

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

November 1-17
Student Council Food Drive

November 7
School Advisory Council Meeting
7:30 a.m.

Health Screenings for K,1, and 3rd grades

November 9
PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser Pick-Up
3:30-6:30 p.m.

November 11
Veteran's Day Celebration
10:00 a.m

STEAM
2nd-5th gr. Social
6:30-8:30 p.m.

November 16
Great American Teach In
10:00 a.m-3:30 p.m.

November 17
Chuck E. Cheese Night
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

November 18
Progress Reports Go Home

November 21-25
No School
HAPPY THANKSGIVING!

November 29
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade Musical

7:00 p.m. @ Wesley Chapel Performing Arts Center

Nov 28-Dec 2
Book Fair

Winter Wonderland Shop

"Like" our NRES Facebook page for information and student pictures!

[www.facebook.com/
NewRiverElementary](http://www.facebook.com/NewRiverElementary)



Principal's Message

During November we take time to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. At the top of my list, after my family, comes the NRES community of students, staff, and families. The constant hard work, of our students and staff, is positively supported by our families. This is what makes New River Elementary a wonderful place to work and learn. Happy Thanksgiving!

Lynn Pabst

spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us



Great American Teach-In

You can make a difference by sharing about your job, or area of special interest with our students. This year's event is scheduled for November 16th at New River, from 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You may choose to speak to one class or several classes. To participate, please contact your child's teacher or our GATI coordinators, at (813) 346-0500, or email cgablenz@pasco.k12.fl.us or jfurman@pasco.k12.fl.us

Veteran's Day Celebration

Friday, November 11, 2016 – 10:00 a.m.

If you or a family member are currently serving or have served in any branch of the U.S. Military, we would like to honor your service to our country. If you are able to join the celebration, please contact Janiece at (813-346-0500) or return the note sent home with your child by Friday, Nov. 4th, to let us know you will attend.

Student Council News

Congratulations to our 2016-17

Student Council Officers:

President: Kaitlyn Bowden

Vice President: Payton Furman

Secretary: Eden Jennings

Treasurer: Mia Province

Student Council Social Announcement

Who: All 2nd-5th Grade NRES Students

What: Food, Games, Dancing, and Singing

When: FRIDAY, Nov. 11th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: NRES Cafeteria

Theme: Patriotic- Wear red, white, and blue or dress as a Patriotic Character

Cost: \$5.00 (You can purchase tickets in Mrs. Moline's or Mrs. Shepard's room before 9:45 a.m. The cost includes food and drink).

* If students bring a canned food item or a Thank-You Note to the troops, they will be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

**Tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the door!

PTA November News

Happy November! Thank you to all volunteers who helped with our trunk or treat. The kids had so much fun and our school enjoyed the creative cars that participated in handing out candy. We will be expecting the cookies from our cookie fundraiser to be at school on November 9th and pickup will be from 3-6 in the media center. If you participated in our cookie fundraiser please be ready to pick up your cookies!

We will also be starting our winter wonderland shop on November 28th and that will continue until December 2nd. We will be sending out information on this spectacular opportunity for students to purchase gifts for their family members as the date approaches. We will also need volunteers to help with this event. If you would like to volunteer please keep an eye out for an email and reply to Lee Spadaro. We have lots of exciting activities coming up this month and we can't wait to get started.

It's never too late to join PTA. If you would like to join and be a part of our school please contact Lee Spadaro fspa824@verizon.net. Thank you for always supporting our school! Have a great month!



Holiday Food Drive



During the holiday season, New River has historically collected food to provide items for our families in need. This year we are asking families to send in any canned foods or non-perishable food items to help fulfill the needs of families. Here is a list of items

that may be appropriate: canned vegetables and fruits, boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, jars of gravy, canned pumpkin, canned soups, boxes of pasta or sauces, and jars of peanut butter or jelly. Student Council will be awarding points to classes who bring in items, and the winning class will win a snow-cone party!

Thank you very much for sharing with others and teaching a wonderful lesson to your children. We are asking for all items to be brought in by Wednesday, November 18th.

Student Advisory Council

We are still looking for a few more parents and community members to join New River's Student Advisory Committee! We meet once a month to discuss important issues to school. This is the perfect opportunity to stay informed of all school and district wide programs and goals and to voice your opinion. We would greatly value your input!

Our next meeting will be Monday, November 7th at 7:30 a.m. For more information, please contact Ms. Kruza at kkruza@pasco.k12.fl.us



All Pro Dads Meeting

Join us for the next All Pro Dad's breakfast on November 11, 2016 at 8:30 am in the media center. All Pro Dad is the fatherhood program of Family First, a national nonprofit organization based in Tampa. It was founded by Mark Merrill with the help of Tony Dungy. It is a great way to start your child's day at school. Please RSVP so we know how much breakfast to have that morning. You can do it several ways: you can call the school and leave a message, you can email Mrs. Carlson (llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us), or you can go to our chapter website <http://allprodadsday.com/chapters/2228>. We are excited to have you share the morning with us!

PE News

We have finished fitness pre-testing in the third, fourth, and fifth grades. Our reptiles will be training at school and at home to improve their strength, flexibility, cardio-respiratory endurance and agility by doing sit ups, push ups, reptile run, and stretching. Presidential Fitness Awards will be given at the end of the year.

We had many students turn in Exercise Logs in the first quarter. Way to go Reptiles!! We love to see that you are getting exercise at home too. Make sure to fill out the new red Exercise Log for this quarter.

Our Fuel Up to Play 60 Team hosted the first taste test at the NRES mall. We have a great group working hard to promote eating healthy and playing 60 minutes every day!

Save the Date- March 16th is Field Day!! Field day shirts will be on sale starting in January.

Music News

The "Jazz" musical for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students is quickly approaching on 11/29. If you have not turned in your field trip forms and transportation fee please do so as soon as possible. If you need another form please notify Mr. Wohl as soon as possible. We could really use several more chaperones for this trip. We will leave NRES at 9:45 and we will return by 12:15 at the latest. If you are an approved volunteer and can chaperone this trip, please contact Mr. Wohl at rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us or stop in and see me. Dress for the evening of the musical is as follows- 3rd & 4th grade should wear all black. 5th grade should wear black bottoms and a blue top. Please do not use chorus or Orff polo's for the "Jazz" musical.

The chorus & Orff will perform their own separate concert at NRES on Tuesday night 12/6 at 7p.m. Chorus and Orff students will wear their polos with black pants, black socks, and black shoes. The Chorus and Orff will perform at Avalon Park on Saturday 12/10. Times, location, map, and instructions will be sent out for this performance after our Jazz performance and will be available at our Chorus & Orff concert. If you have a large SUV or truck and can help us to transport the Orff instruments to this concert please let me know rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us.



Remember: Be Respectful,
Be Safe, and Be Responsible

Art News



During the first quarter students learned about the first art element, LINE. Students drew and made a picture while using markers and crayon to create all kinds of lines. We also introduced a famous Post-Impressionist artist that used thick and wavy lines to create his paintings. Ask your student if they remember who painted The Starry Night. While learning about lines, students had the opportunity to use Oil Pastels to learn about Vincent van Gogh's stroke technique of color. We also learned how to make their landscape picture look realistic using different shades of the same color.

During the second quarter, students have been learning about our second element of art, Shape. Students are creating a collage to represent a still life, or a mask. Some classes are having a blast using different kinds of materials to cut and paste onto their art work. For the primary levels, students are also making a collage while learning about the importance of trees for our earth. Some students are cutting while others are tearing small pieces of paper to make branches, roots and leaves. While working on their collage, students are using dark and light shades of color paper to overlap small pieces one on top and next to each other. While completing their collage, students have had the opportunity to learn about a famous author and illustrator of children's books, Ezra Jack Keats, who wrote and illustrated his own books using the collage technique. Please encourage your student to tell you more about what we been learning about in art class, ask them about collage, still life and landscapes. Ask them about our famous artists and see if they remember anything about them.

Thank you for your support and for encouraging the love of the arts in your student's life!

News from the Clinic: **Hand-washing Reminder!**

The cold and flu season is approaching, and frequent hand-washing is considered the single most effective way to cut down on the spread of infectious diseases. Proper and consistent hand-washing greatly reduces the risk of spreading germs. When washing hands, follow these simple steps:

- * Wet hands with warm running water.
- * Add soap, lather hands, between fingers, backs of hands, and under fingernails for about 20 seconds.
- * Rinse hands.
- * Dry with clean paper towel.
- * Turn off water with paper towel, not your clean hands. Throw towel away.

*ENJOY A HEALTHY,
HAPPY SCHOOL
YEAR!



Attention Parents- Information about Breakfast & Lunch

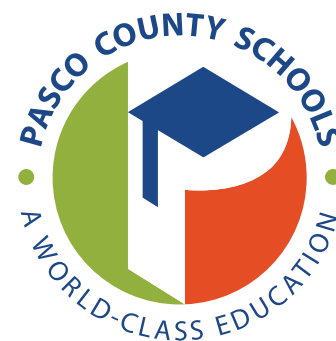
Did you know that you can apply for free or reduced meals at any time of the school year? Simply fill out our web-based application on-line by viewing our website at:

<http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns>

This form needs to be completed yearly to determine your child's benefits.

If your child is approved for free or reduced meals, that means they get the same benefits for breakfast too!

When your child joins us for BREAKFAST & LUNCH, you can rest assure that they are eating 2 nutritious meals.



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