



Belcher Elementary

Home of the Bobcats



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From Principal Moody

I am so excited to be a part of the Belcher Family. Thank you for the warm welcome and a spectacular opening. It is wonderful to have the school come to life with children, families and learning. The 2019-2020 school year marks the school's 60th year. We will celebrate with several events and a special commemorative shirt that can be purchased from our PTA.

We hope to continue to make every minute count! Students need to be seated in class 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! This is going to be our best school year ever!



I will send out a monthly Connect Ed call with school news and more frequent e-mails. Please make sure your e-mail address is updated in Focus to ensure you receive the information and reminders. Please don't hesitate to call, e-mail or stop in if you have any questions, comments or suggestions for improvement.

Kristy Moody, Principal

Email: 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.

Calendar

- 8/30- Volunteer Orientation 9:00-10:00 AM
- 9/2- Labor Day- NO SCHOOL
- 9/5- Open House & Title 1 Annual Meeting Presentations at 6:00 & 6:30 PM
- 9/6- Volunteer Café 9:00-10:30 AM
- 9/10- PTA Meeting- 4:30 PM Media Center
- 9/13- SAC Meeting 7:45-8:15 AM
- 9/17- Astro Skate Skating Party- 3:00-5:30 PM
- 9/25- Pancakes With Parents- 8:00-8:30
- 9/26- Fall Picture Day
- 10/3- National Walk to School Day- Meet at St. John's at 7:45 AM

Save the date! Open house, September 5th, 2019. First Presentation begins promptly at 6:00 PM. Second Presentation will begin at 6:30 PM. Meet your child's teacher, See the classroom, Meet our Art, Music, & Physical Education teachers, Purchase Belcher shirts, Join PTA, Review our PTA budget, and learn more about what Title 1 means!



September Character Trait: Responsibility

Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions.

www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Volunteer

Mentor

To Register for a workshop go to...

[pcsb.org/mentor](https://www.pcsb.org/mentor)

Contact Tiffany Young, Family & Community Liaison, Belcher Elementary 727-538-7437 ext. 2078 or by email youngti@pcsb.org if you have questions!



Volunteer registration has gone paperless! Please visit the district or school website to become a registered volunteer. If you have any issues please contact Tiffany Young, Family & Community Liaison.

Go to Belcher Elementary Website->

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

Get Engaged ->

Volunteers

Email: Youngti@pcsb.org

Or by phone at 727-538-7437 ext. 2078.

Thank you to our Adopt-A-Class class sponsors!

Craig Family

Rymsza Family

Glennay Family

Frias Family

Upcoming Volunteer Opportunities

- Volunteer Orientation 8/30 from 9-10:00 AM

Learn about our volunteer program, opportunities, and how to register

- Volunteer Café 9/6 from 9:00-10:30 AM

Help our teachers with cutting, stapling, and preparing for upcoming lesson plans. Coffee & Food provided.

- Volunteer Café 10/4 from 9:00-10:30 AM

Join Belcher PTA for the 2019-2020 School year!



We will begin collecting membership fees at Open House and throughout the school year!

Don't forget Belcher t-shirts are also on sale throughout the school year.

Please see Ms. Young in the front office to purchase.

We hope you will help support our initiatives!



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>

From the clinic

Welcome Nurse Olivia!

Hello Bobcat Families,
My name is Olivia and I am the nurse for Belcher Elementary this year! I recently moved to the area from Pennsylvania. I have a daughter who has also joined as a fellow Bobcat. I'm so excited to be a part of the Bobcat family!



KIDS AND TEETH CLEANING

HOW TO BRUSH YOUR TEETH

Good brushing technique should take 2 minutes

Divide the mouth into 6 sections and take 20 seconds to brush each.

Then the inner and then the biting surfaces

Start with outer surfaces of the lower jaw

Repeat with the upper jaw



Small circular movements near the gumline is most effective.

All children up to three years old should use a toothpaste with a fluoride level of at least 1000ppm (parts per million). After three years old, they should use a toothpaste that contains 1350ppm to 1500ppm.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100 degrees F or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or pus draining from eye	Hospital stay and/or emergency room visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free without the assistance of medication for 24 hours (i.e., Tylenol, Motrin, Advil)	Free from vomiting for 24 hours.	Free from diarrhea for 24 hours.	Free from rash, itching or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home.	Free from drainage and/or have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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If your child has strep throat or another bacterial infection, he/she should stay home until the antibiotic has been given for at least 24 hours and your health care provider has given permission for your child to return to school. We encourage you to seek medical attention when your child is sick and to follow your health care provider's recommendations about returning to school and other activities.

Enrichment Clubs

PMAC



The Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee, known as PMAC, is a multicultural group that models and promotes tolerance and acceptance of people regardless of their appearance, gender, race, ethnic group, religion, or physical ability.

Fishing & Estuary Club



First session will begin in September for our 2nd and 4th grade students

Session is 8 weeks long

More information to come....

We meet weekly on Fridays.

Students Targeted for Educational Performance

(S.T.E.P.) program is comprised of minority students who maintain a cumulative 2.5 or higher GPA and FSA scores that fall within level 3 in reading and /or math. The S.T.E.P. program will provide a school-based supportive structure for minority students in order to optimize academic achievement through



encouragement, support, and guidance. Our meetings will begin in September.

STEM



2019-2020 STEM will begin in September. Ms. Kassem & Mr. Oij will begin sending out applications soon!

Garden Club

The Garden Club this year is starting Thursday, September 12th, and will be meeting every 2nd and 4th Thursday of the month. The club is available for 3-5 grade level students. We are hoping more children will join this year!!

**We are looking for two dedicated volunteers to help our master gardener maintain the garden. **



Thank you to Home Depot on Gulf to Bay for the donation of mulch & homer buckets!!

Girlfriend's Club

Mission: To create a supportive environment for young ladies in Pinellas County that will promote student achievement, encourage positive behaviors, enhance self-discipline, develop personal dependability, cultivate high self-esteem, build strong relationships, encourage community service, and provide positive role models.

More information to come.

Promise time

Promise time is an extended learning opportunity to our students. This is provided by the use of a digital learning program I-ready and small reading and math groups. This program takes place Monday-Thursday here on campus.