

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings North Shore Families,

As parents, we make sure that our children learn to read and write but we often assume children will naturally develop skills like kindness and empathy. Many think that children have to be taught kindness just as they are taught reading and writing.

Emotional intelligence does not come naturally to all children. Some children miss the subtle cues that they are upsetting others around them. They have a hard time putting themselves in someone else's shoes.

So how do we as parents teach our children to nurture the environment and support fellow knights? Natasha Daniels of *Parenting Survival* offers six suggestions.

**Model kind behavior.** Do you make fun of strangers? Say negative things about friends and family when they are not around? Do you consistently speak to your children and spouse in a positive and uplifting manner? Children model what they see and hear and often they see and hear more than we realize.

**Highlight people's emotions around you.** If your child has a hard time with social cues, play a game call *Guess the Feeling*. Sit at a park and watch people interacting. Look for people showing an extreme emotion and ask your child, "what do you think they're feeling?" Have them make up a story about what may have happened. This helps children identify non-verbal clues about how others are feeling and put meaning to those emotions.

**Reassess how you tease your children.** Some families love to tease each other but some children can't take intense teasing. Some parents do not think their teasing is cruel, but if your child reacts by crying and storming off – chances are they are feeling degraded. Children learn how to be playful by the tone their family sets. If mean spirited taunting is acceptable at home – then children will think it is acceptable elsewhere.

**Point out how their behavior affects others around them.**

When your child's behavior is affecting those around them – point it out. Let your child know how they are affecting others without shaming them.

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## CASTLE ALMANAC

### March

- Mar 1** – Reading Logs Due
- Mar 1** – Field Trip *Girlfriends* - John Hopkins Middle School (10:15 AM -1:00 PM)
- Mar 1** – Walking Club (7:45 AM)
- Mar 4** – Majestic Monday (8:45 AM)
- Mar 4-27** – Spring Flowers Fundraiser
- Mar 5** – PTA General Meeting (6:00 PM)
- Mar 5** – PTA Board Meeting (7:00 PM)
- Mar 6** – Individual Spring Photos
- Mar 6** – County Gifted Math Meet
- Mar 6** – SAC Meeting
- Mar 7** – County Gifted Math Meet
- Mar 7** – End of the Third Quarter
- Mar 7** – Kindergarten Concert (9:15 AM)
- Mar 7** – Skating Party (3:30 PM)
- Mar 8** – Pro-Ed Day/No School for Students
- Mar 11-15** – Spring Break
- Mar 21** – Kindergarten Cap and Gown Pictures
- Mar 22** – Walking Club (7:45 AM)
- Mar 28** – PTA Pot Luck Dinner
- Mar 29** – Report Cards go home
- Mar 29** – Walking Club (7:45 AM)
- Mar 30** – Rays Spirit Night @ Tropicana Field

## ADMINISTRATION

Cooper Dawson: **Principal** | Donna Hall: **Assistant Principal**  
Pat Wright: **Area IV Superintendent, 727-588-5022**

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## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONTINUED.....

An example might be something like, "You hit her and now she is so sad. Look at that red mark you left on her face. You wouldn't want her to put a red mark on your face. I would be very upset with her if she hurt you. I love you both and don't want either of you hurt."

**Teach your children the joy of helping others.** Set up opportunities for you to help others as a family. Teach child that even a small random act of kindness can go a long way. Explain that it is nice to be helpful, even if the person doesn't say thank you or appreciate it. You should give to give – not give to get.

**Do not allow your child to speak to you in a rude manner.** If you allow your child to talk rudely to you – they might think it is acceptable to talk to others that way as well. Kindness starts at home.

Most of us would be shocked if we heard our children were treating others unkindly. But, If we are not intentional and deliberate in teaching these skills to our children – we may not be helping them be the best person they can be.

Thank you for allowing us to partner with you for your child's success.

Until next time, *Carpe Diem! Carpe Success!*

Cooper W. Dawson  
School Principal

## PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPER SPORTS

### February 4 - 8

K – Grant Schneider, Isabella Locascio, Annabelle Copley, Je'niyah Piondexter- Brown  
1st – Aveon Glover, Makenzy McClelland, Bronwyn Parke, Oliver Junture

2nd – Jazelle Jackson, Anna Rojas-Garcia, Avin Vazquez

3rd – Landon Breske, Carisa White, Abigail Pederson

4th – Charlotte Jones, Jennifer Rojas-Garcia, Jack Roberts

5th – Jose' Tamayo Hernandez, John Torraca



## ST AUGUSTINE FIELD TRIP

The school's 4th Grade is going to St. Augustine May 13, 2019.

We are in need of donations to make this trip successful for all 4th graders. If you are able to donate please contact Ms. Flippen at [flippent@pcsb.org](mailto:flippent@pcsb.org). All donations are appreciated.



## SPRING FLOWER FUNDRAISER

North Shore Elementary is selling beautiful Spring Plants March 4<sup>th</sup> - March 27<sup>th</sup> for its Spring Into Spring Flower Fundraiser! The plants are from the same company that sold the poinsettias in November/December.



Asiatic Lily



Florist Mum



Easter Lily



Hydrangea

6" Asiatic Lily (3 bulbs per pot in assorted colors) = \$7

6.5" Florist Mum (Assorted Spring Colors) = \$8

6" Easter Lily (1 Bulb per pot) = \$10

6" Hydrangea (3+ blooms per pot in assorted colors) = \$12

**Note:** The sizes reflect the size of the pot, not the plant. All sizes come with a spring colored cover over the pot.

### Purchase a plant and help our 4th grade with their St Augustine Trip!

- Money is due at the time of ordering.
- Please put checks and exact change in an envelope along with a completed "Master Order Form."
- Checks may be made payable to *North Shore Elementary*
- All money and Master Order Forms are to be turned in to the office by **9:00 AM, March 27, 2019.**
- **Pick-up** at the school will be Thursday, April 4<sup>th</sup> & Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>
- **Buyers are responsible for picking up their plants from the school. All plants must be picked up by 4:00 PM on Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>.**
- **No refunds** will be given for plants that are not picked up.

## PCS 6<sup>th</sup> GRADE EXPO NIGHTS

Pinellas County Schools' Office of Middle School Education has the following 2019-2020 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Expo Nights arranged for this month (in alphabetical order):

School	Date	Time
Bay Point MS	March 7	5:30-6:30 PM
Carwise MS	March 7	6:00-7:30 PM
Clearwater Fundamental	March 5	4:00-5:30 PM.
East Lake MS	March 5	6:00-7:30 PM
Dunedin Highlands MS	March 5	6:00-7:00 PM
Morgan Fitzgerald MS	March 6	5:30-7:00 PM
James B. Sanderlin PK8	March 5	6:00-7:00 PM
John Hopkins MS	March 5	5:00-7:00 PM
Largo MS	March 7	6:00-7:30 PM
Madeira Beach Fundamental	March 7	6:15-7:45 PM
Meadowlawn MS	March 7	6:00-7:00 PM
Palm Harbor MS	March 5	5:30-7:00 PM
Pinellas Park MS	March 7	6:30-8:00 PM
Safety Harbor MS	March 4	5:30-7:00 PM.
Seminole MS	March 7	6:00-7:30 PM
Tarpon Springs MS	March 5	6:00-7:00 PM

Don't miss out on your chance to:

- Take a tour of your new middle school
- Meet school administrators and faculty
- Learn about school programs and activities
- Find out about parent involvement opportunities
- Learn about next year's schedule

**Note:** 6th Grade Expo Night is for current fifth-graders who plan to attend a PCS Middle School next year. Contact the PCS Middle School Office should you have questions (727) 588-6453.

## PINCS TRANSITION SERVICES RESOURCE GUIDE

The Pinellas Interagency Networking Council for Students (PINCS) has updated its Transition Services Resource Guide.

PINCS was created to support and enhance coordination of services and supports for students with disabilities, and to assist students and their parents in accessing these services. A quarterly forum meets to exchange ideas, services and information while advocating for these students. PINCS serves as a catalyst for community resource development while pairing a student's needs and interests with appropriate agencies. This guide provides detailed information regarding community-based services available to students and their families in Pinellas County.

To view the virtual resource guide, or for more information, visit [www.pincs.org](http://www.pincs.org).

## VOLUNTEER AT NORTH SHORE

We LOVE our Volunteers!

Don't forget to enter your volunteer hours.

Please note Google Chrome is now the preferred browser to the FOCUS Volunteer System. Please add the volunteer system link to your favorites in the Google Chrome browser –

<https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>.

If you have any questions on volunteering or how to use the FOCUS Volunteer System, please contact Mrs. Gervais at [gervaisv@pcsb.org](mailto:gervaisv@pcsb.org) or call the office at 727-893-2181.



### Pro-Ed Day – No School for Students

Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>

### Spring Break

March 11<sup>th</sup> – 15<sup>th</sup>

## PTA NEWS / BOARD NOMINATIONS

Hi everyone,

I had the opportunity this week to participate in a panel discussion on public education and I thought I would share one particular story from the experience. It was a group of professionals participating in the Leadership St Petersburg program through the St Petersburg Chamber of Commerce, and there were many questions and much discussion on the quality of education, on school choice, on various programs offered and other tactical type issues. While the members of the audience were there as business people, many of them are also parents, or might be one day. One of the topics that came up was about the anxiety that parents can feel when participating in the school choice process for their children, and then once they have chosen - or been chosen, or chosen to stay at their zoned school, whatever that choice piece looks like for them - remaining happy in that choice.

A woman raised her hand and, paraphrasing, shared this, "We live in more central Pinellas, but my son is all performing arts, he loves it, so we entered the lottery and he is at John Hopkins for middle school. Because of choice, all parents are so aware of all schools and have developed their opinions on "good" and "bad" schools. When North Shore was a D school, how did you handle your friends asking you why you would send your son to that school?"





Wow. What a vulnerable question to ask. And we can all sympathize with this question, if not in school choice, then when other choices we make in our lives are questioned.

My answer? I took a breath and told her that I heard her worry about if she had made the right choice and and I shared that I remember in January 2016 when my husband and I were standing in our kitchen talking about whether to enter the lottery or not, and what it felt like the very moment we realized that we got this, we are parents, and we are good parents, that as busy as we are, and as chaotic as things may seem at times, we are paying attention, and wherever our children go to school, we will remain listening parents who notice and fill in any gaps that might show up. It felt like relief. It was really an awareness of parenting confidence that maybe can be hard to find with so many "what if's" in the world, but what that confidence feels like to me is relief. And we so very happily chose our neighborhood school, even if it was a D (which is another whole discussion about validity of school grades). And I said to her, "You know. You do. You are here in this group, asking these questions, you are an engaged parent who is likely taking time to listen to your son. Is he happy at John Hopkins? Is he thriving?" She slowly smiled, nodded and said, "yes, yes". I said, "Yes!" Then that's all we have to say when someone questions our decisions - or to ourselves when we might question our own parenting decisions in a variety of arenas - "my child is thriving, we are happy" and maybe ask them how their experience is going.

Is your student thriving? Are they? If they are, then be happy! And share that happiness with teachers and friends. And if they are not, then know that we are at a school that cares about you and your student and your family, and you can start with talking with their teacher, then our principal if you need to, and you can advocate with the school for your student to get whatever kind of support they need to thrive. Same with our guidance counselors and social worker. If you are in need of support for your family, ask, they might be able to connect you with the right resources. And if PTA can do anything more or better under our umbrella of creating community and providing support for strong educational outcomes for all students, then please, do not hesitate to ask. At North Shore, we want all children to THRIVE.

Here are some coming meetings and events. All voices, all people, are welcome. I hope to see you!

Tue, Mar 5th Pizza & PTA! (6:00 PM)

**Wed, Mar 20<sup>th</sup>** Nominations for PTA board positions due

**Thu, Mar 28<sup>th</sup>** School-wide Family Social Potluck (5:30-7PM)

**Tue, Apr 2<sup>nd</sup>** Pizza & PTA! (6:00 PM)

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## North Shore PTA Nominations

North Shore Elementary PTA is in the process of creating the new board for the 2019/2020 school year, and this is your chance to get involved!

If you are interested in nominating yourself, or someone else for a position on the board please either fill out the form on the back and email it to [jgkile@gmail.com](mailto:jgkile@gmail.com) or turn it in to the front office. You can also complete an online nomination by going to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/NSEPTANominations>

Being part of our PTA is a way that you can have an impact on what happens at your child's school and with your child's education and we need your voice to help make North Shore the best school it can be.

**The nomination process is open until March 20th, and a slate will be presented by the nominating committee and voted on at the General PTA Meeting on April 2<sup>nd</sup> at 6:00 PM. Members may also make nominations from the floor at that meeting.**

### PTA Board Positions:

- President
- Treasurer
- VP of Fundraising
- VP of Education & Advocacy
- VP of Membership
- Recording Secretary
- Corresponding Secretary
- Historian / Swag

To nominate someone for the 2019/2020 PTA Board, to request detailed descriptions of Board positions, or for a copy of the Nomination Form, ask at the school front office or email [jgkile@gmail.com](mailto:jgkile@gmail.com). All nominations are anonymous (unless you are nominating yourself).

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