New Heights Elementary

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Principal

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Assistant Principal Vision:

100% student success.

Mission:

To provide an environment that meets the needs of our students through staff development, family involvement, and community resources.

SCHOOL OPENING & DISMISSAL TIMES

Gates open at 8:15 AM, School starts at 8:45 AM, Teaching begins at 8:45 AM

Breakfast served until 8:30 AM.

Dismissal at 2:45
Lunch Menu

www.pcsb.org/Page/693



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For more information, consult Pinellas County School Website

www.pcsb.org

Message from the Office

What a really great opening! We hope to continue to make every minute count! Students need to be in class ready to learn by 8:45 a.m. and stay until 2:45 p.m.

Again, thank you for all of your support as we work together to help each child be a success!

Remember to encourage daily reading at home. A child needs to read a lot to read well!!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sept. 3 Labor Day, School is closed.
Sept. 5 Back to School Night, 5:00-7:00 PM
Sept. 6-7 Vision & Hearing Screening
Sept. 10 PTA Board Meeting 6 PM
Oct. 12 End of first quarter, PTA Fall Festival
Oct. 15 Non student day

Wednesday,
Sept. 5, 2018
5:00 PM-7:00 PM
Back to School Night
with Kona Ice
St. Petersburg Public Library
Connect for Success

HAWKS Expectations Classroom Rules

Have respectUse school appropriate voice, words, and actionsAct responsiblyArrive on time with all materialsWork cooperativelyFollow directions immediatelyKeep tryingWork during all work timesStay safeKeep hands, feet, and objects to yourself

Check out school website for more information including important directions on how to use the car circle for arrival and dismissal.

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ClassDojo Messaging Overview for Parents

ClassDojo Messaging helps teachers and parents safely and privately communicate with each other in real time. Our messaging feature is similar to Facebook Messaging. As long as you have internet access, you can use ClassDojo Messaging!

How to turn on ClassDojo Messaging: Messaging is already a part of your ClassDojo Parent Account. You can access it from your ClassDojo iOS or Android app, or by logging in to the website.

On the website and apps you'll see a "Messages" tab where you can select a teacher, then view and compose messages.

- ✓ When I respond to a teacher, is it private?
- ✓ All messages sent by parents on ClassDojo Messaging can only be viewed by the teacher. No other parent (even your child's other parent or guardians) can view your messages.

Obtaining a Full Messaging History:

In order to make room for incoming messages, you'll notice that older messages will disappear. These messages are not being deleted, they are being archived within the teacher's account. If you'd like a full messaging history, you'll need to ask your teacher to print one for you.

You're Invited

If you have a child in grades 3-5, they may be eligible to check out a laptop computer to use at home for the entire school year! Parents, please come to the Connect for Success meeting at 5:00 on Wednesday, September 5, 2018.

Driver's License or Photo ID required.

St. Petersburg Public Library

Want to get more books in your child's hands? A representative from the St. Petersburg Public Library will be on campus Wednesday, September 5, 2018 at 5:00 to sign up families for a library card. Please make sure to bring a picture ID with your current address.

Homework Tips

Establish a routine

- Make a schedule and stick to it.
- Decide with your child the best time and place for doing homework. You may think the best time is right after school, but your child may need a break first and then do their homework after dinner.
- Do homework at the same time every day. If your child is involved in after school activities, homework come first! Since coaches sometimes change practice schedule from week to week, plan ahead to complete homework assignments.

Set up a study area

- Do homework in the same place every day.
- Find a place with proper lighting where your child is comfortable.
- A desk or table, even the kitchen table, can be used before or after dinner.

Homework survival kit

- Get the supplies your child needs: pencils, eraser, pencil sharpener, paper, crayons, dictionary, scissors, glue, rule, calculator and other supplies.
- Keep supplies in a box near the study area.

Distractions

 Homework time needs to be a time when your child can concentrate. Work at reducing distractions and interruptions.

When to contact the teacher?

- If your child is having a great deal of difficulty, schedule a conference with your child's teacher.
- The teacher may be unaware that your child is having trouble with the assignments.
- Together you can work out a plan for your child's success.

Join New Heights PTA! Only \$5 per member!!!

Please remember to return the following forms completed:

- 1. Clinic Card (yellow).
- 2. Office Card (white)
- 3. DOJO Parent Agreement



- Pinellas County School's Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement.
- 6. Media Release Form

Character Word of the Month for September: Responsibility

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

Seat Belts---Remember the law:

State of Florida Seat Belt Laws

In a car crash you are much more likely to be killed if you are not wearing a seat belt. That is why **Florida has seat belt laws**. Seat belt laws apply to all cars, pickup trucks, and vans operated on Florida roads.

- All passengers in the front seat must wear a seat belt.
- All passengers under 18 must wear a seat belt.

Florida Child Restraint Requirements

Children 3 and younger must be secured in a federally approved child-restraint seat. Children 4 through 5 must be secured by either a federally approved child restraint seat or safety belt. The driver is responsible for buckling up the child.

Why is it Important to Wear a Safety Belt?

Seat belts protect you from being thrown from a vehicle. If you are thrown from a vehicle your risk of death is five times greater. By securing you in your seat, a seat belt protects you from being thrown into other people in the car and parts of your car. In addition, seat belts keep the driver in their seat so they can control the car.



May the School District TEXT you?

Pinellas County Schools will begin using text messages as an additional way to communicate with families in the 2018-2019 school year. Text messages will only be used to communicate information related to school **emergencies**. Parents/guardians of students in Pinellas County Schools can text "Y" or "yes" to 67587 to begin receiving text messages from the school district. Opting out is easy: Send the message "Stop" to 67587 at any time. If you already receive recorded phone messages on your mobile

number, you are ready to opt in to receive text messages. If you do not already receive recorded phone message on your mobile phone, please contact the school office to provide a mobile phone number and update the information in FOCUS (student information system).

School Clinic is in need of <u>new</u> girls and boys underwear in all sizes!