New Heights Elementary

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Home of the Hawks

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Principal

Christopher Boulanger

Assistant Principal

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Assistant Principal 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,

<u>Teaching begins at 8:45 AM</u> Breakfast served until 8:30 AM.

Dismissal at 2:55
Lunch Menu

www.pcsb.org/Page/693



Pat Wright,

Area 1 Superintendent

Nikita Reed

Director of

Transformation Zone
Transportation Call Center
727.587.2020

For more information, consult Pinellas County School Website

www.pcsb.org

Message from the Office

Pick up process... Parents if you are parking and walking up to pick up your scholar then they will be at the walker gate. No walk-ups will be dismissed from the front carline gate. As the weeks go on, the car-line moves pretty quickly and will be your best way for pick-up. Thank you for following the New Heights Expectation.

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closed.

Sept. 2 Labor Day, School is

Sept. 17 Open House, 5:30-7:00 PM

Tuesday
Sept. 17, 2019
5:30 PM-7:00 PM
Open House
PTA
Connect for Success

Welcome back. Are you, or your place of employment looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Or to make a difference in a child's life? We are looking for community partnerships. You could Adopt a Classroom and/ or come volunteer with us at NHES. You could come and spend your lunch with a child here. Many children just need a friend, someone they can talk to. You could be that person. Please contact me, Anita LeCain at 727-521-5350, or email me at markolecaina@pcsb.org if you are interested in Adopting a Classroom or volunteering at our school.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, the volunteer forms are now done online, so please complete your registration at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

If you were approved to volunteer last year, your membership went inactive over the summer so please reactivate here https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer

Enter your username and password:

User ID: V. Last name, first initial Example: Charkm

Password: Your Last name (Capitalize the first letter only) followed by the 4digit Birth YEAR Example: Chark1990

Common last names may have additional characters or symbols as part of the user ID. If your user ID and password has not been confirmed to you by an email, please contact the Family & Community Liaison at the school.

Please answer the criminal offense questions and be sure to click I **AGREE** with the confidentiality statement to SAVE your answers. You can update your personal information and log out in the lower right-hand corner of the screen.

Please don't forget to log your volunteer hours.

Do NOT re-activate using any mobile device. To do so may inadvertently answer the criminal offense questions incorrectly, which would delay your clearance.

Our Open House will be on September 17^{th} , from 5:30-7. We hope you can join us. If you have any questions please email me at <u>markolecaina@pcsb.org</u> or call me at 727-521-5350.

POBSO GRADE DUN

Dear First Grade Parents,

September will be a fun month! In science we will be exploring the stars in the sky, gravity, and the sun. Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Having students look at the night sky and notice how the stars are scattered unevenly.
- Discussing how gravity is a force that pulls us down.
- Talking with your student about how the sun is helpful and harmful.

In math we will start our first unit on numbers within 10. Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Practicing addition.
- Discussing how to make ten.
- Practicing subtraction.
- Using everyday events to have students solve word problems. (For example: It's lasagna night! We need to set the table with forks. There are six of us and only 2 clean forks. How many more forks do we need to clean to set the table for dinner?)

In reading we will continue our first module on retelling stories. Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Reading with your students.
- Having your students retell the characters, settings, and events after reading a story.

News from Guidance

Character Traits

A new school year means a fresh perspective on school. We all want our students and children to feel successful in the classroom. One of the ways to help your child be successful is by teaching good character traits. Teaching good character traits start at home. Research has shown that teaching your child good character traits like respect, responsibility, cooperation, self-control or honesty can improve their health, academics, and overall create responsible successful individuals for life.

Every month at New Heights we teach our students the character of the month. For the month of September our character trait is responsibility. One of the things you can do at home to teach your child about being responsible is to define to your child what it means to show responsibility. Once the child understands the meaning it is important to model the behavior with a discussion about it. For example, at home you can teach your child to be responsible by having them feed their pet, clean their room or doing a chore, etc.

Teaching children the values of character traits can make for an outstanding citizen because in the end success does not always rely on academics.

Fourth Grade News

Parents, please join Class Dojo if you have not already so you can stay connected with things happening in the classroom!

Practice multiplication facts at home with students, practice for fluency. They should know them from memory.

PE Corner

The New Heights Elementary Physical Education
Department would like to thank you for an already amazing
year! Students of ALL grade levels have shown that they
are ready for an awesome year at P.E. by following all
H.A.W.K.S. expectations while in class! We would just like
to remind everyone a few policies that pertain to P.E.:

- Please make sure your student is wearing sneakers or tennis shoes during Physical Education. Sandals and crocs are not appropriate types of footwear to be worn during class.
- Feel free to send your students to class with a water bottle. I highly recommend writing their names on their bottles so they can be returned to their owners if they are ever left behind.
- Please make sure your students are dressed appropriately for the weather. All shirts worn must have sleeves, and hats are permitted while outside at P.E. If your student is bringing a jacket we recommend that they leave them in the classroom during the warmer months.
- We also recommend having your students names being written on their jackets, lunch boxes or backpacks so that we know who to return any lost items to.

During the month of September we will be focusing on the following units:

- Locomotor Skills
- Fitness, Wellness, Nutrition & Safety
- Fitnessgram Testing

You're Invited

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! Parents, please come to Open House on Tuesday, September 17, 2019.

Driver's License or Photo ID required.

School Clinic is in need of new girls and boys underwear in all sizes!

JOIN NEW HEIGHTS PTA!
Only \$5 per member!!!