

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

<p>May 1 Progress Reports</p> <p>RBSMS visits New River 5th graders</p> <p>May 2 5th Grade Students attend Pep Rally at RBSMS</p> <p>May 3 All Pro Dad's 7:45 a.m. Last day for Book Fair</p>	<p>May 6 - 10 Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>May 7 Primary Social 3-5 p.m.</p> <p>5th Grade Students attend Pep Rally at TEWMS</p> <p>May 10 Muffins with Mom 7:45 a.m.</p>	<p>May 10 TEWMS visits New River 5th graders</p> <p>May 11 Farmer's Market 10 a.m. - 2 p.m.</p> <p>May 13 McDonald's Night 5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>May 14 Art Show 5-7 p.m. K-1 Musical 7 p.m. PTA General Assembly Mtg. to elect officers 6:45 p.m.</p>	<p>May 16 SAC Meeting 7:30 a.m. Chorus / ORFF Concert 7 p.m.</p> <p>May 17 School Mall Reading Celebration</p> <p>May 27 Holiday / No School</p> <p>May 28 4th Grade Awards 9 a.m. 3rd Grade Awards 1:30 p.m.</p>	<p>May 29 Iguana's Awards 9 a.m. 1st Grade Awards 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 30 Disney Quest Field Trip 5th Grade</p> <p>May 31 5th Grade Auction 2nd Grade Awards 9 a.m. Kindergarten Awards 1:30 p.m.</p> <p>June 3 5th Grade Awards 9 a.m. McDonald's Night 5 - 7 p.m.</p> <p>June 4 Last day of school for students</p>
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Principal's Message

This will be our last newsletter for the 2012-13 school year. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. I want to personally thank all of the New River families for their wonderful support throughout the year. You have amazing children and the entire staff is so proud of their many accomplishments.

This summer, I hope that you will encourage your child to read and keep up their academic endeavors. A few minutes a day of writing, reading and some math activities can really pay off next year. Watch for book lists, academic opportunities, etc. that will be coming home with your child at the end of the year.

Lynn Pabst



New River Elementary Farmer's Market

Saturday, May 11, 2013; 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Please join us to purchase items harvested from our garden and garden items created by our students, families and staff. We will also have many exciting community vendors to shop from as well. We hope to see you there!

The Farmer's Market is located at New River Elementary
4710 River Glen Blvd
Wesley Chapel, FL 33545
813-346- 0500

Vendors may register for a booth for only \$10.00 for a 10 by 10 foot space. Reserve your spot today by calling (813) 346-0500 or emailing spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us
All types of food/craft vendors welcome!





In the month of March, our 4th and 5th grade students participated in a Tropicana Speech Contest. We were very proud of their speeches!

Congratulations to the top three winners from our school-wide competition!

- 1st Place: Anita Jacob**
- 2nd Place: Lexi Poulimenos**
- 3rd Place: Jaydean Ireland**

A special "thank you" to our wonderful judges:
 Pasco County Superintendent, Kurt Browning
 New River Elementary Assistant Principal, Clara Craig
 St. Leo University Professor, Carol McLeish



Safety is Practiced at New River Elementary

Did you know that our students and staff participate in a variety of systematic drills as required by Pasco County School District? For your child's safety at school, we practice a fire drill each month, as well as various weather related, health and safety drills each semester.



Music News

Please join us for our musical concerts during the month of May! Bugz will be performed by our K-1 students on Tuesday evening, 5/14, at 7p.m.

The chorus and ORFF Ensemble will present their Spring Concert on Thursday evening, 5/16, at 7p.m. Both concerts are free and NRES families are encouraged to attend.



ART NEWS

NRES is happy to announce that we will be having our annual Art Show in the Media Center on May 14th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m..



NRES Facebook

We have a Facebook account. We use our Facebook to communicate news and share pictures of events happening at New River. It is district policy that if you do not want your child's photo included you must submit that request in writing.

CAMP WOW at PLACE!

This summer, PLACE students will participate in many exciting activities such as field trips, outdoor recreation, guest presentations, special interest clubs...and much more! To register, please call the PLACE site manager, Marcie, at (813) 346-0592. Summer hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The adventure never ends at Camp Wow!



Autism Walk at NRES



We would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in the 2013 Autism Walk event that was held on April 27th. We appreciate everyone who volunteered their time, donated gift baskets and made contributions to make this day a huge success. It was a wonderful day full of walking, games, competition, good food and fun!

Garden Report

Written by Mrs. Milligan's 5th Grade Botanists featuring Sophia Martin

On May 11, 2013 from 10:00am to 2:00pm New River Elementary is holding their first annual Farmer's Market. New River elementary students from grades K through 5 have been planting, harvesting seeds, and making a variety of garden items to sell to parents, friends and the public at the Farmer's Market.

All of the students have been busy at work. For example, kindergarteners have been painting their own hand-made clay pots. The 1st graders have planted garden bells, onions, cabbage, and pesto. The 2nd graders have planted additional vegetables to make homemade salsa. I recently talked to Mackenzie McNamara in Mrs. Bliss's second grade class she told me that they've planted onions and herbs. Mackenzie explained, "I like planting and helping out in the garden!"

The 3rd graders have planted a variety of salad produce. I talked to Evan Drinkwater in Miss Kruza's, third grade class. Evan said, "We have planted tomatoes, cilantro, and red bell peppers." Evan continued, "I like planting and helping out for the Farmer's Market."

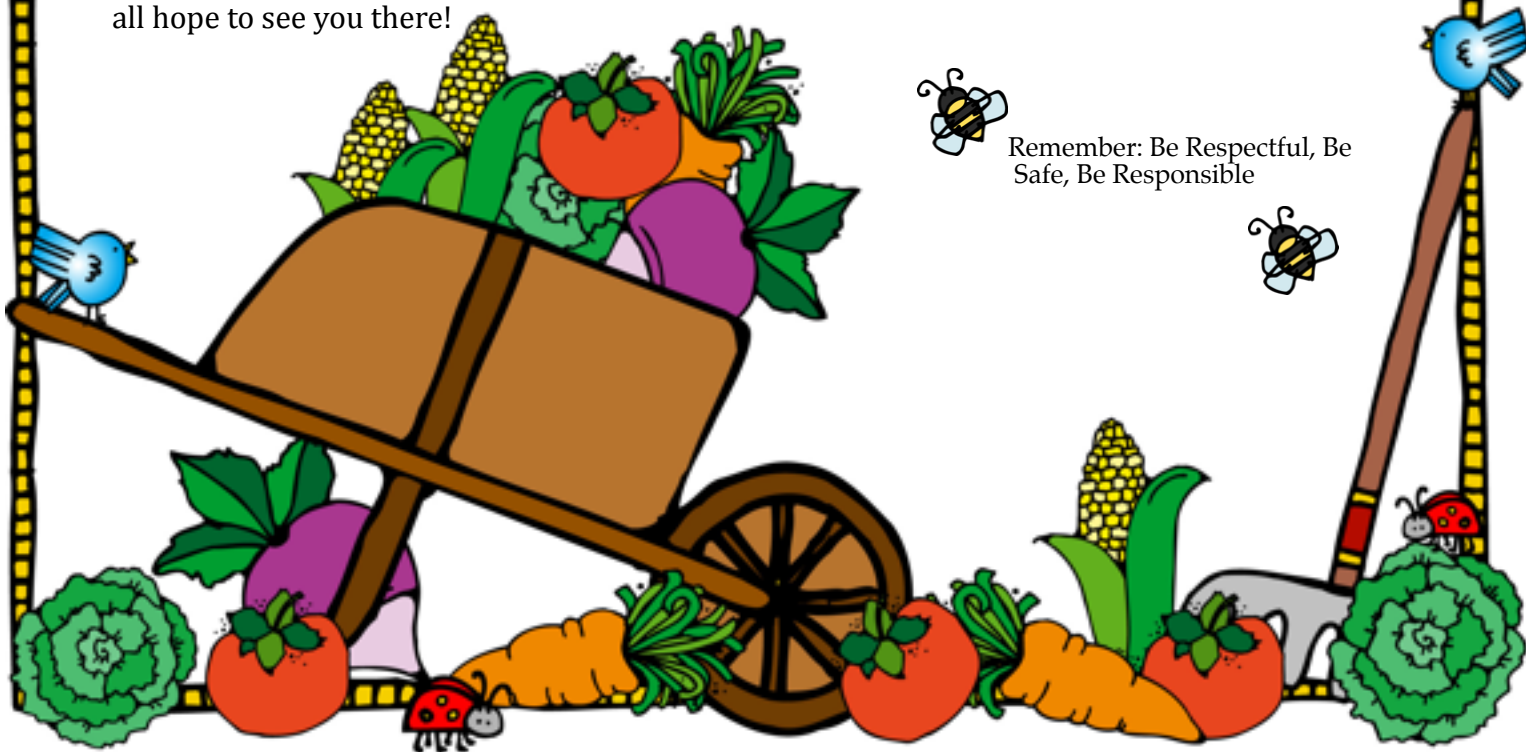
The 4th graders have planted cucumber and cilantro seeds. They are hoping to harvest them in time for the Farmer's Market. They have also made their own type of flowerbeds. Specifically, the 4th graders have filled ice cream cones with potting soil and seeds. The cones are painted bright and natural colors such as purple, pink, and blue. The flowerbeds will be sold at the Farmer's Market.

The 5th graders are also contributing to the Farmer's Market. They have made their own flowerpots made from recycled bottles. Also they have planted flowers such as Zinnias, Purple Cone flowers, Cosmos, and different sized sunflowers. The 5th graders are also selling marigold seeds that they harvested earlier this year from the garden.

The community has also gotten involved. Avalon Park has provided storefronts for the booths for the Farmer's Market. Selected students will work with Mrs. Pabst to help paint them.

We are still looking for vendors for the market. Volunteers are needed to help students run the booths.

The market will be open to any students as well as the public. It will be lots of fun and we all hope to see you there!



Remember: Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Responsible



Major League Math and Writing

Traffic Safety Reminders

For the safety of our students:

- The speed limit on school property is 15 mph at all times.
- Please no drop-offs before 8:20 a.m.
- It is important to decide how your child is going home prior to coming to school (except in the case of an emergency). Discuss that with your child and be sure the teacher is informed. Changing frequently is confusing to your child and the staff. The choices are: CAR RIDER, WALK UP/PICK UP, BUS RIDER, WALKER/BIKE RIDER, and PLACE.

Your patience is appreciated as we work together to make our campus safe for all students!

Baseball season is in full swing in Mrs. Carlson's and Ms. Galluhue's 4th grade classrooms. All major league baseball teams were put in a hat and the students had to reach in and select a team to follow. They then have to follow that team daily. Each day, the students come in and check to see if their team played. They then have to keep track of their teams wins and losses. They calculate the wins in a fraction, decimal and percent. They are having so much fun and enjoy keeping track of the teams. There is some friendly competition going on between classmates.

The students wrote letters to their teams and told them what they were doing in the classroom. Many of the teams have written back to the students. As each letter comes in, we share what they have sent. It is a great day to head to the ballpark!



PE News



Reptile Run has come to an end for this year. The coaches are collecting cards from each class to see which dedicated students have earned t-shirts. We expect the number of t-shirts earned to far exceed last year's number of 250. We have some amazing students that have run over fifty miles this year! The students have worked hard and we are very proud of them for meeting their goals and learning the value of fitness.

Thanks to our "Fuel up to Play 60" grant from the NFL and Dairy Council, we had a very successful fruit "taste test" at the last New River Mall. The students sampled mango, watermelon, grapes, cantaloupe, honeydew, strawberries, pineapple, and kiwi. For the next mall, students will get to sample whole grain crackers with different types of cheese. We have also been informed, by "Play 60", that we have earned the status of a "Touchdown School". This means that we have taken steps needed to improve our school wellness by healthy eating and physical activity.

Please encourage your child to continue with physical activity during the summer. Remember to play 60 minutes every day and eat healthy foods from all the food groups. Quarter 4 Exercise Logs are due May 17.

Exciting Bus News

You will be happy to know that all of our students who ride the bus have earned at least one bus party this year! Our students can earn a bus party by displaying behavior that is safe, responsible and respectful while riding the bus. Great job students! We also appreciate our bus drivers and our bus assistants for teaching and rewarding good bus behavior!

PTA News

The time has come to form the PTA board for the 2013-2014 school year. This is your chance to become part of the NRES PTA Board. Fill out a nomination form in the front office by May 6, 2013. Any questions, please contact Lisa Balogh at Lbaylog@aol.com.



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Kurt S. Browning
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Joanne Hurley - District 2

Cynthia Armstrong- District 3

Alison Crumbley - District 4

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5th Grade Middle School Articulation News

Raymond B. Stewart Middle School Events:

May 1 RBSMS Counselor visits New River 9:15 a.m.

May 2 5th graders visit RBSMS for a Pep Rally

May 7 Parent University at RBSMS 6-7 p.m.

May 10 Middle School Course Cards are due

Thomas E. Weightman Middle School Events:

May 7 5th graders visit TEWMS for a Pep Rally

May 7 Parent University at TEWMS 6-7:15 p.m.

May 10 TEWMS Counselor visits New River 9:15 a.m.

May 13 Middle School Course Cards are due

Centennial Middle School Events:

May 6 Parent University at CENMS 6-7 p.m.

May 6 5th graders visit CENMS for a tour

May 10 Middle School Course Cards are due