



Tarpon Springs Elementary School

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A note from the Principal:

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe this is the final newsletter of the school year. This year has been filled with so many great events and positive experiences for our students. As we head into summer mode, please make sure you have a plan in place for students to continue to engage in reading and writing activities. We are proud of all the progress our students have made and would like to see them ready to hit the ground running in August. Some ideas include setting aside a 30 minute each day for reading and planning regular trips to the library. And speaking of trips, if you are planning a vacation what a great way for students to practice their writing skills! Students can journal their days, create memory books with both pictures and words, or even research information about the places they are going. Participation in organized summer activities such as sports or camps can also help students maintain a routine through the summer months as well as build on their social skills.

And finally, to our fifth grade students, we have watched you grow and mature into the fine group of boys and girls you are today. Congratulations and best of luck to you in middle school and all of your future endeavors. I hope everyone has a safe summer break and enjoys the time with family and friends. School begins on August 10. We look forward to seeing all our students back then!

Art Steullet
Principal



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern



To report a safety concern, please go to the website above or download the app and enter the information.



Opt-In to receive text messages from PCS!

Please text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 to receive updates via text message from Tarpon Springs Elementary and PCS.



SUMMER BRIDGE

June 5th-June 29th

Selected students will be invited to attend Summer Bridge during the month of June. During Summer Bridge, students will work on grade level specific skills to enhance and support their progress towards the next grade level. Please log on to www.pcsb.org to register.



Florida State Assessments

All students in grades K-5 will take Florida state assessments beginning May 1st. These assessments are intended to evaluate our students' academic progress for the year and are used to assign grades to schools. While in the past few years most of the tests were computer based, this year all tests will be paper and pencil. Families are asked to assure that students are in school and on time each day to assure that all students are assessed as required by law.



End of Year (EOY) Medication

Pick

The school year ends on May 25th. Pinellas County Schools (PCS) policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it for Summer

Bridge.

Please arrange to come to school to pick up any unused medication, including inhalers and epinephrine devices. Any unclaimed medications will be disposed of on Thursday, May 25th, 2022, at 12:00 noon without exception.



Online Forms in FOCUS for 2023-24

Each school year, you are asked to update a series of forms for your child's school registration, including the items below. For the 2023-24 school year, these forms will be

available for you online in FOCUS, our student record system. However, you must be "linked" to your child in FOCUS to access their forms. Please use the hyperlink below to "link" yourself to each of your children in preparation for school opening in August.

<https://www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms>



PTA BOARD MEMBERS NEEDED!

Hello families!

We are looking for a few amazing people to be on next year's **PTA board**!!

In order to keep our PTA board afloat, we need you!!

Positions available for next year:

- **President**
- **Membership**
- **Hospitality**
- **Programs**

Without our PTA, these activities would not be possible.

Please consider volunteering and contact Stacey

Reveron, current president at reverons@pcsb.org if you are interested.



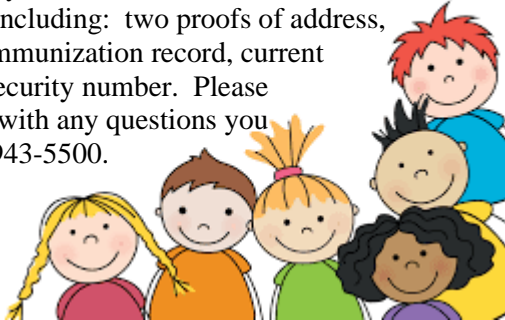
School Uniform Donations

We are accepting donations of new or gently used uniform clothing including shorts, pants,

short/long sleeved shirts, sweaters, jackets. Shirts, sweaters and jackets must be white, navy or burgundy in color, and shorts must be khaki or navy. We are also accepting shoes. Please send in clean items only to the school office.

Kindergarten Registration is Underway!

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 by September 1, it's time to register for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year! Please come into the office with necessary papers including: two proofs of address, birth certificate, immunization record, current physical, social security number. Please contact the office with any questions you may have at 727-943-5500.



ESOL NEWS!

Our students here at Tarpon Springs Elementary School (shown in picture) were fully engaged in learning Spanish through singing songs, repeating greetings,

listening to Spanish speakers from Peru virtually, and

participating in listening, speaking, reading and writing. They became excellent cooks, cooking a very popular dish-Causa-de-Atún. This learning experience of a different culture, took place via the interactive Smartboard in our after school Spanish Club in the last few months. The educator Brigitte Chanamé from Peru connected with us each Monday. Our two ESOL Teachers Nancy Sanchez and Eva Poulakidas from Tarpon Springs Elementary facilitated this cultural club. The students really loved their encounter, learned new vocabulary words, and now have instilled in them a consciousness about the Peruvian Culture being accepting and caring of all cultures.

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Saludos Padres/Encargados,

Comenzando el mes de mayo los grados 3ro, 4to y 5to estarán tomando los exámenes de FAST. Favor de apoyarlos y asegurarse que se vayan a la dormir temprano, bien desayunados, que lleguen puntuales y con actitud positiva. Estos exámenes son de suma importancia porque definen el aprendizaje de su hijo, especialmente para 5to grado, porque determinarán que clases le tocarán en 6to grado.

El Departamento de ESOL tiene varios libros para regalar a los estudiantes para que puedan leer en verano. Favor de enviarlos al salón de ESOL!



Bus Ridership Campaign!

Will your child be using bus transportation next school year? Please log in at the link below to indicate whether your child will use bus transportation, if qualified. Planning helps reduce redundancy and eliminates unnecessary routes and stops. <https://www.pcsb.org/transportation>

**THE LAST DAY OF SCHOOL IS
MAY 25TH. SCHOOL IS
RELEASED EARLY AT 12:55 PM.**

Whether you travel by



Remember to take a



**SCHOOL REOPENS ON AUGUST
10TH AT 8:45 A.M.
SEE YOU THEN!!!**