

TOGETHER PCS

KEEPING PACE WITH PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS

Welcome to TogetherPCS, the district's monthly newsletter featuring students, staff, alumni, coaches, curriculum, community partners and so much more!

In this issue, we revisit the high school years with our 2024 Teacher of the Year, who is a Seminole High alum. We also reflect back on a 33-year coaching career with Largo High basketball coach Phil Price. And we learn more about space and the solar system by immersing ourselves in Great Explorations' mobile planetarium, which is making its way around to all PCS middle schools, thanks to a new partnership.

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

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Register for
Kindergarten!

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



If your child will be 5 years old on or before Sept. 1, 2024, it's time to get ready for kindergarten. Kindergarten enrollment is open now and is easy with Pinellas County Schools!

Follow the three simple steps below:

- Get a PCS user ID and password (Focus Parent Portal Account).
- Reserve a seat.
- Complete enrollment at your child's school.

For information, contact your school or call the Early Childhood Education office at 727-588-6513.

Get more details by visiting

<https://www.pcsb.org/kg>

WHAT'S INSIDE



**MARK YOUR
CALENDAR**



Largo High School head varsity boys' basketball coach Phil Price coaches his last game after 27 years with the team.

Phil Price Reflects on 33-year career

Legend. The GOAT. Or simply “coach.”

Phil Price answers to many different names. But after coaching his final varsity boys' basketball game at Largo High School last week, he can now add “retired” to the list. Price has served as the head basketball coach at Largo for 27 years. He coached his final home game against his alma mater, the Boca Ciega Pirates, on Feb. 1. The two hours before game time was spent spotting familiar faces in the stands, hugging former players and chatting with colleagues who have come and gone.

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Regional Spelling Bee
Tropicana Field
27 PCS students have qualified.

Feb. 14-23, 2024

DAP Acceptance period.
For questions about the Application Process, contact the Student Assignment Office at **StudentAssignment@pcsb.org** or by phone at 727.588.6210.

Feb. 27, 2024

South County College and Career Fair
PTC St. Petersburg

March 2, 2024

Experience PCS
music, games, fashion, art and STEM activities, and academic and athletic competitions
Clearwater High School

March 11-15

Spring Break for Students

ACHIEVE TOGETHER



For Gerard Madrinan, being named the 2024 Pinellas County Schools Teacher of the Year, is a testament to the almost 30 years he's been a Seminole Warhawk.

Madrinan, music teacher and band director at Seminole High School, as well as a member of the Seminole High School class of 1999, was honored at the Evening of Excellence last month, and “shocked” doesn't even begin to describe his reaction.

“I'm thrilled. I'm stunned and I'm just absolutely humbled,” Madrinan said from backstage after the announcement. “I just feel so honored to be in the midst of all of these wonderful individuals.”

Read the full article



Are You a PCS Alumni?

What are you up to now? Use the link below to update Pinellas County Schools on family, career and life for a chance to be featured in TogetherPCS! Tell us more [here](#).

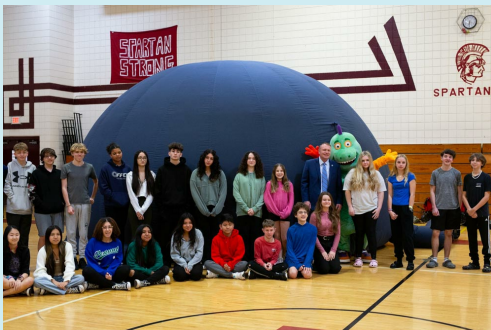


Thank you to all of our schools and programs that participated in the Martin Luther King, Jr. parade through downtown St. Petersburg last month:

- Boca Ciega High band
- Boca Ciega High basketball and football teams
- Fairmont Park Elementary



- Gibbs High band
- Melrose Elementary
- Osceola High band
- Pinellas Technical College
- School Board members Laura Hine and Caprice Edmond
- Seminole High band
- Transportation department



Great Explorations launches PCS partnership, in-school field trips

Tarpon Springs Middle School eighth graders were transported on an out-of-this-world adventure without leaving their campus. And thanks to a partnership with Great Explorations and its mobile planetariums, all Pinellas County middle schools will have the same opportunity.



Science teacher Brenda Viana said space science is a large part of her curriculum, so for the students to be able to visualize properties of the sun and the solar system is priceless.

"It's really nice to bring it to life for them and give them that immersive experience," Viana said.

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"Seminole High School band director and alumnus Gerard Madrinan embodies everything we love about so many of our Pinellas County Schools teachers. He represents thousands of teachers across our district who make it their life's mission to meaningfully contribute to the academic success and general well-being of our students."



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MISSION: EDUCATE AND PREPARE EACH STUDENT FOR COLLEGE, CAREER AND LIFE

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