Welcome to TogetherPCS, the district's new monthly newsletter featuring students, staff, alumni, coaches, curriculum, community partners and so much more! We look forward to not only keeping you updated with important events and reminders, but also giving you a glimpse into the day-to-day experiences of the people who help make the district shine.

In this first issue, we meet an alumna of St. Petersburg High School who is now a children's book author and take a look inside the Hollins High School Interactive Book Club, which performs weekly at Rawlings Elementary. We also learn about what it means to be an AVID National Demonstration School through the eyes of the East Lake Middle School principal.

If you know someone who should be featured in TogetherPCS, please click the "Nominate Here" button below. Let's do this TOGETHER!

May 8-12 is Teacher Appreciation Week!
Make sure to show the teachers in your life how much they mean to you. Follow along on our social channels for teacher spotlights each day next week.
Thank you, teachers, for all you do all year long!

Mark Your Calendar!
Assessments:
End-of-year assessments will be taking place throughout the month of May.

Elementary assessment dates
Middle school assessment dates
High school assessment dates
Graduation Dates:
Lacrosse defensive standout is successful on and off the field

Ask Palm Harbor University High School Head Lacrosse Coach Adam Deisley to say a few words about senior defender Jayden Griggs and you will undoubtedly get a novel-length response.

“Jayden has been one of the best all-around players I have ever coached over the past 20 seasons,” Deisley said. “He is the kind of kid every coach wants.”

Deisley can list Griggs accolades – James Callahan Award for defensive player of the year in 2021 and 2022, team captain in 2022 and 2023, First team All-PCAC in 2021 and 2022, PCAC Championship MVP in 2023 – off the top of his head and is quick to point out his confidence and strong communication skills on the field. In the PCAC Championship game, Griggs helped lead his team in a come-from-behind victory against Osceola, putting some of his strongest talents on display.

“He has never been one to back down from a challenge,” Deisley said. “He is literally like having a coach on the field.”

Read the full article
Pinellas Park High valedictorian and salutatorian represent Criminal Justice Academy

When Leonel Resendiz walks across the graduation stage on May 15, his mother’s unwavering support will undoubtedly be top of mind. Resendiz, who is Pinellas Park High School’s valedictorian, lost his father.

East Lake Fundamental Middle Named AVID National Demonstration School

For seventh grader Eric Bull, taking the AVID elective at the East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering has led to better organization and more class preparedness.

“My notebook is extremely organized,” Eric said. “And

Hollins High’s ‘Interactive’ Book Club keeps reading fun

Every Monday afternoon, you can find Ada Lau and eight other ‘Interactive’ Book Club members in full costume and character in the Rawlings Elementary library acting out prose from books such as "Mad About Meatloaf" or "Cranky Chicken."
in sixth grade, and has used his mother’s strength to motivate him ever since.

“My mom is such an amazing woman. She’s why I do what I do,” Resendiz said. “It’s all about hard work, commitment and determination.”

Read the full article

The Superintendent Says...

"I am so excited to launch TogetherPCS as a new way to connect with our community. The successes of our students and alumna highlight the longstanding impact of Pinellas County Schools. We invite all our stakeholders to be part of the academic excellence and dynamic student experiences across our district."

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