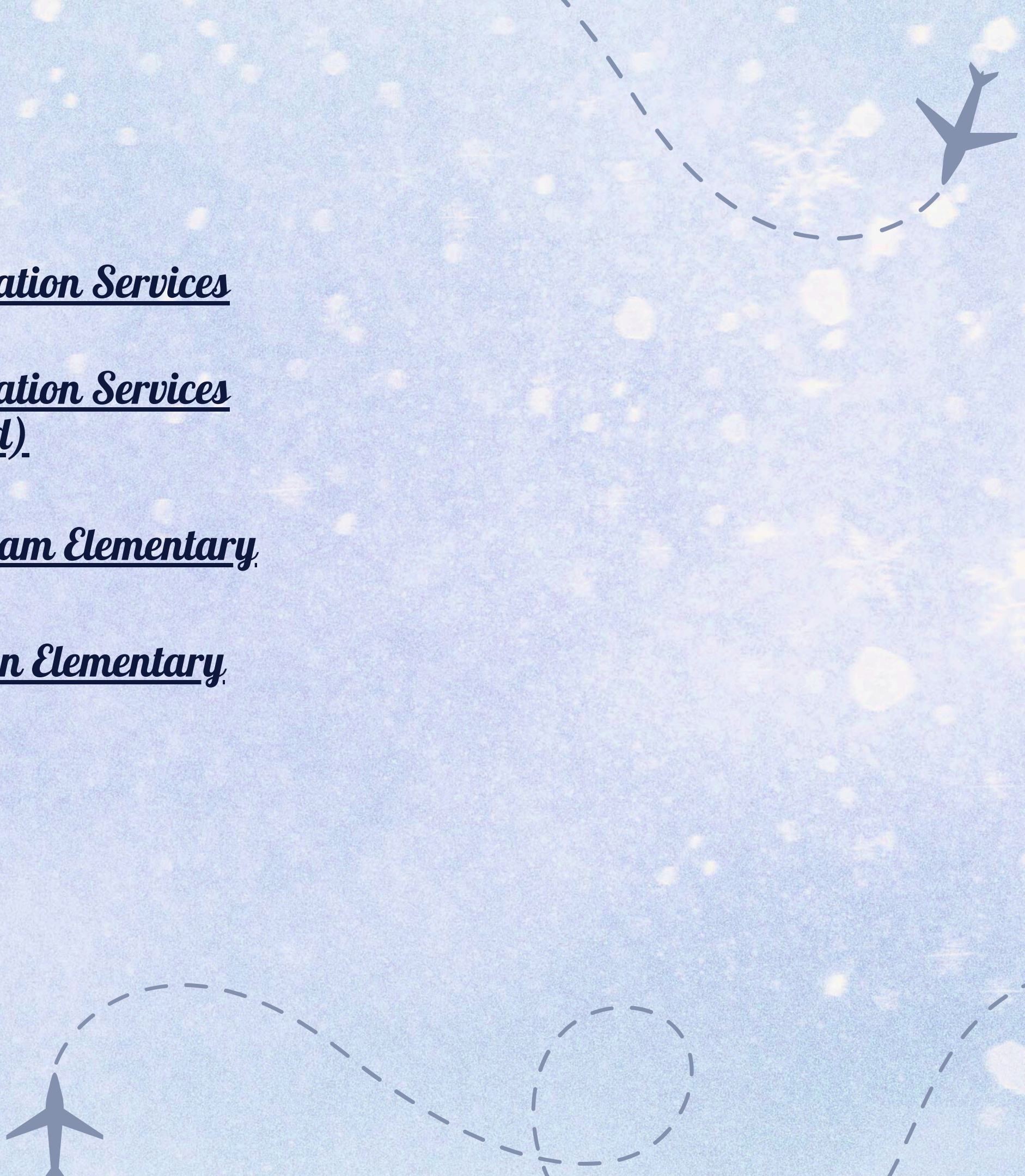
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# *Advance Studies and Academic Excellence*



***Marlene Abdo***

Senior Data Management Technician,  
20 Years of Service

***Jean Patterson***

Secretary III, 27 Years of Service





# Anona Elementary



*Jill Colby*

Food and Nutrition Assistant,  
10 Years of Service





# *Azalea Middle*

***Michael Samonek***  
Teacher,  
21 Years of Service





# *Blanton Elementary*



*Lori Plomatos*  
Secretary Bookkeeper,  
29 Years of Service



# *Boca Ciega High*



***Gerald Rafal***

Behavior Specialist,  
10 Years of Service

***Daniel Yeazell***  
Teacher,  
33 Years of Service





# Calvin Hunsinger School

**Peter Snyder**

PE Teacher,  
35 Years of Service



**SRO Joseph J. Tenbieg**

Police Officer, 15 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: Working as a SRO at Calvin Hunsinger School my entire career with the Schools Police Dept. I enjoyed working with and helping the kids with special needs.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Travel and spending time with my 4 kids and 9 grand kids.



# *Career, Technical, and Adult Education*

***Chester Powers***

Information System  
Microcomputer Specialist,  
14 Years of Service





# *Chief Financial Office*



***Karen Coffey***

Administrator on Special Assignment,  
30 Years of Service



# *Clearview Adult Education Center*

***Jeani Chua***  
Adult Teacher,  
35 Years of Service





# *Clearwater Fundamental Middle*



***Paul Kurek***

Assistant Principal,  
33 Years of Service



# Countryside High



***John Angelo***

Campus Activities Monitor OBS,  
28 Years of Service



***James Marudas***  
Teacher,  
22 Years of Service



***Sudarshana Peliyagoda***  
Paraprofessional,  
11 Years of Service



# *Cross Bayou Elementary*

***Carol Caudill***  
Teacher,  
31 Years of Service





# *Curlew Creek Elementary*



***Laurie Curti***  
Teacher,  
34 Years of Service

***Judy Stiver***

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,  
8 Years of Service





# *Curtis Fundamental Elementary*



*Sherra Jones*  
Teacher,  
34 Years of Service





# Diagnostic Services



*Anna Annarelli*

# Educational Diagnostician, 34 Years of Service



# Sandra Moser

# Educational Diagnostician, 36 Years of Service



# *Dunedin Elementary*



***Marcy Kearns***

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,  
22 Years of Service



***Jeanette Morrison***  
Teacher, 19 Years of Service



# *Dunedin High*

*Elva Morales*

School Office Clerk II,  
19 Years of Service





# East Lake High



***Jennifer Anderson***

Teacher, 38 Years of Service

***Johanna Fisher***

Teacher,  
42 Years of Service



***Catherine Foltz***

Teacher,  
37 Years of Service



# *East Lake High (continued)*



***Mary Heldt***

Secretary IV,  
19 Years of Service

***Vicki Stewart***

Teacher, 44 Years of Service





# *East Lake Middle*



***David Reid***

Teacher, 15 Years of Service



# *Eisenhower Elementary*



***Karen Festa***

Teacher,  
38 Years of Service



***Jeanclaude Leguichard***

Physical Education Assistant,  
34 Years of Service



***Ana Quinones***

Data Management  
Technician,  
26 Years of Service



# *Fitzgerald Middle*



*Lisa Jones*  
Teacher,  
11 Years of Service



# *Fuguitt Elementary*



***Kathleen Hagan***

Instructional Staff Developer,  
27 Years of Service

***Mary Harris***

Teacher, 12 Years of Service





# *Garrison-Jones Elementary*



***Rosa Carranza***

Plant Operator, 10 Years of Service



# Gus A. Stavros Institute



## Leslie Tomlin

Resource Teacher,  
36 Years of Service



## Sandra "Sandi" Russell

Teacher Assistant,  
29 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: I enjoyed the many golden teaching moments with students and lifelong friendships with staff. I enjoyed creating strong PTA boards, being a member of the Commitment to Character Development Committee and pilot program, being a founding member of Eisenhower Elementary's Panda Pearls, and tutoring students after school while their parents learned English. I had great fun playing in Eisenhower's Kazoo Band. I am proud to call you all my colleagues.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Spending more time with family, traveling, volunteering and sleeping in.



# *Highland Lakes Elementary*



*Cassandra Collins*

Teacher,  
32 Years of Service



# *John Hopkins Middle*



## *Paula Stephens*

Teacher, 26 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: I truly love seeing children "get it." That sweet moment when knowledge finally clicks in and understanding takes place. I treasure those memories.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: I look forward to traveling.

## *Michele Stewart*

Teacher, 28 Years of Service





# Lake St. George Elementary

***Fatime Tushe***

Food and Nutrition Assistant,  
10 Years of Service





# Lakeview Fundamental



## *Debra Panico*

Teacher, 40 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: Watching the 5-year-olds learn how to read!

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Mountain bike, travel, relax, and NOT set an alarm!



# Largo Middle

**Patricia Martin**  
Teacher,  
17 Years of Service





# *Lealman Avenue Elementary*



***Cheryl Bradley***

Teacher, 28 Years of Service



# *Lynch Elementary*

*Tara Al*

Teacher, 22 Years of Service





# *Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8*

*Elizabeth Stang*

Teacher, 29 Years of Service



*Jeffrey Redett*

Head Plant Operator,  
21 Years of Service





# *Maintenance Services*



***Kevin Bennett***

Electronics Technician - Journeyman,  
13 Years of Service

***Robert Lewis***

Instrument Technical-Journeyman,  
31 Years of Service





# *Maintenance Services (continued)*



***Robinn Prater***  
Clerk Specialist II,  
30 Years of Service

***Jeffrey Taylor***  
Appliance/Refrigeration  
Technician-Journeyman,  
11 Years of Service





# *Mangrove Bay Middle*



***Nancy Mapes***

Food and Nutrition Assistant,  
8 Years of Service



# *McMullen Booth Elementary*



## *Donna Skelton*

Medical-Behavior Assistant,  
19 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories during your career:  
Whenever one of my autistic non-verbal pre-k students started to say words!

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: I look forward to being more available to my family and spending time with them.



# Meadowlawn Middle

*Virginia Oliva*

Teacher, 26 Years of Service





# *Midtown Academy*



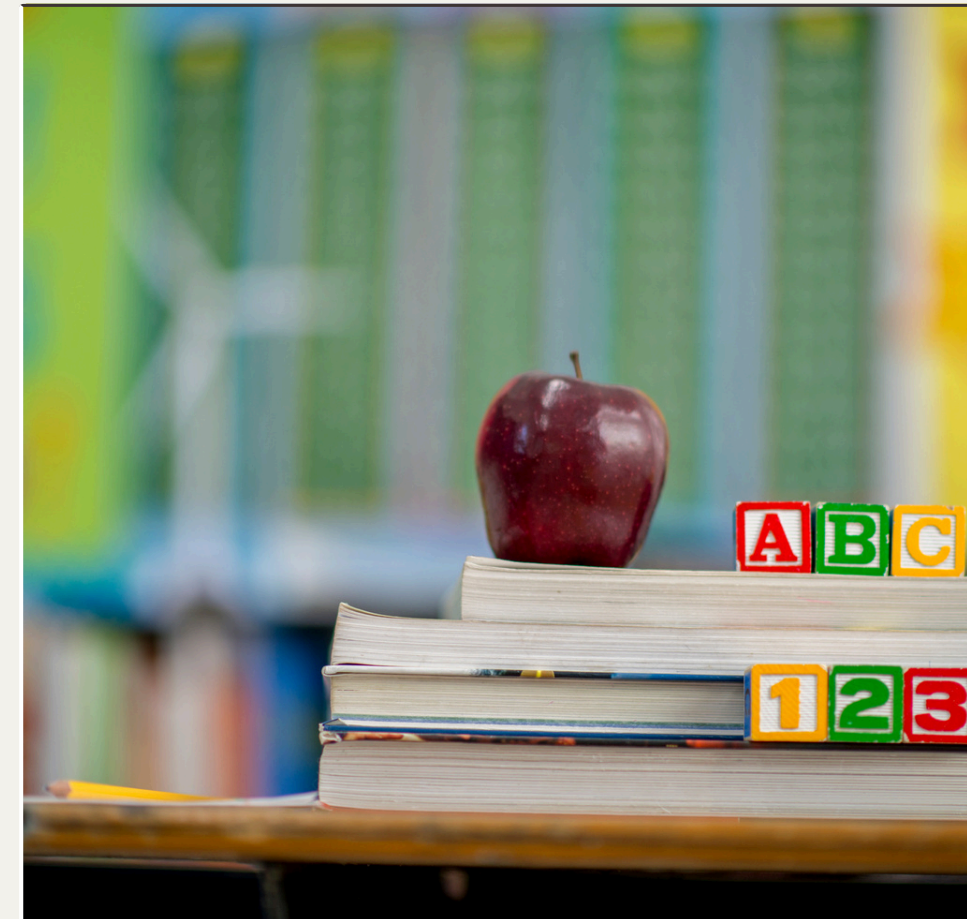
***Deborah Davis***  
Teacher, 21 Years of Service



# *North Shore Elementary*

***Karen Schlemmer***

Paraprofessional,  
18 Years of Service





# *Northeast High*



*Carrie Grass*

Teacher, 18 Years of Service



# *Northwest Elementary*

*Vanessa Byard*

Teacher, 23 Years of Service



*Phyllis Delaney*

Paraprofessional,  
23 Years of Service





# *Oakhurst Elementary*

***Michelle Fulle***  
Teacher,  
33 Years of Service





# Osceola Fundamental High



**John Campbell**

Teacher, 13 Years of Service

**Debra Rein**

Teacher, 21 Years of Service





# *OT-PT and Medicaid Services*



***Valerie Harrah***

Physical Therapist,  
25 Years of Service



# *Ozona Elementary*

***Vicky Drake***

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist  
26 Years of Service





# *Palm Harbor University High*



## *Diana Casias*

Senior Data Management Technician,  
35 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: My first year I worked as a clerk for a middle school. We got state audited. The auditor spoke of me very highly when completing the exit meeting with Administration. I was very proud when this was relayed to me.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Moving to TN, adopting a puppy and no alarm clocks!



# *Pasadena Fundamental Elementary*

*Lorena Gaskill*  
Teacher,  
34 Years of Service





# *Paul B. Stephens School*



***Mary Putzel***

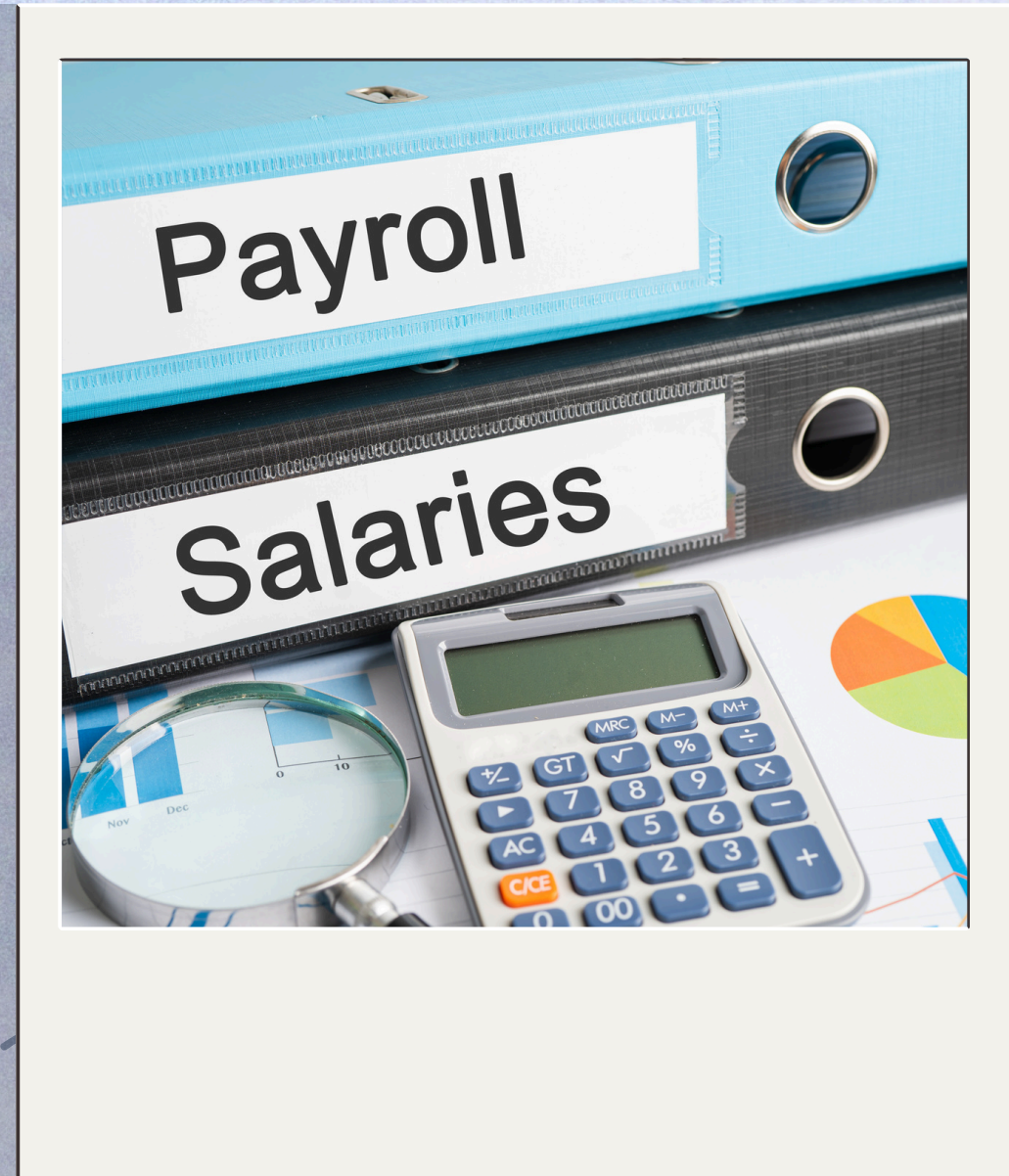
Teacher, 30 Years of Service



# *Payroll Services*

***Marioara Olda***

Senior Payroll Technician,  
30 Years of Service

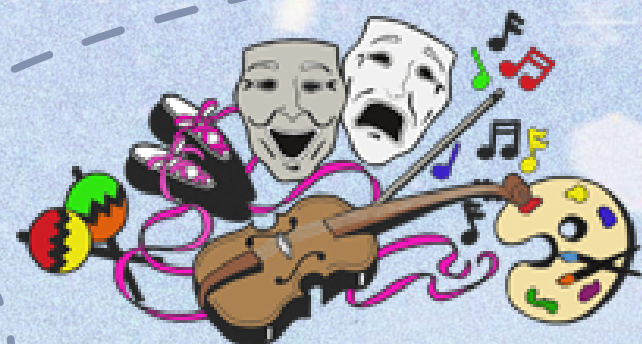




# *Perkins Elementary*



*Amy Viegas*  
Teacher,  
25 Years of Service





# *Pinellas Park Middle*

*Elizabeth Wright*

Teacher, 21 Years of Service





# *Pinellas Technical College (St. Petersburg)*



***Sylester Norwood***

Director, 31 Years of Service



***Susan Paradis***

Financial Aid Specialist,  
27 Years of Service



***Dolores Stabile***

Teacher,  
28 Years of Service





# *Ponce De Leon Elementary*



***Betty Pritchett***

Food and Nutrition Assistant,  
14 Years of Service



# *Professional Development*



***Pamela Kasardo***

Senior Professional Development Coordinator,  
24 Years of Service



***Natalie Geldern***

Certification Clerk,  
29 Years of Service



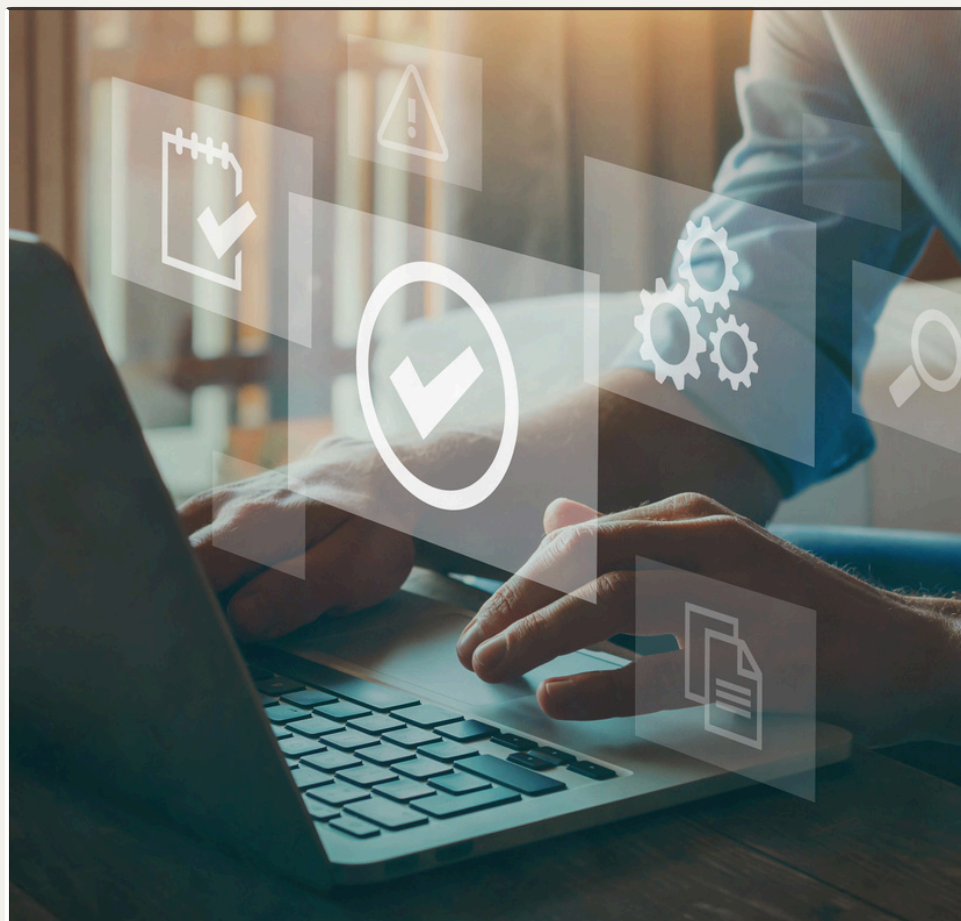
# *Purchasing Department*

***Nancy Gaesser***  
Purchasing Analyst,  
17 Years of Service





# ***Records Management***



***Norma Webster***

Clerk Typist II, 12 Years of Service



# Richard L. Sanders School



**Martha Bowman**  
School Office Clerk I,  
26 Years of Service



**Mary Paight**  
Teacher,  
8 Years of Service



**Susan Oliveto**  
Teacher,  
18 Years of Service



# *Ridgecrest Elementary*

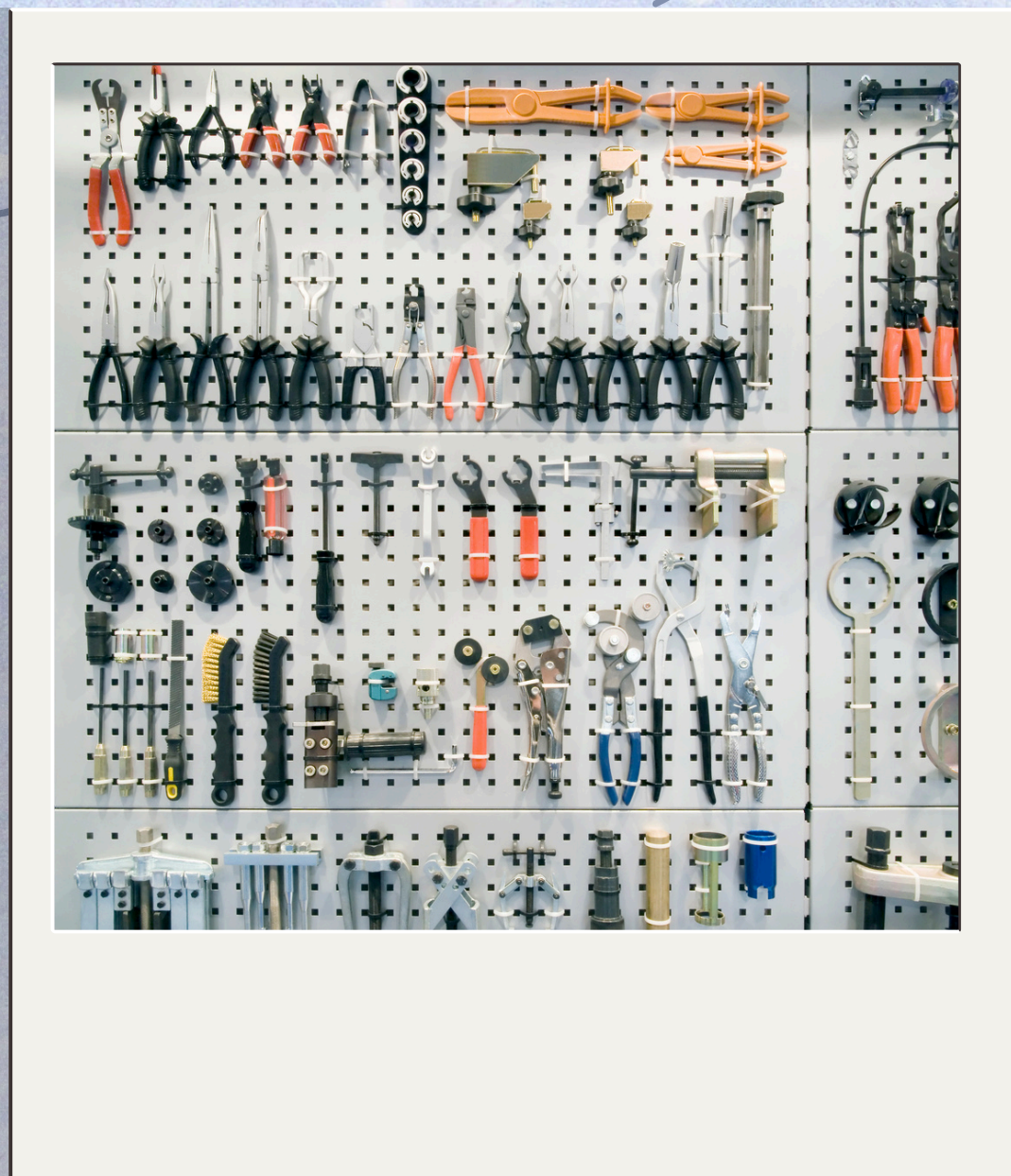
*Kerry Marquis*

Art Teacher, 15 Years of Service





# *Safety Harbor Middle*



***Robert Wheat***

Plant Operator, 30 Years of Service



# *San Jose Elementary*

***Patrice Blackburn***

Teacher, 20 Years of Service





# *Student & School Social Work Services*

*Susan Dye*

Social Worker, 18 Years of Service



*Holly Baumann*

Social Worker  
22 Years of Service





# *Student & School Social Work Services (continued)*

***MaryAnn Phillips***

Social Worker, 25 Years of Service



***Karen Marinari***

Social Worker,  
16 Years of Service





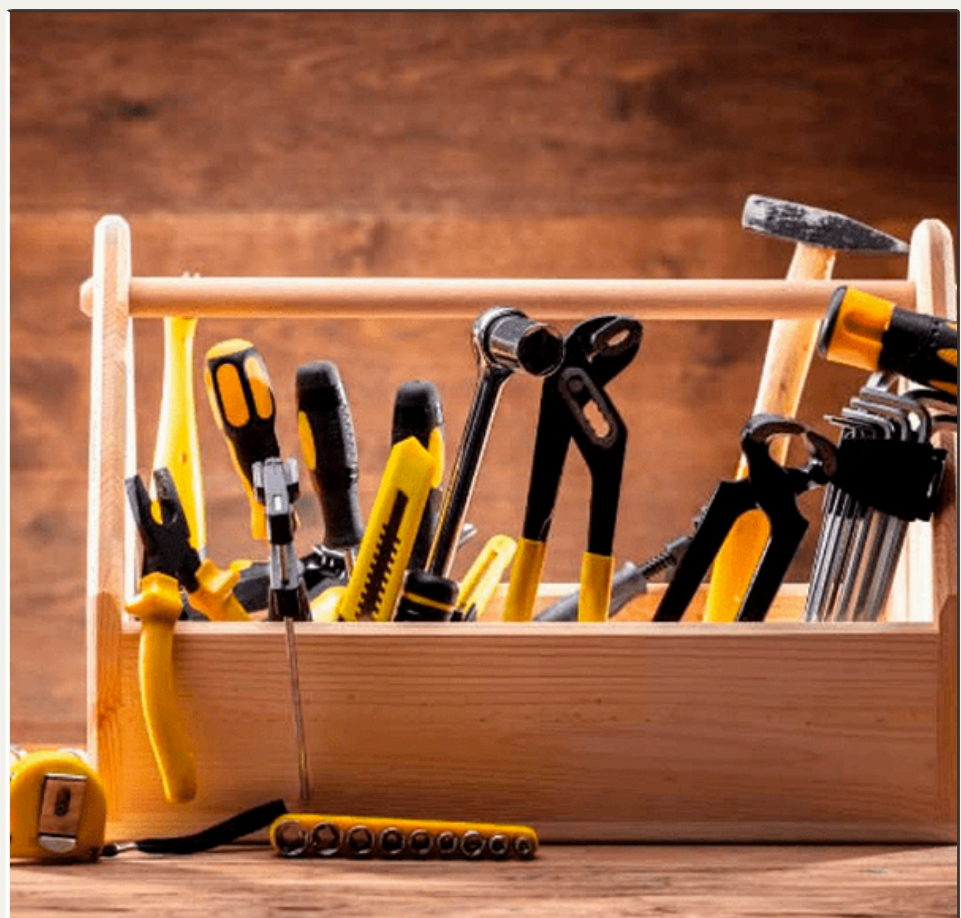
# *Seminole Elementary*

*Katrina Patterson*  
Teacher, 16 Years of Service





# *Seminole High*



*Ivanka Jovetic*

Plant Operator, 23 Years of Service





# *Seminole Middle*

***Elizabeth Wright***

Teacher, 10 Years of Service





# *Sexton Elementary*



***Janet Taylor***

Registered Physical Therapy Assistant,  
25 Years of Service



# *Shore Acres Elementary*

*Joanne Jackson*

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,  
24 Years of Service





# *Skycrest Elementary*



***Marilyn White***

Food and Nutrition Manager II,  
11 Years of Service



# *Southern Oak Elementary*

***Nancy Glass***

Teacher, 8 Years of Service





# *Special Projects*



***Johnetta Haugabrook***  
Coordinator, 33 Years of Service



# *Specialized Services*



***Noel Cherasaro***

Teacher for Deaf & Hard of Hearing,  
39 Years of Service

***Lisa Curzio-Blake***

School Counselor,  
24 Years of Service





# *Specialized Services (continued)*



***Lisa Gjoen***

Speech Language Pathologist,  
39 Years of Service

***Phyllis Powell-Willis***

Speech Language Pathologist,  
29 Years of Service



***Cynthia Wathen***

Educational Interpreter for  
Deaf/Hard of Hearing II,  
32 Years of Service



# *St. Petersburg High*



***David Lawhead***  
Teacher,  
28 Years of Service

***James Nuhn Jr.***

Library Media Tech Specialist,  
27 Years of Service



***Bonnie Thompson***  
Teacher,  
40 Years of Service



# *Starkey Elementary*

***Cindy Marcum***

Physical Education Assistant,  
25 Years of Service





# Sunset Hills Elementary



**Jeff Anerson**  
Plant Operator,  
32 Years of Service

**Debbie Dunn**

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,  
22 Years of Service



**David First**

Food & Nutrition Manager I,  
11 Years of Service



# Tarpon Springs High



**Kevin Bryant**

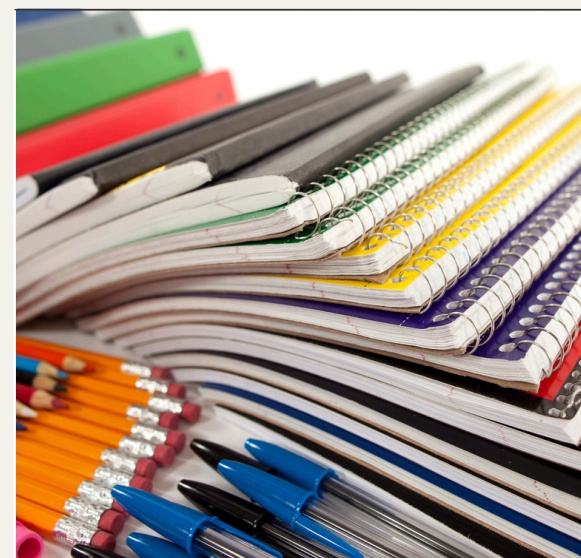
Plant Operator, 10 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: I enjoyed working with Todd Hayes, my boss. I also enjoyed working with and talking to the teachers about various things.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: I am looking forward to doing some woodworking and playing golf. I also hope to travel.

**Chris Fulton**

Teacher,  
24 Years of Service



**Philip Mack**

School Office Clerk II,  
28 Years of Service



# *Technology Information Systems*



## *Suzanne (Sue) Garces*

Applications Administrator, 24 Years of Service

What is one of your favorite memories at PCS: Wonderful coworkers.

What are you looking forward to doing during your Retirement: Spending time with family and traveling.



# *Transportation Services*



***Riley Binz***

Diesel Mechanic,  
24 Years of Service

***Linden Brown***

Bus Driver Relief,  
28 Years of Service





# *Transportation Services (continued)*



*Stephanie Holmes*

Bus Driver Relief,  
31 Years of Service



*Debra Jones*

Bus Assistant,  
25 Years of Service

*Axel Dietrich*

Bus Driver,  
21 Years of Service



# *Walsingham Elementary*



*John Henson*

Teacher, 28 Years of Service

*Larisa Pospelova*

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,  
14 Years of Service





# *Woodlawn Elementary*



***Kizzie Bauford***

Food and Nutrition Assistant,  
8 Years of Service





# **TAKE THE FIRST STEP**

**The first step  
Is the hardest  
Step to take.**

**But once you take it  
The next one  
Becomes easier to make.**

**With every new  
And unfamiliar thing  
That you are  
Trying to achieve**

**Be Bold  
Have confidence  
And approach it Faithfully.**

**For anyone  
To overcome  
The fear  
Of something new**

**Is to face it  
Embrace it  
In whatever you do**

**So take the first step, then  
With hard work  
With repetition  
And with consistency**

**Your fears will  
Gradually fade away  
And for you  
This will happen  
Naturally.**

**-Roy Turner**

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