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Vision:

100% student success.

Mission:

To provide an environment that meets the needs of our students through staff, development, family involvement, and community resources.



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For more information, consult
Pinellas County School
Website

www.pcsb.org

Message from the Office

On behalf of New Height's staff, we are happy to officially welcome you to the 2018-19 school year. We hope that each of you have enjoyed your summer activities and your child spent time reading for pleasure.

Safety continues to be a priority. We have a new policy for parents who want to eat lunch with their children. See below. We also welcome *School Safety Officer Podraza* who will be here daily to ensure a safe learning environment.

The staff has spent much time training and prepping to get classrooms ready. All of our effective instructors have high expectations. We thank you for your necessary support to make each child successful.

We continue to need volunteers for all kinds of important support. Consider volunteering for a variety of activities as well as SAC and PTA.

We are looking forward to this being a fantastic year for all!

Lisa Austin Principal

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Lunch Menu:

<https://www.pcsb.org/Page/693>

*****NEW this year*****

Parent Lunch Day

FRIDAYS ONLY

We will have a designated area on campus for any parents who would like to eat lunch with their children during the scheduled lunch time on Fridays only.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Aug. 10 Meet the Teacher 2:30-3:30

Aug. 13 School Opens

Aug. 30 School Picture Day

Sept. 3 Labor Day, School is closed.

Sept. 5 Back to School/Open House Night

Sept. 11 SAC Meeting, 4:30 PM

Oct. 12 End of first quarter

Oct. 15 Non student day

Wednesday, Sept. 5, 2018

5:30 PM-7:30 PM

Back to School/Open House Night

SCHOOL OPENING & DISMISSAL TIMES

Gates open at 8:15 AM,

School starts at 8:45 AM,

Teaching begins at 8:45 AM

Breakfast served until 8:35 AM.

Dismissal at 2:45

Please return the following:

1. **Clinic Card** (yellow). It is very important that we have **current emergency information** on file. Update any home and/or work telephone numbers as soon as changes occur throughout the year.
2. **Office Card** (white)
3. **DOJO Parent Agreement**
4. **Code of Student Conduct**. Review with your child and return the signed Parent and Student Acknowledgment page to school. Parents and students are responsible for the knowledge of the contents.
5. Pinellas County School's Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.
6. Media Release Form.
7. **Go Online: Free/Reduced Lunch Application**. **A new application must be completed each year.** One family application must be submitted each year listing every child in the household. Apply at www.myschoolapps.com for a quick and easy way to submit.

Character Word of the Month for August: Respect

Treating yourself and others with
courtesy and consideration.

Ways that parents can get involved

- ❖ Attend parent workshops offered at the school
- ❖ Encourage and support good study and work habits for your child
- ❖ Reviewing your child's daily and weekly work and tests results
- ❖ Attend parent/teacher conferences
- ❖ Setting achievement goals with your child
- ❖ Having your child read 20-30 minutes DAILY at home.
- ❖ Making sure your child arrives on time every day.



Volunteer Registration

If you are already a registered volunteer you **MUST** log on to portal and update your status in order to be an approved volunteer for this school year (see directions below).

If you are **not** already a registered volunteer, **fill out the volunteer registration form as soon as possible.** You will need to be registered in order to chaperone field trips, help at special events, etc. **IMPORTANT:** *All field trip chaperones must be registered volunteers at least 3 weeks before a field trip in order to attend.* If you have any questions at all, contact Angela McCoy, Volunteer Coordinator, mccoyan@pcsb.org or 727-521.5350 x2045.

How to update your status:

1. Log on to portal.pcsb.org (can do this from home, or use the computer in the front office)
2. Enter your username and password.
Username v.lastnamefirstinitial (must start with v.)
Password Lastnamebirthyear (your last name must start with a capital letter)
3. Click on "volunteers" and then "add hours" at the top left of the screen. It will ask you a series of questions. After you answer these and select "I agree", you will be active in the system.

Sample Questions to Ask During Book Chats:

Use one or two each day after your child has read!

Connections

- Is there a part of this story or piece that reminds you of something in your own life?
- Is there a part of this story or piece that reminds you of something that has happened to you?

Determining Importance

- What is this story or piece mostly about?
- Can you tell me some of the important ideas that struck you?
- Are there any important themes you noticed?

Inferring

- What do you predict will happen in this piece?
- Can you show me a place in the text where you found yourself making an inference?
- What do you think were the big ideas in the story?

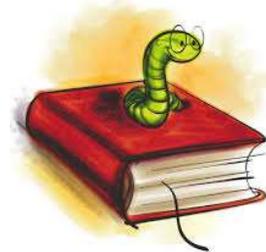
Questions

- Can you show me a part of the text where you have a question?
- What were you wondering about as you read this part?
- Can you show me a part where you were confused?
- What was confusing about it?

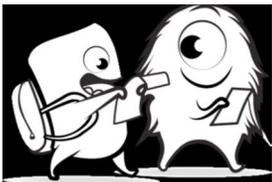
Synthesizing

- Can you tell me what the piece is about in just a few sentences?
- Can you show me a place in the piece where your thinking changed?

Read EVERY DAY! The more
your read, the better you
read!!!



DOJO



This year, students will get their own student accounts on ClassDojo to document and share their classwork. Teachers will use ClassDojo to message you and post announcements. It's the easiest way for you to see what your child is working on and to get in touch. With their student account, your child will share what they're learning through photos, videos, and journal entries on their own Student Story. Your child will also be able to view their feedback from class and also general classwide and school-wide announcements made on Class Story and School Story. If your child is under 13, your consent to create your child's student account on their behalf is needed. See separate flyer to sign and return.