

SPRING 2024 RETIREMENT MEMORY BOOK





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.

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Chairperson of the Pinellas County School Board

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Administration Building Services



Sandra “Sam” Barringer

Legal Clerk, 19 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Some of my best memories are of the great people I've met along the way.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: "Every new beginning comes from some other beginning's end" ~Closing Time Song Lyrics.

My new beginning will be in a new city with a new grandbaby.



Jeffrey Hooker

Head Plant Operator,
19 Years of Service

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Getting out of town!

Administration Building Services



Roy Turner

Night Foreman, 17 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I enjoyed the cheerful and joyful atmosphere in the departments during the holidays. I also enjoyed collaborating with colleagues on my first published book.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am going to take guitar and piano lessons, travel, and write a few more books! Whatever unfolds... I'm looking forward to it!

Anona Elementary



Jean Grote

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist,
24 Years of Service

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Travel and family!



Belcher Elementary

Judy Reinhardt-Sprinkle

Teacher Pre-K Varying Exceptionalities,
30 Years of Service



Theresa Rutkowske

Food and Nutrition Assistant,
6 Years of Service



Bernice Johnson Center



Shannon Whittemore

Speech Language Pathologist, 8 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I loved working with the students who needed assistive technology. It gave my nonverbal students with autism a voice and they'd light up when they could communicate with peers and adults.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to more time with my family and sleeping in.

Belleair Elementary



Laura Center

Kindergarten Teacher, 18 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The wonderful, hardworking people I've had the privilege of working with. Also, the former students who can't wait to stop by my room or give me a hug in the hallways.

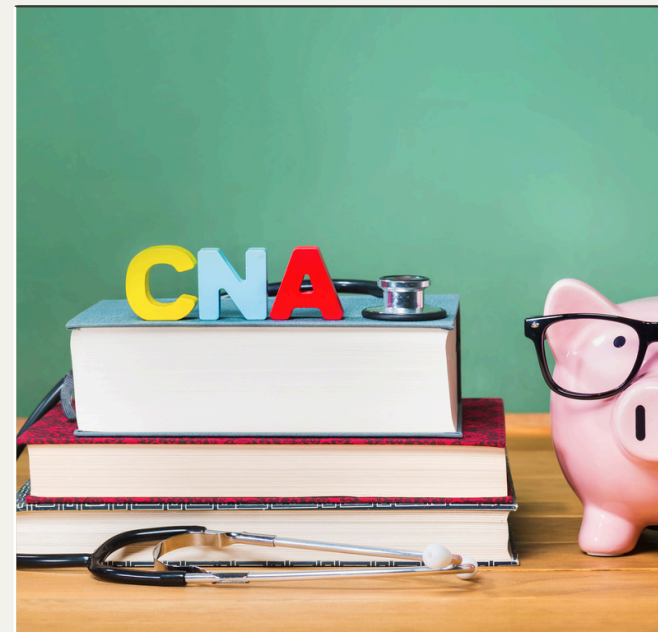
What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Not having to set an alarm, being more available to help with grandchildren, and traveling.

Boca Ciega High



Diane Yeazell

Secretary IV, 30 Years of Service



Michael Gauthier “Mr. G”

CNA/EKG Teacher, 9 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Every time my students passed their certification exams

What I’m looking forward to during retirement:
I get to do what I want, when I want to!



Brooker Creek Elementary



Brenda Wheeler

Food & Nutrition Assistant, 7 Years of Service

Calvin Hunsinger School



Julie Smith

Teacher, 29 Years of Service

Chief Financial Office



Kevin Smith

Chief Financial Officer, 26 Years of Service

Clearview Adult Education Center



Barbara Kilker

Data Management Technician, 35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Seeing all the graduate's and meeting new people.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling and spending time with my family!

Clearwater Fundamental Middle



Larry Speck

Plant Operator, 18 Years of Service

Dixie Hollins High



Brenda Hankin

Teacher, 39 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Being the sponsor of the Interact/SAVE Club. Having students come to my class telling me their mom or dad was my student and they requested me as their child's teacher.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Continuing working with SAVE Clubs and the Sandy Hook Promise Foundation.



Nancy Peters

Teacher, 12 Years of Service

Douglas Jamerson Elementary



Ernie Schneider

VE Resource Teacher, 30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: After spending the past 20 years at Jamerson Elementary, I find most of my memories are from there. I enjoyed the ups and downs of creating the school with many wonderful people. I will always treasure the people that I have met along the way. I hope our paths continue to cross.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Now that I am retired, I am looking forward to doing all the things that I did not have time to do while I was working. I plan on reading, gardening, and completing projects around my house. Traveling is also on my must do list!

Dunedin Elementary



Kari Curda

Pre-Kindergarten Teacher, 25 Years of Service

Dunedin Highland Middle

Robert Milo
Teacher,
21 Years of Service



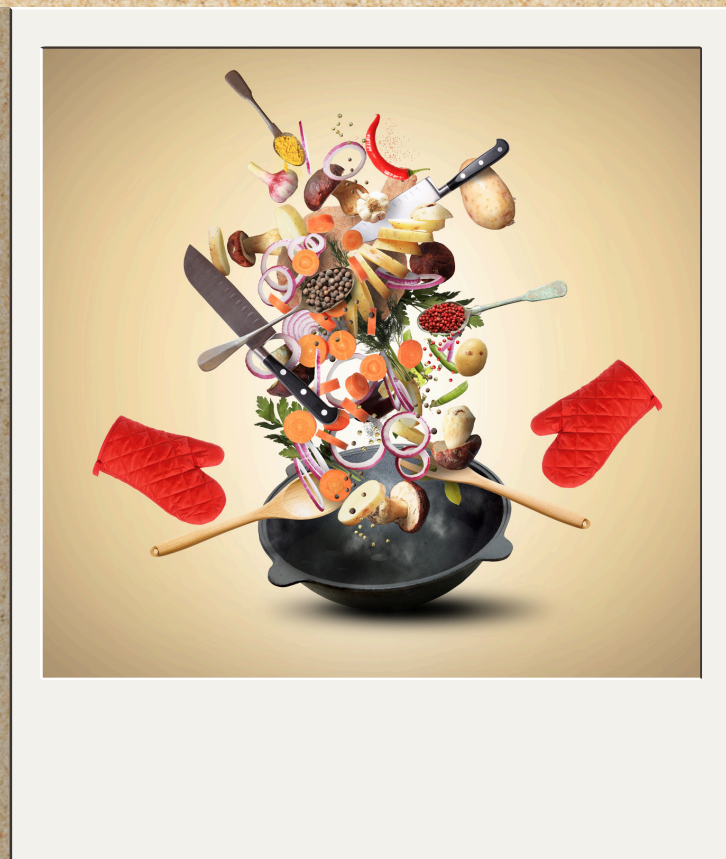
Stanley Butts III
Teacher,
24 Years of Service

Thomas Schreiber
Teacher,
21 Years of Service

East Lake High

Robin Cerny

School Bookkeeper II,
26 Years of Service



Carmela Drago

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist,
18 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I really enjoyed working with everyone at East Lake.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Going to the gym and spending more time with my grandkids!

East Lake High (continued)



Alan N. Kay

Social Studies Teacher, 26 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Kind of hard to top winning teacher of the year in 2005. They treated me like royalty, and I will never forget how wonderful the education foundation was and how much love there is for teachers out there when they have the chance to express it.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Sharing all of my teaching ideas with my fellow teachers now that I have the time to put it all together. Riding my motorcycle and getting to sleep late after my late-night hockey games.

Eisenhower Elementary



Aphroditi Papagiani

Plant Operator, 27 Years of Service

Todd Rice

Teacher, 32 Years of Service



FDLRS Gulfcoast Associate Center



Shannon Hill

Secretary II, 21 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Screening the preschoolers who may have special needs. And working with such a great team.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Finding more reasons to spend family time in different locations.

Food and Nutrition Services



Joseph Kavanaugh
Coordinator, 22 Years of Service

Fuguitt Elementary



Angela Warner

School Counselor, 30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The privilege of working with the best staff, wonderful children and families.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to repurposing my life's mission, and spending quality time with friends and family.



Garrison-Jones Elementary



Deborah Voigt

Medical-Behavioral Assistant, 11 Years of Service

Gulfport Elementary



Rosie Parker

Food and Nutrition Assistant, 31 Years of Service

Highland Lakes Elementary



Karen Bastien

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist, 6 Years of Service

Human Resources



Theresa Hooker

Personnel Technician, 40 Years of Service

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with my family and camping in the Tennessee mountains.



Michele Stetz

Personnel Technician, 24 Years of Service

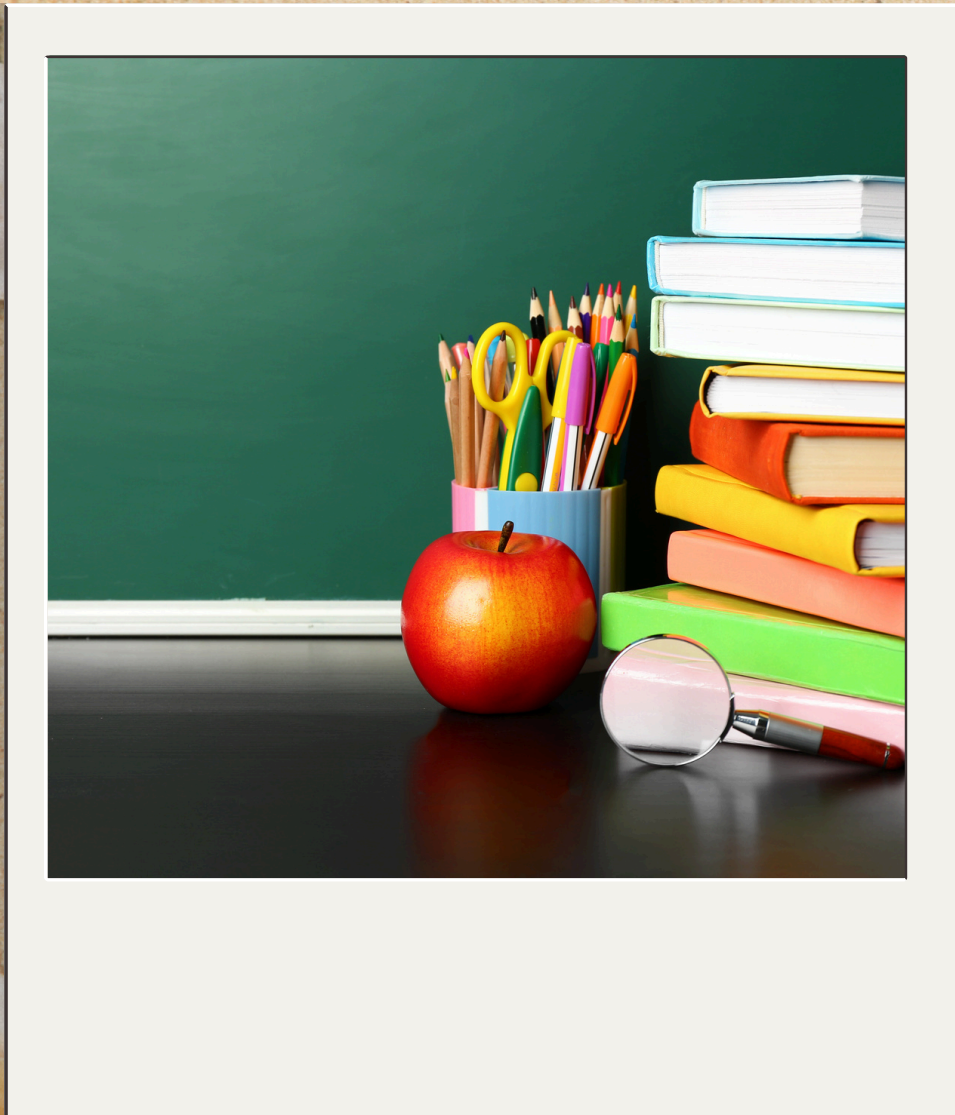
John Hopkins Middle



Annette Weiler

Teacher, 27 Years of Service

Kings Highway Elementary Magnet School



Heidi White

School Office Clerk I, 8 Years of Service

Lakewood Community



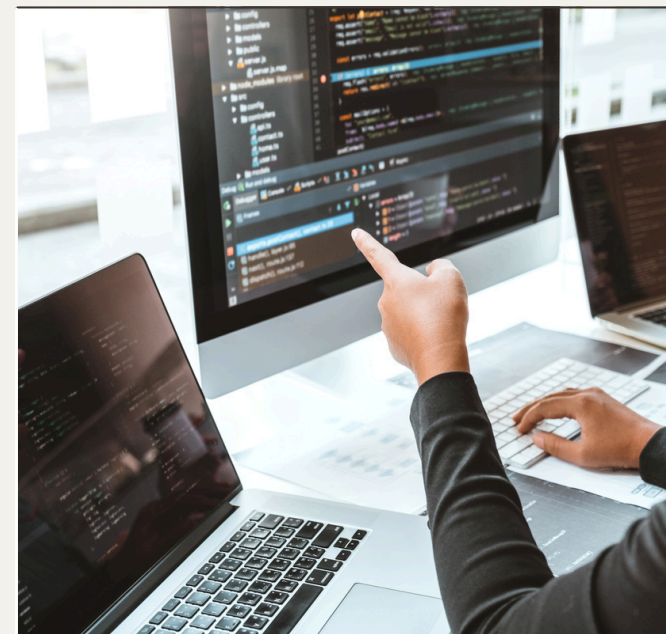
Cheryl Cockrell

Teacher Adult Education,
30 Years of Service



Muriel Harrington

Teacher, 13 Years of Service



Marolyn Coleman

Data Management Technician, 38 Years of Service
Favorite memory at PCS: My favorite memories happen when you see the ray of sunshine in a student's eyes after they have received their diplomas. It's such a great feeling to see someone dreams come true.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Just living life to the fullest.

Lakewood Elementary



Edward Wallace

Head Plant Operator, 39 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: My favorite memories are when kids that come back and see me and tell how much they loved going to Lakewood. That let me know we were doing something right.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I'm looking forward to some fishing and plan going on some cruises!

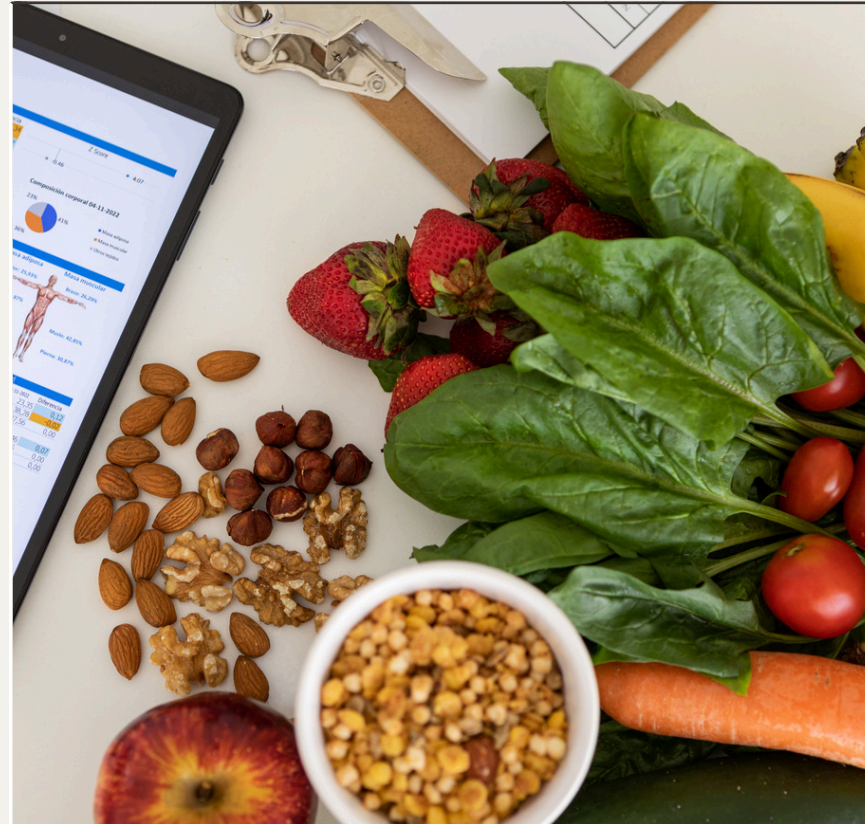
Largo Middle



Martha Folwell

Family and Community Liaison, 9 Years of Service

Lealman Innovation Academy



Scarlett Farrar

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist, 27 Years of Service

Maderia Beach Fundamental K-8



Brett Volland

Teacher, 34 Years of Service

Maintenance Services



Stephen Balkema

Maintenance Service Technician,
23 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Working on the portables.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Sleeping in and traveling!!



Scott Borow

Technical Projects Coordinator,
12 Years of Service



Jeffrey Frey

Project Coordinator,
28 Years of Service

Maintenance Services (continued)

Richard Hoover

Carpenter-Journeyman,
21 Years of Service



Cathy Holcomb

Clerk Specialist II,
35 Years of Service

Nicholas Mecca

Plumber,
12 Years of Service

Maintenance Services (continued)

Lee Mowinski

Painter Journeyman,
18 Years of Service



Chip Roberts

Appliance/Refrigerator Technician-Journeyman,
38 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Holidays in the kitchen with the good people I enjoyed working with, along with the kids, that were excited about the upcoming holidays!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending more time with my wife and family in the country. We plan on traveling with some fishing activities mixed in.



Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings Elementary



Rubenia Cortes

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist, 14 Years of Service

Northwest Elementary



Kimberly Suddarth
Teacher, 31 Years of Service



Oakhurst Elementary



Robert Blodgett

Night Foreman, 26 Years of Service

Osceola Fundamental High



Janice Bryson

Food and Nutrition Cook Specialist, 34 Years of Service

Palm Harbor Middle



Marianne Anderson

Teacher, 28 Years of Service



Palm Harbor University High



Michael Gilley

Plant Operator, 43 Years of Service

Pasadena Fundamental Elementary



Christopher Adams

Head Plant Operator, 13 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Finding a home at my favorite school in all my travels as a maintenance tech.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Biking, Boating, Traveling and spending time with our Family, Grandson, and friends.

Pinellas Park High



Helen Williams

Food and Nutrition Assistance, 10 Years of Service

Pinellas Park Middle



Freeman Hinson III

Teacher Varying Exceptionality, 14 Years of Service

Pinellas Secondary School

Eliot Koehler

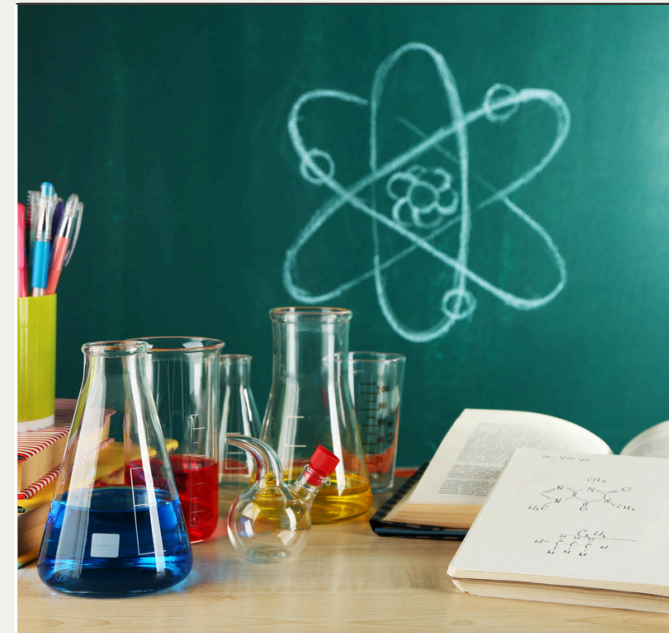
Teacher Alternative Education, 7 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: The support and the camaraderie of the staff at Pinellas Secondary. They are the best group of professionals I had the privilege of working with during all my years of teaching.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling and gardening.



Pinellas Technical College, St. Petersburg



Steven Passe

Teacher, 37 Years of Service

John Norris

Teacher, 6 Years of Service



Pre K-12 World Languages Services



Pamela Benton

World Languages Specialist, 25 Years of Service

Prevention Office



Christine Cantrell

Resource Teacher, 33 Years of Service

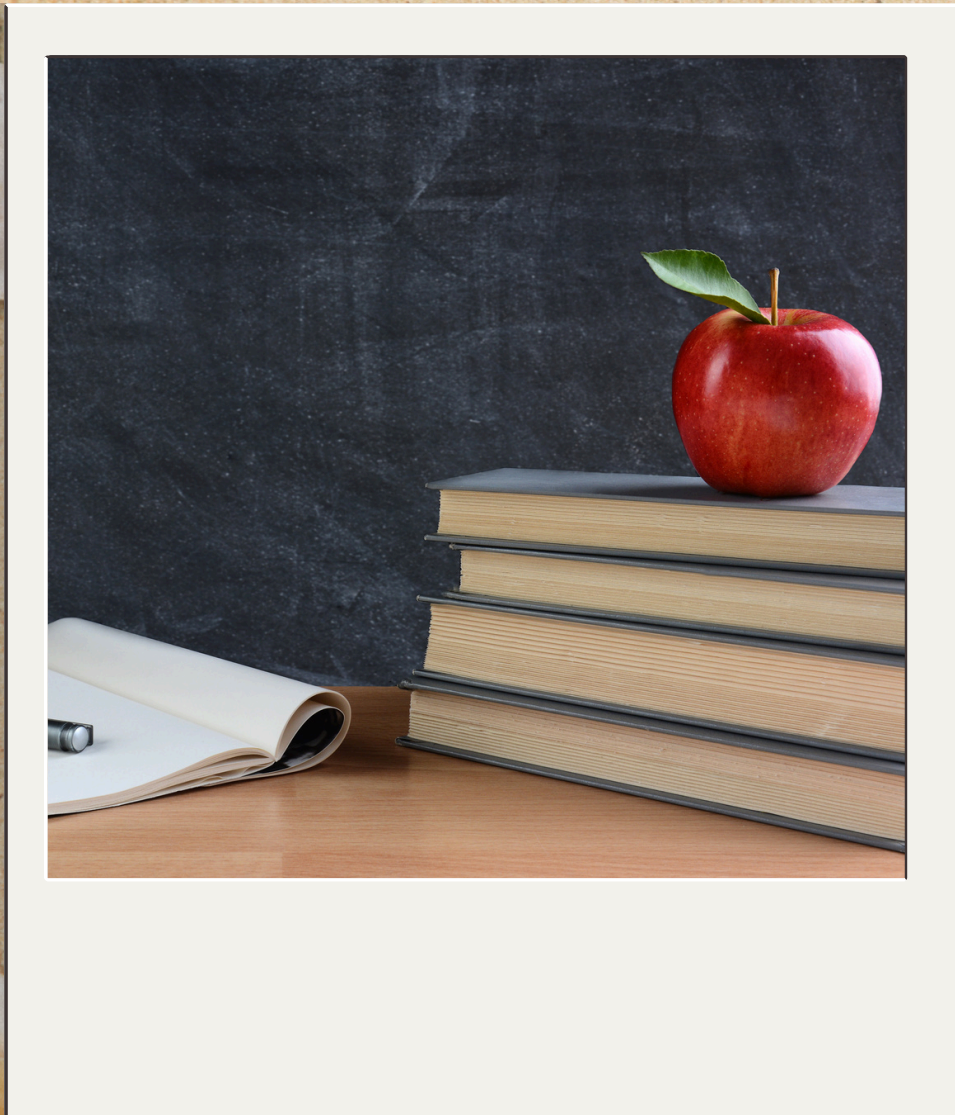
Professional Development



Jenieff Watson

Senior Professional Development Coordinator,
22 Years of Service

Richard O. Jacobson Technical High



Leonard Elder

Teacher, 17 Years of Service

Risk Management



Tina Read

Senior Risk Management Technician, 40 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Making the change from working in the schools to Risk Management was a great career challenge for me! I really have enjoyed working with some wonderful people.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: More sailing, paddle boarding, just being outside more, and of course going places!

School Safety and Security



Michael Mustoe

Threat Management Coordinator, 25 Years of Service

Seminole High



Sandy Jedlovec "Mrs. J"

ESE Paraprofessional, 20 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I loved working with the students that wanted the help. It was wonderful watching students from 9th grade make it through to the 12th grade and graduate. The progression of maturity as students moved up in grade was amazing!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Travel and grow things!



Elsa Soto

Data Management Technician,
21 Years of Service

Sexton Elementary



Terry Thompson

Teacher, 33 Years of Service

Skyview Elementary



Tawney Taylor

Physical Education Assistant, 35 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Remodeling the Media Center.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Playing Pickleball daily!



Debra Swope

Teacher, 15 Years of Service

Special Projects Services



Martha Giancola

Director of Federal Programs, 25 Years of Service

Barb Moyse

Grant Account Technician, 26 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Meeting so many hardworking people and seeing the results of all of our hard work pay off.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending more time with my grandchildren.



St. Petersburg High



Loretta Barksdale

Teacher Varying Exceptionality, 26 Years of Service



Annlouise Larsen

Teacher, 22 Years of Service



Paul B. Stephens Exceptional Student Education Center



M. Cathleen Powers

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
14 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: My co-workers and being on a great team.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Can't wait to hang out with my family, read, play with the animals, and travel!

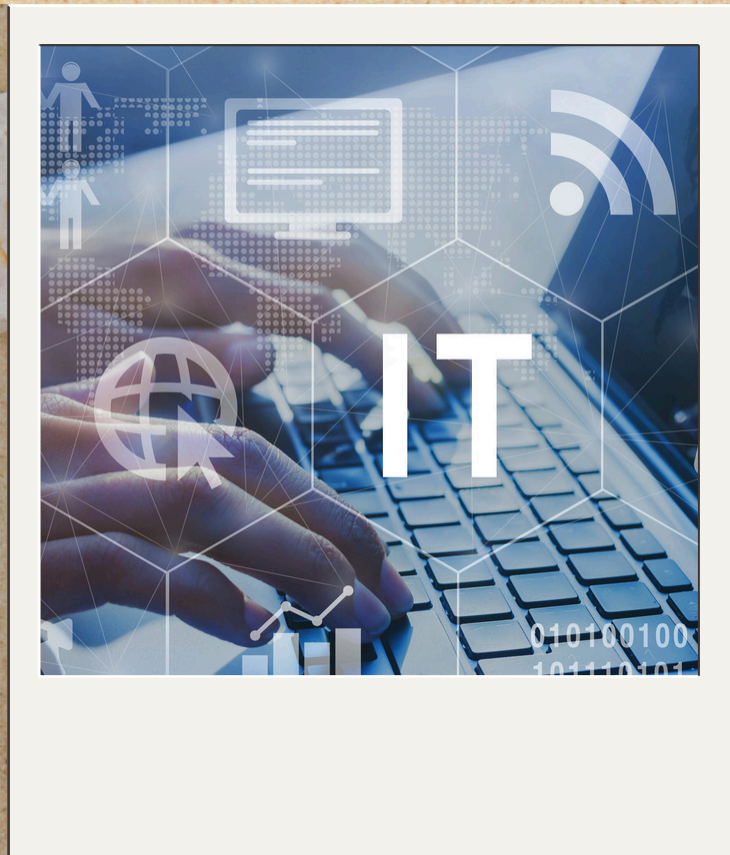
Mark Manley

PE Teacher, 35 Years of Service

Letha Wilcher

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
28 Years of Service

Technology Information Systems



David Dileonardo

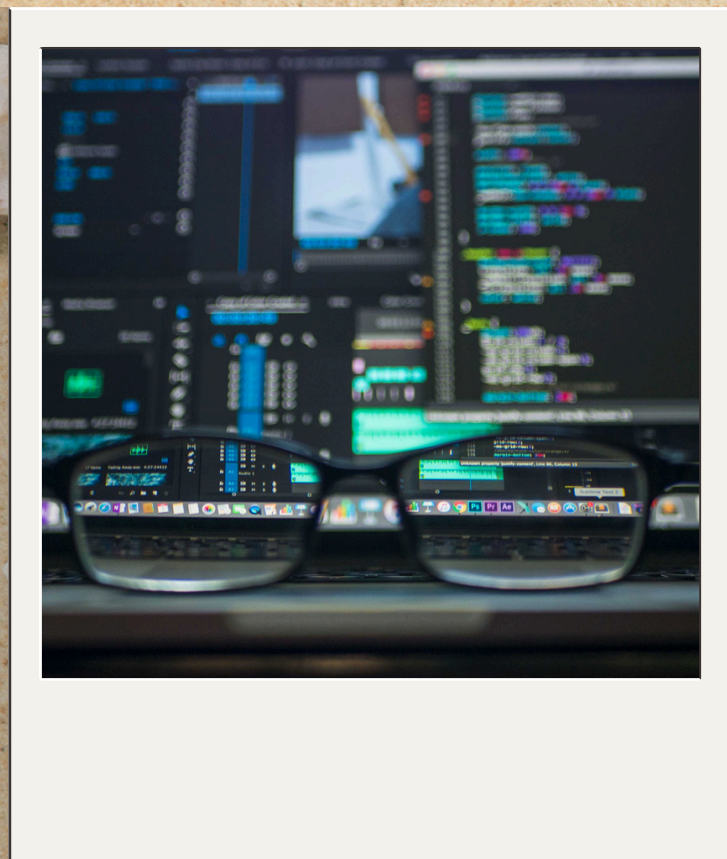
Director Application Support and Development,
33 Years of Service

Kenneth Hayward

Computer Support Analyst,
9 Years of Service



Technology Information Systems (continued)



Joann Lersch

Program, 29 Years of Service

Thurgood Marshall Fundamental Middle



Anne "Missie" Owings
Teacher, 25 Years of Service

Transportation Services



Mary Sue Cross

Compound Manager,
30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Being able to work with a great group of people.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending more time with family and traveling.



Dawson Davids

Bus Driver Relief,
7 Years of Service

Wendy Kahler

Bus Assistant,
8 Years of Service

Transportation Services (continued)



William Morris

Bus Driver, 10 Years of Service

David Vanell

Bus Driver Relief, 8 Years of Service



Walter Pownall Service Center



Mark Susaj

Plant Operator, 17 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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