

Reptile Review

August / September 2017

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August 14
First Day of School

August 14-18
Walk your Child to Class

August 31
Chuck E Cheese's Family
Night 4-8 p.m.

September 1
PTA Volunteer Breakfast

September 4
Holiday No School



September 8-15
Book Fair
in the Media Center
Open 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m

September 12
Spaghetti Dinner
Open House
PTA General Assembly
Book Fair

September 14
Author Skype Visit

September 15
Progress Reports
STEAM



September 19
Picture Day
Cub Scout classroom visit

September 20
Cub Scout Round Up @
6:30 pm in the Cafeteria

September 22
PTA membership incentive
deadline

September 25
PTA cookie dough
fundraiser begins

September 26
SAC meeting @ 7:30 am

September 28
PDQ Family Night 4-8pm

September 29
PTA incentive Movie Night
PE Activity



Principal's Message

Welcome Back to the 2017-18 school year at New River Elementary. Many of you are new to our school, we want to welcome you and are very glad you are a part of our school community.

Welcome to our new staff members: Ms. Angie Confalone - K, Mrs. Sherry O'Dette - K, Ms. Michelle Rosenberg - 1st, Mrs. Bethany McGuirk - 1st, Mrs. Kelly Donnelly - 2nd, Mrs. Courtney Emmanuel - 3rd, Ms. Meghan Legnini - 5th, Ms. Lexus Sierra and Mrs. Laura Dolatowski - Support Facilitators, Ms. Heather Carlson - 1/2nd Iguanas, and Ms. Michelle Stevic - Art

It is going to be a great year, please do not hesitate to email, call, or come in to meet with me at any time. I look forward to working together with you to provide an excellent, engaging learning environment for your child.

Lynn Pabst
Principal
spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us

Our School Hours

9:15 a.m. Breakfast

9:20 a.m. Release to Class

9:30 a.m. Tardy Bell

3:45 p.m. Car Rider/ Walk Up-Pick Up/
PLACE Dismissal

3:50 p.m. Bus Rider Dismissal

Office Information

It is very important to turn in your Student Emergency Card and Information Card to the school office. This card has the most accurate information to get in touch with you in case of an emergency. If your child is going to be absent from school, please contact the school office at (813) 346-0500 or write a note. Please include the following information: Child's full name, Child's lunch number, Child's teacher name, reason for the absence, and date of the absence.

PTA News

Welcome back to school! My name is Amy Goforth and I am president of New River Elementary School PTA. We have a fantastic board that is excited to meet and work with you. You will get the chance to meet with us about membership, upcoming school events to volunteer and participate in, and our goal for this school year at our general assembly meeting. Our meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Dinner before open house at 5:30 in the cafeteria on Tuesday September 12th, 2017. We also will be having a volunteer breakfast on Friday, September 1st from 8:30-9:15 in our media center. Come in for breakfast and learn how together we can make a difference in our children's lives. We hope to see you all there! The PTA is looking for all families to become members. Membership is only \$5.00 per person. We are running our membership drive until September 22nd. Any student's family that signs up will be able to attend the PTA Incentive Movie Night on September 29th. Look for us each month in the school newsletter to see what we have planned and how you can be a part of our fantastic school! If you have any questions you can email me at amy.goforth1@gmail.com and I will gladly answer any questions you have or get you in touch with a board member that can assist in anything you need. It is going to be a great year!

School Pay

Pasco School District has implemented a new way to pay for school fees. Please visit <http://www.schoolpay.com> if you would like to pay using the online system. More online payment options may be coming soon, please look for any updates.

Bus Numbers and Colors:



- Purple Z513
- Red Z523
- Silver Z571
- Blue D414
- Green D467
- Orange D469
- Neon Orange Checkered Z533
- Red Checkered Z567
- Black Checkered Z578
- Purple Checkered Z590

School Bus News

Our school bus drivers and bus assistants are ready to safely transport your child to and from school! Here are a few reminders for safety on the bus. (Be sure to review the Student Code of Conduct with your child for additional bus rules and procedures.)

Students are required to obey drivers' hand signals when crossing the road.

Students must stay seated in assigned seat while the bus is in motion.

If the bus has seat belts, students must stay buckled-up until the bus stops at the student's assigned bus stop.

Students must use a quiet voice when talking to a student next to them. No talking if the inside bus lights are turned on.

The driver has full authority and must be obeyed when riding the bus.

Please contact Mrs. Wilkinson at cgwilkin@pasco.k12.fl.us with any bus questions or concerns.



Cafeteria News

The New River Cafeteria Staff is ready to serve our students a delicious and nutritious breakfast and lunch!

Breakfast: \$1.35

Reduced price: \$0.30

Lunch: \$2.50

Reduced price: \$0.40



Food and Nutrition Services is pleased to offer parents a convenient, inexpensive, and safe way to pay for their child's school meals online using a debit or credit card through the prepayment service provider, myschoolbucks.com. It's a quick and easy way to ensure there is always lunch money on their child's account.

We encourage parents to eat lunch with their child during their class designated lunch time.

After checking in at the front office, parents may sit with their child at the family table inside the cafeteria or at a picnic table located just outside of the cafeteria. Parents



may also purchase adult meals in the cafeteria for \$4.00.



Be Respectful, Be Safe,
Be Responsible



Open House

Tuesday, September 12, 2017

PTA Spaghetti Dinner**
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (see below)

PTA Meeting - 5:45 p.m.

Classroom Visitations
2nd/3rd - 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
K/1st - 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
4th/5th - 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Book Fair - Media Center
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Birthday Books

This year thanks to Scholastic Books and the NRES PTA every student will be able to choose a book for their birthday. These books were able to be purchased through our Book Talks, Scholastic Dollars, Book Fairs, and our generous PTA. Together we are creating a school community who recognizes and supports the idea that "Reading is Essential to Success". July birthdays will be celebrated in August and June birthdays will be celebrated in May.

Dress Code

At New River, we ask that students are dressed for success. That means they are wearing clothing that is comfortable and helps them learn. Students should not wear clothing that is too tight or too loose, causing them to worry about pulling it down or up. On PE days, students must wear sneakers. If a student would like to use the recess equipment, they must be wearing sneakers as well. If a child chooses to wear open shoes or flats, he/she must play in the grass area for that day.

**** Spaghetti Dinner- Tuesday, September 12, 2017**

Serving 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti, salad, breadstick, dessert, and drink

Adults - \$6.00 Children (ages 3 - 10) - \$4.00 Children under age 3 free

(Reservation Form sent home)

NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for New River Elementary School have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

American Girl Dolls Checkout Program Returns

Thirteen American Girl dolls will be available for two day checkouts beginning September 5th. Kaya, Kirsten, Addy, Rebecca, Molly, Emily, Ruthie, Kit, Felicity, Elizabeth, Josefina, Ivy, & Mary Ellen can come to your home. There will be some requirements in order to check them out:

- 1 A signed permission slip**
- 2 One of the American Girl books read and the RC quiz passed**
- 3 Two day checkout policy, strictly enforced.**

Watch for the upcoming American Girl Tea this year.

Mission Statement:

New River Elementary School Community challenges students to reach their highest potential by working together to promote a love of learning, ensuring our students will be college, career, and life ready.

Traffic Safety On Our Campus

This year with the increase in students, that also brings an increase in cars and an increase in wait time. Our goal every morning and afternoon is to get all students dropped off and picked up safely. For this reason, we want to be sure that all families cooperate with the following reminders:

- The speed limit on school property is 15 mph at all times.
- Students may only get out of or into cars at the numbered spaces in front of the school (unless escorted to or from the parking lot by an adult). No drop offs in the parking lot.
- It is important to decide how your child is going home prior to coming to school (except in the case if 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, PLACE.
- Please be sure to follow the arrows in the parking lanes of the parking lot.
- Remember our entry road is only two lanes, one entering and one leaving. It is a solid line, no pass zone.

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

Reading Counts

Reading Counts is a great way to monitor student comprehension from a book they are reading. This also helps to promote a love for reading. Please encourage your child to read 30 minutes per night and ask how they performed on their Reading Counts quiz. These reading counts points are totaled throughout the year and celebrated through our Mid-Year and End of the Year Reading Celebrations.



PE News

Welcome Back! We are very excited about everything we have planned for this year. Our reptiles will be setting goals for reptile run each month. Students will be running during PE class this year. After the first three miles, a chain and toe token will be given. Toe tokens are earned every three miles, t-shirts are given to students who run twenty miles or more, a large toe token is given to the boy and girl leaders in each class and trophies are given to the boy and girl leaders in each grade level. Last year we had over 250 students earn t-shirts!

Our Fun Run Club will be starting its sixth season this year! The first running date will be October 5. Look for information coming home soon. It will be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM. If your child rides a bus, he/she comes out to the field when the bus arrives.

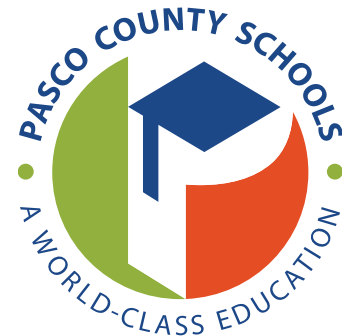
Exercise Logs will be coming home after you child's first day of PE. They are due October 6. Please encourage your child to exercise at home every day. It is very important to start forming lifestyle behaviors to increase physical activity. We are a "Fuel Up to Play 60" school. The NFL and Dairy Council provide us with funds for healthy snacks at the malls and equipment and incentives for Running Club, Reptile Run, PE classes, and PE Activities. We are looking forward to a GREAT year!



PLACE
PHYSICAL LEARNING & ACTIVITY CENTER OF EDUCATION

Before and after school enrichment program
 conveniently located at your child's school.

For information, call:
Sherry Morgan and Jana Weeks
813-346-0592
 Or email at smorgan@pasco.k12.fl.us



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Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent

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