I want to thank all of our speakers that came out for Great American Teach In. The students learned a lot and were able to experience things they may never get to again. It was great and only possible because you all work to make our school great by supporting our efforts here at ELMS. I also want to give a shout out to our very own Mrs. Ray, without her organization of this day it would never be as great as it is. I am so glad we were able to make this day happen in person again!

December brings a very busy testing month. Please check our testing calendar attached. It is important that students are here for these days of school. There is very little time for makeup testing. If you have extenuating circumstances, please reach out to Mrs. Chichester or myself by December 3rd. Just wanted to remind parents of our Technology Resources page. [https://www.pcsb.org/domin/12816](https://www.pcsb.org/domin/12816). Here you can find out how set up a parent companion Canvas page, see the district resources, and how to update your information in Focus.

Our December Caught Being Awesome Kid is Sydnee Middleton! Nurse Ty nominated her for Caught Being Awesome after Sydnee interviewed her for a class assignment. Nurse Ty was impressed with her questions and thoroughness. During the interview Nurse Ty talked about her daughters. Sydnee was so kind to give Nurse Ty words of wisdom and encouragement for her daughters. Such a thoughtful act of kindness.
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Testing Schedule is on the next page

WINTER BREAK
December 20–January 4

GATI Photos

Mike RamaSanto, the Cowboy
SCubanauts Sage & Sierra
Mr. Ortiz & Mrs. Barnes
Musician, Caleb Mitchell
Clearwater Marine Aquarium, Avery Coble.
Mr. Wingeier from Tampa HackerSpace
PCSO Helicopter & Pilots
Scuba diver, Callie Wingfield
Pilot, Emmett Wingfield
2020-2021 School Grades

Through the statewide Take Stock in Children (TSIC) program, we support Pinellas County students with caring mentors and scholarships to college or technical/trade schools. These comprehensive services start in middle school, continue through high school and include their transition to college.

One outstanding program, with two unique volunteer opportunities

Individual In-School/Virtual Mentor
All mentors will register as volunteers for Pinellas County Schools and attend a training workshop. PCS Registration Link:
- 30-minutes a week, twice a month, to meet with a student in school or virtually
- Encourage scholars to graduate from high school while maintaining good grades and remaining drug and crime free

Guest Presenter for Group Mentoring
Group leaders can present a topic, have a discussion or lead an engaging activity — anything appropriate and relevant to a middle or high school student including careers, hobbies, life skills, or academics
- One 30-minute session, no long-term commitment
- No need to register as a mentor or Pinellas County School volunteer

For questions or to get started contact Dee Mortiello, Mentor Manager, at dee.mortiello@pinellaseducation.org or call (727) 455-2529.

Pinellas Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Scholarship program is proud to partner with St. Pete's Promise and Pinellas County Schools.