

74th Street Elementary School

Donna Gehringer, Principal

Kurt Wyne, Asst. Principal

MAY ISSUE



News from the Principal....

Thank you for a wonderful year. I can't believe how fast the school year has gone! I am very proud of the work our teachers and students have done this year. You will not find teachers who are more committed to their students and highest student achievement than the teachers at 74th Street!

Please visit our 74th Street website throughout the summer. We work very hard to provide the most current up-to-date information such as: the 2018/2019 Battle of the Book titles and summer learning opportunities. Please check with your child's teacher to get the appropriate passwords for entry into the sites.

Meet the Teacher

The 2018-2019 Meet the Teacher will be held Friday, August 10th. If you have a child entering PPK, Pre-K or Kindergarten, please attend from 10:00-11:00 a.m. Students in first through fifth grade will attend from 2:00-3:00 p.m.

The school hours are changing to, 8:45-2:45. Students are welcome on campus at 8:15 for free breakfast and/or to begin their day.

The first day of school begins August 13th. We are looking forward to another AWESOME year! Please encourage your child to read this summer for fun, pleasure and to stretch their reading "muscles".

Donna Gehringer
Principal

P.A.W.S.

Positive Attitude + Work = Success

NEW HOURS

2018-2019 School Hours

8:45 A.M. – 2:45 P.M.

May 2018

- 5/4- Spirit Day: Twin Dress up Day
- 5/8- Spring Concert 6pm
- 5/11- PAWS Event: \$10 Jag bucks College Dress up Day
- 5/18- PAWS Event: Ice Cream; \$15 Jaguar Bucks
- 5/21-5/22- School Store Bonanza
- 5/21 - Kona Ice ST Math Celebration
- 5/23 - Kindergarten Moving Up Ceremony
Caldwell: 9am
Gibson: 10am
Bluett & Ducey: 2pm
- 5/24 - 5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony 9am
- 5/24- Last day for students

June 2018

- 6/5 thru 7/9- Summer Bridge

August 2018

- 8/13 - First day of school

From the Desk of Mr. Wyne



FSA TESTING

Please make certain to have your student well rested and on time to school. It is time for our students to shine!

Reading, Math and Science May 2-May 18

*** PB=Paper Based, CBT=Computer Based

IMPORTANT REMINDERS

Dear Parent/Guardian:

Parent awareness and support is a crucial part of the assessment process, and we would like to inform you of an important rule that will be in effect during FSA Testing.

Students have not historically been permitted to have electronic devices in their possession during testing. This year, if your child is found with an electronic device that reproduces, transmits, calculates, or records (e.g., a cell phone, camera, or pager) in his or her pocket, at his or her desk, or within his or her reach during testing, the test will be invalidated.

Please make sure your child is on time and well rested. Results will reflect all of their hard work during the school year. Please plan in advance to have them at school by avoiding travel and doctor visits. Children test better with their peers in familiar surroundings.

Thank you for your support of your child's education.

**The Dedicated Staff of
Seventy Fourth Street ES**

HOW TO PREPARE YOUR CHILD!

The week before testing:

- Get them to bed early.**
- Take it easy the weekend before.**
- Load up on high protein foods for all Meals.**
- Be understanding if they seem edgy.**

May 2 -3

Grade 4 Reading CBT 80 Minutes Session 1

Grade 4 Reading CBT 80 Minutes Session 2

Tuesday, May 8 -9

Grade 3 Math CBT 80 Minutes Session 1

Grade 3 Math CBT 80 Minutes Session 2

Monday, May 15 -16

Grade 5 Math CBT 80 Minutes Session 1

Grade 5 Math CBT 80 Minutes Session 2

Give them love, understanding and encouragement...

Music Notes

Dear 74th Street Elementary Families,

All students in Kindergarten through 5th grade will be performing a Spring Concert on Tuesday night, May 8th at 6:00 PM. This will be an exciting night for you to come and enjoy listening to your children perform and show off their musical skills. The concert will be performed at the Boca Ciega High School Auditorium located at 924 – 58th Street South, Gulf Port 33707.

Students should report to the auditorium of Boca Ciega for a 5:30 PM call time to be seated with their assigned grade level teacher in the back rows of the auditorium where they will be waiting with their grade level until it is time for them to line up to perform on stage. Students will be checked in and supervised with their assigned teacher, but we ask that any students arriving before 5:30 PM remain with their parents until their assigned grade level teacher arrives.

We ask that all students come well-dressed for the concert wearing a nice outfit (boys in long pants and girls in a nice dress or pants set.) Fourth and Fifth grade students in the Honors Choir and Music Club should come dressed in their white and black concert clothes (wearing their white shirt and black pants or skirts and shoes).

The concert should last under an hour. We hope to see everyone at this special event. If your child cannot attend the concert, please notify Mrs. Stephens in advance. Your young musicians have worked very hard learning and preparing their songs for their performance. We are asking that all families plan to remain until the end of the concert as we will be closing with a special finale song sung by all students.

We look forward to seeing all of our families come out in support of our students. May 8th will surely be an evening's performance you won't want to miss. Remember, to mark your calendars – May 8th, 5:30 PM Call Time- 6PM concert, at Boca Ciega High School. Thank you for your support of the music program.

With Sincere Thanks,
Christa Stephens
Elementary Music Teacher

NEWS FROM THE ART WORLD!!!!

The artwork of 10 students was selected to be displayed at the Pinellas County Schools Administration Building in Largo at the "ANNUAL ADMINISTRATION BUILDING ART EXHIBIT". This unique art exhibit will be displayed for the entire 18/19 school year. The opening reception will be held in the fall of 2018. The artwork will be returned in May 2019. Attached is a photo of your child's artwork so you can see what was submitted for the show! Enjoy! Pinellas County School's television programming, art websites, and publications will also be highlighting student artwork from this exhibition.

Congratulations to the following 10 artists:

Rosalee Garced – Kindergarten – Caldwell Ryniah Saintil – 1st – Santiago Abby Montes – 1st – Griffin Miley Rodriguez – 2nd – Moore Jamie Reid – 2nd – Storch Fatima Robinson – 2nd – Pearson Savannah Bartlett – 2nd – Baker Zachary Kongsine – 3rd – Cocio Stephani Feld – 3rd – Gottschalk Isabella Garcia-Cruz – 4th - Martin Also.....

The Florida Art Education Association is continuing the statewide K-12 Student Visual Art Digital Exhibition Program. This digital exhibition will be shown during the 2018 FAEA state conference in October 2018. The purpose of this program is to serve as a statewide assessment for visual arts and promote the achievement of students enrolled in visual art classes throughout Florida. Our school has entered the artwork of 10 students. They were submitted in digital format. The fee to enter is \$5.00 per entry. The Pinellas County Art Department is graciously paying for this fee for our 10 entries!

The judging has taken place! Congratulations to the following 10 artists!

Jay Raval – Kindergarten – Bluett - - AWARD OF MERIT Brayden West – 1st Grade – Santiago – AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Olivia Mullins – 1st Grade – Griffin – AWARD OF EXCELLENCE Khaiana Sackda – 2nd Grade – Baker – AWARD OF MERIT Myah Phillips – 2nd Grade – Baker – AWARD OF EMERGING ARTIST Michelle Pommier Trigo – 2nd Grade – Moore – AWARD OF MERIT Savannah Hixon – 3rd – Vaughn – AWARD OF MERIT Rigoberto Alvarez – 3rd – Caroll – AWARD OF MERIT Isabella Garcia-Cruz – 4th Grade – Martin – AWARD OF MERIT Kimberly Saucedo – 5th Caltabellotta – AWARD OF EMERGING ARTIST

There were over 1,700 entries from throughout the State of Florida. The students who receive an Award of Excellence will have their artwork in the virtual exhibition that will be shown at the 2018 FAEA Conference and on the FAEA website. Congratulations!

Save Your Ring Pulls



Before you recycle your aluminum cans, please take the ring pulls off and save for Mrs. Anderson, the Art teacher.

I continue my father's (a Shrine member), efforts in our annual endeavor of collecting these ring pulls to help the Children's Shrine Hospital in Tampa. While all medical expenses are funded through the Shrine, there remains a need for personal necessities, toiletries, etc. With your support I can look forward to exceeding last year's total! Thank you!

Mrs. Anderson
Art teacher

Counselors Corner

May is here and we are looking at the end of the year coming soon. This month we celebrate the character word caring. Caring means to be helpful, express appreciation, offer compliments and kind words, being compassionate and showing that you care, understanding what another person may be feeling, accepting differences, and cooperation. Wow! What an important word. Remember what Thumper always says, "If you can't say sumpting' nice, don't say anythin' at all." I want to provide you with a good community resource called Clothes for Kids. They provide new and quality used clothing to low-income, school-age children in Pinellas County, free of charge. The eligibility requirements are as follows:

You must live in Pinellas County.

Your children must be school-age (Kindergarten-12th grade) and attend a Pinellas County school.

Your family must be considered in financial need of assistance, such as:

You receive free or reduced lunch from Pinellas County Schools

Your family or child is currently receiving services from another social service agency

You are in crisis due to a fire, flood or medical issues

Call Clothes To Kids for an appointment!

All shopping at Clothes To Kids is by appointment only. For North county please call 727-441-5050 and for South county 727-327-7100 to make your appointment once you have your referral letter.

I hope everyone has a safe and fun summer!! Don't forget to read, practice your math skills, and learn sight words, but most of all enjoy your time off and get plenty of rest

Parent of the Month: **Zainam Hima Mohamed Areef-Caltabellotta**

Title I Family Resource Library 2499 25th Street South St. Petersburg, FL

Hours: Monday & Thursday 8:30 – 6:00

Tuesday, Wednesday, & Friday 8:30- 3:30

Come Check out Books and Games...get a free book!

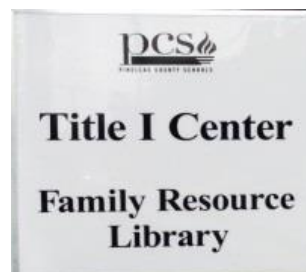
Welcome all Title I families of Pinellas County

For More Information contact 893-2988

*Students must be accompanied by an adult

This year we have many exciting family involvement events planned. We will contact you closer to the dates. If you have any additional questions regarding Title I please contact the school or visit the Title I PCSB website:

- www.pcsb.org
- Click on Department & Divisions
- Click on Title I



Code.org

Did you know that your child has access to code.org for FREE? Code.org is a FREE website that students can use to learn computer programming. This website is appropriate for all ages and grade levels!!! Students love this website-log on with your child to see how much fun it is to learn how to write computer code.

Go to www.code.org

Look for the students tab

Click on Try Code Studio

Start with Course 1 and work your way through all 5 courses

Happy Coding!!!

Mackin Via

Mackin Via is a website that has tons of books that students can read online!!

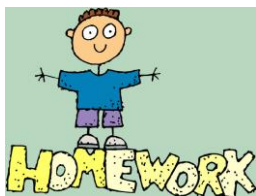
To read books online go to:

1. www.pcsb.org
2. click on the students tab
3. scroll down-click on Focus on the left hand side
4. student logs in with their PCS username and password
5. scroll down and look on the left side for Learning Resources Tab-click on Library/Media Resources
6. click on Mackin via
7. follow the prompts for entering school name and your username/password
8. type one of the titles above into the search box
9. Click on Open Now and begin reading!!!

There are tons of books available on Mackin Via-books on many subjects and across all of the grade levels!!! Take a look and discover some fun books to read online.

Istation

Istation is available for home use too! It's not just for school-day activities. Your student can log-on at home too. The program will need to be downloaded to a computer or iPad, so be sure to ask your child's teacher for the directions on how they can enjoy the program at home.



Help Line

Call 547-7223 or 442-3226

Available Monday through Thursday on days that school is in session 5:00-8:00 pm

Math Fun!!

With **ST Math**, students play computer games designed to teach math. They can play the games at home or on computers other than those used at school. We encourage you to have your child play the games to review and practice the math skills learned in **ST Math**.



1. Go to www.stmath.com
 2. Click on the Penguin
 3. Click on Homework
 4. On bottom right corner click on the "two dashes"
 5. Enter School Name
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A Child's Bridge to Success

Parents & Students
Load up on free e-books to read at home

PCSB Overdrive MackinVIA Destiny Discover

Start your own offline laptop library!

Take your Connect for Success laptop to your C4S Liaison or Media Specialist to get started.

Contact your school for more information.

World of Reading STAR WARS
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THE BOOK THIEF

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Modified Dress Code

All students must comply with the modified dress code as follows:

Shirts:

Polo Shirt: solid yellow/gold, black, navy blue, light blue, white or teal/turquoise **NO LOGO** permitted on the shirt.

T-shirts: solid yellow/gold, black, navy blue, light blue, white or teal/turquoise crew neck only (*no "v" neck*) **NO LOGO**

Shorts: Black, navy, khaki, or dark denim. Shorts must be worn at the waist. Permissible: Bermuda walking, cargo, or dark denim. Not permissible: logos rips, patches, insignias. Athletic shorts or shorts with elastic waist or drawstring are not permitted.

Pants/Capris: Solid color: white, black, navy, khaki, dark denim. No leggings, jeggings. No elastic waist or drawstring permitted. Sweat pants permitted ONLY during cold weather.

Skirts: Fingertip length or longer in solid color. Black, navy, khaki, or dark denim.

Dresses: Fingertip length or longer in solid color. Crew neck or polo style dresses. Black, navy, khaki, or dark denim.

Outerwear: Zippered or buttoned outerwear is acceptable. If it is not the dress code colors then the dress code shirt must be visible when the jacket is open. Sweaters and sweat shirts must be solid in color, crew neck or pull over cardigan or zipper style. Pull over hoodies that are solid dress code color are permissible

The consequence for not following the Modified Dress Code are:

1st - Warning letter sent home.

2nd - Warning letter and a phone call home to parent.

3rd- Will not be able to participate in the monthly PAWS event.

4th- Will receive after-school detention.

Social worker: Cindy Bryant

Guidance counselor: Jennifer Bachnick

Please make sure your child attends school daily and arrives on time.

Summer Bridge Field Trip Volunteers needed!

If you are interested in volunteering to attend any of our summer bridge field trips, please contact Nicole Tikkanen for more information. The dates of the field trips are listed below.

Kindergarten: Lowry Park Zoo 7/10/2018

1st Grade: Clearwater Marine Aquarium 6/20/2018

2nd Grade: Astro Skate 7/10/2018

3rd Grade: McGough Park 6/20/2018

4th Grade: Museum of Fine Arts 6/26/2018

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