

Reptile Review

November 2017

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Important Dates

November 1-15
Toy and Non-perishable
Food Drive

Nov 3
Creativity Workshop
PE Activity

Nov 8
Cookie Dough
Fundraiser Pick-up



November 10
Veteran's Day
Recognition @ 10:00 am
Creativity Workshop

November 14
"Grammar Rocks"
Musical @ 6:45pm

November 15
Great American Teach-In
10:00 am - 3:30 pm
Plastic Bags Due

November 17
Progress Reports
All Pro Dad STEAM

November 20-25
No School
HAPPY THANKSGIVING

Nov 27 -Dec 1
Book Fair

Nov 28
School Advisory Council
Meeting 7:30am
National Elementary
Honor Society Induction
6:30pm

Please remember to
recycle your
magazines and
paper using our
fiber collection bin.
Thank you!

Nov 30
Happy Cow Family
Night 5-8pm

Principal's Message

Each year during November I write a message about being thankful, specifically for the NRES community. This year is no different, I am definitely thankful for all of the students, staff, and families. But, this year it is more important that I take the opportunity to tell you that message as often as I can before January 19th. Some of you may have heard, but on January 19th I will be retiring.

A new principal will be named in December and will begin full time later in January. So, during this season of gratitude, I want you to know how much my life has been blessed by your children and all of the others who have come before.

Please feel free to stop by or I will hopefully see you at an event or two over the next two months.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Lynn Pabst



Veteran's Day Celebration

Friday, November 10, 2017- 9:45am
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 3rd, to let us know you will attend.

We ask that you arrive at 9:45 a.m. so that the celebration can begin at 10:00.

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 15th 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 Colleen Giorgetti and Jolene Furman, at (813) 346-0500, or email cgablentz@pasco.k12.fl.us or jfurman@pasco.k12.fl.us

A Simpler, Safer Way to Pay

ACORN is a secure, streamlined system which replaced SchoolPay and enables parents to add school purchases to their shopping cart for multiple children at different schools and complete transactions through credit card and debit. Our goal is to transfer all of our K-12 schools to ACORN by the end of the year.

In order to use Student Fees - ACORN to make payments for your child(ren), you must first have an account setup in myStudent. If you do not have an account in myStudent, go to PascoSchools.org, go to the Parents Tab and select [Check Grades/Attendance](#). Once your account is established in myStudent, you will have an account ready the following day to be activated in Student Fees - ACORN.

To activate your Parent Portal Account:

- 1 Go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>
- 2 Select "Activate Account"
- 3 Enter the email address associated with your myStudent account and select Send Email
- 4 This will generate an email to you to activate your account
- 5 Go to your email and select the link
- 6 Continue by creating your password and activating your account
- 7 Once this is completed, you will be able to see Fees and Other Items that can be purchased

Partial payment plans and financial assistance options also are available. Please note, this will not change the process for putting funds on your student's meal account.

Trunk-Or-Treat turned out amazing! If anyone has pictures to share, please send them to Lindsay Meszaros at linsnjoe2@yahoo.com. Our cookie dough fundraiser was a big hit and the orders will arrive next Wednesday the 8th for you to pick up that afternoon in the Media Center. The holidays are approaching and the students at New River have been working hard to prepare for an event that will be happening in December. The event will be a Penguin Place, where students can purchase gift items for their families. Parent volunteers will be needed for the event. We will also need volunteers for the book fair which is the last week of November. I hope you all received your Jiffy Lube discount cards. When you use your discount card you'll receive 25% off and NRES receives \$3. Thank you for your continuous support. Working together, we are able to continue these fun activities and do our part in our school! Think it's too late to join PTA? There is always room to join and we would love to have you. If you are interested in joining PTA please email Amy Goforth at agoforth@pasco.k12.fl.us. Have a great month!



Canned Food Drive November 1 – 15, 2017



New River will be sponsoring a food drive to benefit our families this holiday season.

Here is a list of needed items. We divided by grade level so that all items will be received.

- Kindergarten – canned pumpkin, instant mashed potatoes, or stuffing
- 1st grade – Cranberry Sauce & Gravy
- 2nd grade – Canned Vegetables & Fruits
- 3rd grade – Pasta, Pasta Sauce, Spaghetti-Os
- 4th grade – Peanut Butter & Jelly
- 5th grade – Boxes of cereal

Please drop off your contribution in your classroom. Thank you for your kindness and support!

Kindness Grams

This is a great time to show kindness towards others.

Send a Kindness Gram to be kind to someone or highlight someone who has been kind to you. Thank

You Grams are \$1 each.

Fill out the flyer sent home and attach \$1.00 for each Kindness Gram.





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.

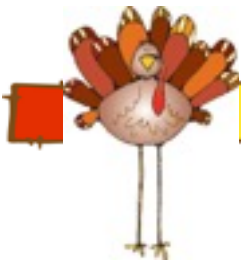
We had many students turn in Exercise Logs in the first quarter. Way to go Reptiles!! We love to see that you are getting exercise at home too. Make sure to fill out the new red Exercise Log for this quarter.



Music News

The "Grammar Rocks" musical will take place on 11/14. We are still accepting chaperones for our daytime rehearsal. If you are an approved volunteer and are willing to spend 9:30a.m. to 12p.m. with us, please let Mr. Wohl know. Students should be at Wesley Chapel High School by 6:45p.m. to prepare for the show.

Orff Ensemble will perform at Avalon Aglow on 12/9. The performance begins at 5p.m. Please have all performers to the stage at 4:45p.m. which is located at the Avalon Park clubhouse 5216 Autumn Ridge Dr, Wesley Chapel, FL 33545. I'd like to request assistance in moving all the instruments to this location. If you have a pick up or a SUV/van with extra space and can help us move instruments, please contact me at rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us or stop in and say hello.



Art News

In art class, students have had a chance to learn about artists from different cultures and had the opportunity to understand how other people make art in other parts of the world. In the primary levels, students have finished working on their Sun Flower drawings, while others worked on completing the Starry Night picture. They also had a chance to learn about the artist's life, his major accomplishments and his painting techniques. Some intermediate students worked on creating a book on the artist life, and illustrated their books by drawing pictures for each chapter. Other students learned about Aboriginal Art from Australia and created a skeletal drawing using color pencils, markers and stencils. During our next Unit, students will be creating real and implied textures, will also be making a collage while using a variety of art tools and will learn about artists who created textures in their artwork.

All Pro Dad

Join us for the next All Pro Dad's breakfast on November 17, 2017 at 8:45 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. This month's topic is reading.

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.

Can't make that morning? We have one on the following date next month: December 15, 2017.

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.

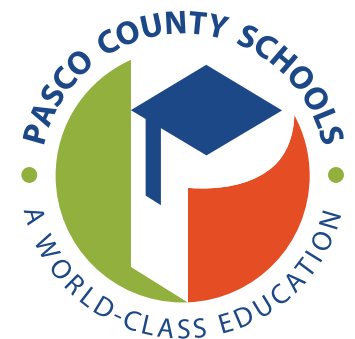




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PROVIDING LEARNING & ACTIVITY OPPORTUNITIES FOR ALL STUDENTS

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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