



Home of the Hawks

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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.

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 8:30 AM.

Dismissal at 2:45

Lunch Menu

www.pcsb.org/Page/693



Pat Wright,

Area 1 Superintendent

Nikita Reed

Director of

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Transportation Call Center

727.587.2020

For more information, consult
Pinellas County School Website

www.pcsb.org

Message from the Office

In an effort to ensure the safety of all
students, please do not drop students off
prior to 8:15 am.

Teachers are preparing for your child's
instructional day.

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Table with 2 columns: HAWKS Expectations and Classroom Rules. Includes items like 'Have respect', 'Act responsible', 'Work cooperatively', 'Keep trying', 'Stay safe' and 'Use school appropriate voice, words, and actions', 'Arrive on time with all materials', 'Follow directions immediately', 'Work during all work times', 'Keep hands, feet, and objects to yourself'.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Nov. 2 Junior Achievement
grades 3-5 AM

Nov. 19-23 Thanksgiving Break



Brag Tags

We are so excited to announce, new this year, students have
the opportunity to earn Brag Tags for all of their academic
successes!! Each child has been provided with a necklace
that is displayed in their classroom during the week. When
students earn Brag Tags for assessments such as i-Ready,
Map, Bi-Weeklies, as well as attendance, honor roll,
principal's list, Battle of the Books, and many other
opportunities, they add them to their necklace. Every Friday
all students get to wear their Brag Tag necklaces around
campus...to BRAG about their success! The students are very
eager to earn these tags! Please ask your child about their
Brag Tag necklace!



FIRST GRADE FUN

Dear First Grade Parents,

We need your help! Math is all around us, even when we are not at school. Your students have been learning about word problems, time, and money. We try to tie math to real world situations, so here are some ways you can help:

Money-identifying coins and their values

- Have students sort your change.
- Have them name the coins and their value.
- You can even have them try to count it!

Time-what does each hand mean and what hour are we in

- Have students identify the hour and minute hand on a clock.
- Ask students throughout the day, "What hour are we in?"

Word Problems-solve real world problems

- Have your student help solve word problems in real life!
 - Grocery Store- There are 3 lemons in the bag. If we put 5 more lemons in the bag, how many lemons will be in the bag?
 - At a red light- There are 4 cars at the red light. If 2 more cars pull up, how many will be at the red light now?

Art Corner

"Happy Fall!"

Here's what's happening in the Art Studio.

We have been hard at work this quarter learning techniques and procedures and a lot of vocabulary! Sometimes the projects took multiple steps and will be sent home soon because they are on display on the art room or Media Center windows.

Look for information for the upcoming Holiday Music and Art Festival in December.

Everyone's ceramic art that they have been creating will be on display!

5th grade - shoes

4th grade - "ugly" jugs

3rd grade - "noodle" tiles

2nd grade - dragons

1st grade - owls

Kindergarten - "thumb" owls / bowls / junk drawer snowmen

Always encourage your student to try - we have lots of "new" skills to learn and practice!

Fall into a Good Book

Good readers ask themselves questions before, during, and after reading to better understand the author and the meaning of the text. Sometimes these questions are answered directly in the text, and meaning is clarified. Clarifying questions can be about characters, setting, events, problem: who, what, when and where questions. Other times, answers to readers' questions are not found directly in the text or don't have a simple answer. They ask how and why. The reader needs to use prior knowledge to draw conclusions and go beyond the words of the text to find the answer. These questions make the reader wonder, and wondering means the reader is trying to make sense of the text. Encourage your child to ask questions and discuss stories together.

Question Stems:

- ❖ What do you think....?
- ❖ Why is this happening?
- ❖ Why did this character.....?
- ❖ How would you feel if....?
- ❖ I wonder.....
- ❖ What is the author saying?
- ❖ How might....?
- ❖ How do you know....?

Personalized Learning Pathway

The Personalized Learning Pathway is a new online platform for grades 3 – 12 that helps students navigate their path to academic and career success.

The PLP helps students see their performance on assessments and access targeted lessons to improve.

Students can access the Personalized Learning Pathway through the Clever login on the home page of the PCS website or the Pinellas County Schools Clever page.



Attendance Corner

Attendance: just how important is it in elementary school? Don't the students have time to make it up? Well, here is what the research shows: If students have excellent attendance in kindergarten and 1st grade, their Language Arts scores in 3rd grade are 50 points higher than children who miss 18 days or more per year. While many of us may think missing kindergarten or 1st grade may not count much, it seems to be very important for future success. Each year is a building block for the next year and it can be hard to catch up with spotty attendance, including tardy days.

If your child is absent, please provide a written excuse (or note from the doctor/dentist) when your child returns to school. Otherwise the absence is considered "unexcused." Additionally families may log on to our school's website at www.pcsb.org/newheights-es to report their child's absence that day. Click on the icon "Report Student Absence" and then click on the blue circle and it will create an email to the school directly. While we recognize that families at times have emergencies and absences are unavoidable, please do not schedule vacations or family trips during school days.

The attendance policy for Pinellas County Schools is in the Code of Student Conduct. If you have any attendance questions feel free to contact Socorro Thomas, School Social Worker at 521-5350 ext. 2070.

Take Home Computers

If you have a child in grades K-5, they may be eligible to check out a laptop computer to use at home for the entire school year! Look for paperwork coming home the week of November 5th.

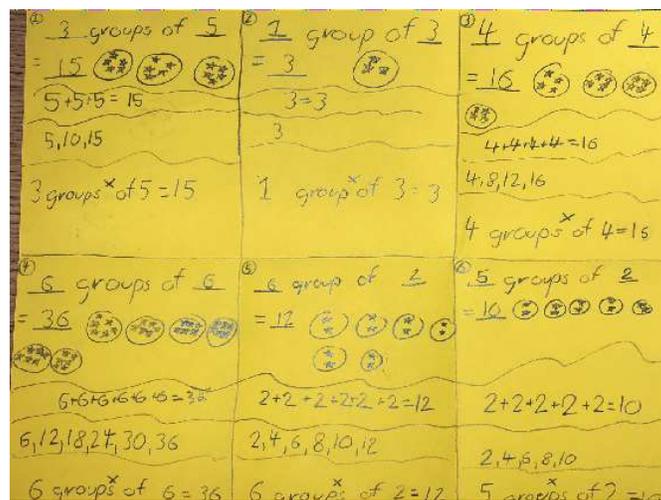
Parents, please contact Mrs. Carpenter, Library Media Technology Specialist at 727-521-5350 x 2030 or carpenterka@pcsb.org

Driver's License or Photo ID required.



Third Grade News

Third grade is starting our multiplication and division unit in math. Parents, please take some time to review multiplication and division word problems with your child at home. We encourage our students to draw pictures and use different strategies when solving. Attached you will find some of the strategies that we have been working on with your child in class.



Guidance

The 8 L's of Parenting:

A parent is one of the most influential people in a child's life especially during the elementary years as the child is mentally and physically developing rapidly. Here are some simple ways to keep a lasting relationship going with your child.

1. **LOVE** your child. For your child to be successful, he or she must feel valued. Your gentle touches, smiles and hugs communicate love.
2. **LOOK** for the good in your child and make specific comments on what he or she does well. You must believe in your child's worth before he or she can believe it.
3. **LISTEN**, without judgment, to your child express his or her thoughts and feelings. If you do not listen, your child may attempt to gain your attention by misbehaving.
4. **LAUGH** with your child, not at him or her. Laugh and play together.
5. **LABOR** diligently and with pride so that your child will want to work hard, and do his or her best.
6. **LEARN** new information. Take the time to read and thus instill a love of learning.
7. **LEAVE** the television and other media off.
8. **LIVE** life to its fullest. Take pleasure in little things.