



Belcher Elementary

Home of the Bobcats



October 2020

2215 Lancaster Drive Clearwater, FL 33760

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Message from the Principal

It is wonderful to have the school come to life with children, families and learning. I know we were all a little anxious about how this year would look with the new Covid guidelines, but I'm happy to say that processes are running smoothly and students are engaged in joyful learning. Thank you for a spectacular opening.

Challenges bring opportunities for growth. We are working to improve our virtual and in person learning options. We appreciate your feedback and support as we adapt and improve.

We want to continue to make every minute count. Students need to be seated in class or logged in virtually, ready to learn, by 8:45 a.m. and stay until 2:55 p.m. Again, thank you for all of your support as we work together to help each child be a success! We are committed to serving a diverse student body and working tirelessly to achieve academic excellence for every child! We know that our students can and will do it!

Please don't hesitate to call, e-mail or stop in if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improvement. Together we make an unstoppable team.

Kristy Moody moodyk@pcsb.org

Attendance Matters!



Every Student, Every School, Every Day

Parents,

School begins promptly at 8:45 AM. Please be sure to have your children on time.

Breakfast will be served from 8:15-8:40 AM.

School Web Site

<http://www.pcsb.org/belcher-es>

727-538-7437

District Office:

727-588-6000

District Web Site:

www.pcsb.org

Transportation:

727.587.2020

Calendar

- October 23rd end of quarter
- October 26th No school for students
- November 23-27 Thanksgiving Break



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

October Character Trait: Cooperation

Getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal.

Information

Belcher Bobcat gear

T shirts

Short sleeve child \$10 Adult \$15

Long sleeve with hood \$20

Water bottle \$5

Car Magnets \$5

email wininsky@pcsb.org for order form and items will be sent home with student

October 19-23rd Spirit Week

Monday Oct 19-Crazy About Our School Day

Wear Mismatched Socks and Crazy Hair

Tuesday Oct 20- Team Up against Bullying and Drugs- Wear your Favorite Team Shirt

Wednesday Oct 21- Wear ORANGE to prevent bullying and promote kindness, acceptance and inclusion

Thursday Oct 22-You are a Hero Day- Wear Your Favorite Hero/Disney Shirt

Friday Oct 23- Bobcat Spirit Day-

Wear Your School Colors (Blue & Yellow/Gold)

A Message from Our School Safety Officer:

Hello, Parents and Guardians! My name is Conner Davis your School Safety Officer! I understand this year is very different from previous years and sending your children to brick-and-mortar classes can be very nerve-wracking. However, the faculty here at Belcher Elementary is here to help in any way possible to provide a safe and healthy learning atmosphere. While there may be challenges, your child safety is and will remain our top priority. If you have any questions comments or concerns please reach me through Schools police at (727) 547-7221, and or at the school at (727) 538-7437.



Specials

Art

The general theme (or story) of our mural is about reminding students how important it is to take care of our beautiful earth home and all the creatures on it. Our mural has a special emphasis on bees and other pollinating insects.



Music

Music looks a little different this year. We are focusing on learning, responding, and creating rhythm in our music classes.

At the end of this grading period, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders will create their own Beat Maps and Rhythm Compositions. Look out for those creations!!!

Chorus T-Shirts are being sold TBD. You don't have to be in chorus to buy a T-shirt.

Lookout for more information on a Concert in December.

Mr. Giallourakis



Physical Education

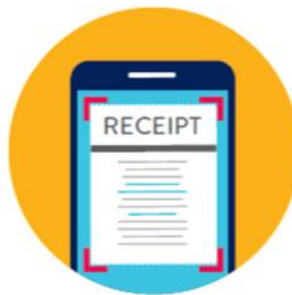
Time for Tennis Shoes

Please help to make your child's PE experience safe by making sure they wear their tennis shoes to school on their PE day. According to the Student Code of Conduct, appropriate footwear must be worn. For physical education, the appropriate footwear is an athletic type shoe. For safety reasons, shoes must be securely fastened. In cold weather, flat rubber soled boots that are securely fastened will be permitted, however the safest shoe for your child is an athletic type shoe. Thank you for your help!



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Box Tops earnings are identified and automatically updated at BTFE.com.

You do not need to clip or send Box Tops labels to school.



Belcher has received the GOLD award again this year! We are one of 6 schools nationwide to achieve this award in 2020! Learn more about what this means at <https://www.healthiergeneration.org/>

Clever at Home



LOG INTO CLEVER

Clever @ Home supports learning outside of the classroom anytime, anywhere.

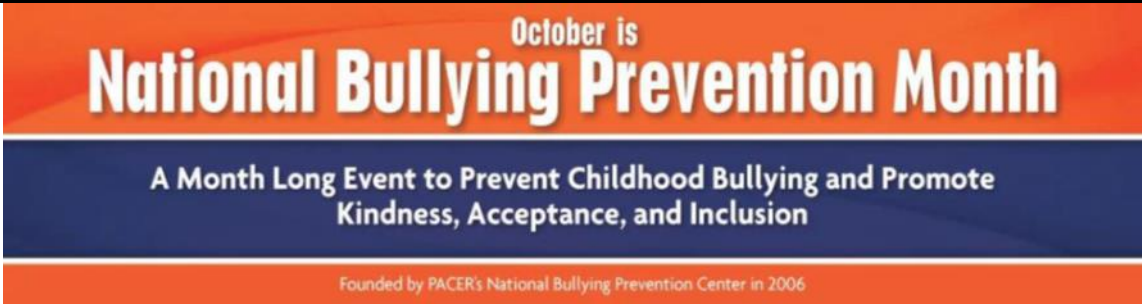
Students are encouraged to continue using the resources found within Clever before or after the school day from home.

What can I find in Clever?

- Online Digital Textbooks for student's core subjects if available
- Khan Academy
- Istation
- DreamBox
- Teengagement
- myOn
- And many more

<https://clever.com/in/pcsb>

The videos and documents below will show you how to access all the great resources within the system.



No More Mean Moments

During the entire month of October, the Belcher Bobcats will join others from across the nation and around the world to practice being kind and to understand that being mean is bullying. Bullying is NEVER okay. If we see someone being mean with words or actions we should say something to an adult. Bullying should never be a part of childhood.

Wear and Share Orange

Wednesday, October 21, 2020 is Unity Day. On that day, the Belcher Bobcats will show the power they have against bullying by wearing orange. WEAR AND SHARE orange to show that we stand in unity against bullying.

Volunteer



Virtual Great American Teach-in

November 18, 2020

Members of the community are invited virtually into Pinellas County schools to share information with students about their career or hobby, read a story or to teach a class.

Contact Amanda Wininsky, Family & Community Liaison if you have questions.

Email: wininskya@pcsb.org Phone: 727-538-7437 Ext.2001

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Thank you!!!

Join Belcher PTA for the 2020-2021 School year!

We will be collecting membership fees throughout the school year!

We hope you will help support our initiatives!

How to join: put \$5 in an envelope (or check payable to *Belcher Elementary PTA*) label with name, email, and teacher's name and send in with student.

ALL students receive free breakfast and lunch!



Lunch menus for the district can be found at:

<https://>

pcsb.nutrislice.com/menu

Payments to lunch accounts can be made at: <https://www.myschoolbucks.com>

Register to Volunteer at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration