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May 2018

Important Dates

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<u>April 30-May 4</u> Book Fair

May 4 Kindness Run Exceptional Student Extravaganza 5:00-6:30 pm Book Fair Night 5:00-6:30 pm Art Show 5:00-6:30 pm PTA General Assembly 6:45 pm Chorus/ ORFF Concert 7:00 pm

> May 7-25 District Finals

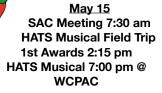
May 7-11 Staff Appreciation Week <u>May 7</u> Kindergarten Registration 9:00-12:00 noon or 6:00-7:00 pm

Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm

> <u>May 10</u> Muffins with Mom 8:45 am

<u>May 11</u> Chorus/ ORFF Music Field Trip Creativity Workshop

May 12 TEDx District Event



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<u>May 16</u> 4th Awards 9:45 am 2nd Awards 2:15 pm

<u>May 17</u> Iguanas Awards 9:45 am PDQ Family Night 5-8pm

<u>May_18</u> All Pro Dad Reading Counts Celebration <u>May 21</u> 3rd Awards 9:45 am Kindergarten Awards 2:15 pm

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May 22 5th Grade Auction

May 23 5th Grade Field Trip Epcot

<u>May 24</u> 5th Grade Award Ceremony 10 am 5th Grade Luncheon Picnic Lunch for all students Grades K-4

> <u>May 25</u> Kickball/ Neukom Last day of school for students Clap Out 3:30 pm

Principal's Message

This will be our last newsletter for the 2017 -18 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.

On May 4th from 5:00-6:30pm, we will be hosting our Exceptional Student Extravaganza! There will be bounce houses, games, food to purchase, silent auction, and vendors throughout the campus! In addition, we will have our buy one, get one free book fair open from 5:00-6:30pm along with our Art Show! At 6:40pm, we will have our Kindness Run winners and silent auction winners announced in the cafeteria, along with our PTA General Assembly. The chorus will be preforming at 7:00pm. We are excited to see you all for an exciting night of fun!

This summer, I hope that you will encourage your child to read and keep up their academic endeavors. We are also excited to announce that our media center will be open for your children to check out books! There will be a form going home with the specific dates and times. A few minutes a day of writing, reading, and some math activities

can really pay off for next year. Watch for book lists, academic opportunities, etc. that will be coming home with your child at the end of the year.

Sarah Bordner Principal sbordner@pasco.kl2.fl.us



Kindergarten Registration

Monday, May 7, 2018 9:00am – 12:00 noon or 5:30pm – 6:30pm Media Center at New River Elem.

> Kindergarten Parent Workshop 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Please be sure to bring Original Birth Certificate, Social Security card, Record of Immunization (shot record), Physical Form (dated within 1 year of starting school), and 3 Proofs of Residency (deed/ property tax or lease

agreement; utility bill; and either an auto registration, FL drivers license, FL ID card, or voter registration card). Remember your child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2018.

Exceptional Student Extravaganza New River Elementary Autism Awareness Celebration

May 4, 2018 Extravaganza Events 5:00-6:30 p.m. Reptile Kindness Run Awards 6:40 p.m. Silent Auction Ends 6:40 p.m.

Come join the fun at New River Elementary as we celebrate our Exceptional Students. At the event you will be able to enjoy some of the following activities: Bounce House Carnival Games Cake Walk Book Fair Silent Auction Kindness Run Art Show Local Business Vendors NRES Chorus/ ORFF Performance

> Games and Bounce Houses are FREE. Food and Cake Walk will be for sale at the event.

SUN SAFETY

Summer can mean fun in the sun with family vacations, outdoor sports and activities, and road trips. The Sun Safety Alliance urges us to be sure to "block the sun, not the fun", by applying sunscreen SPF 30+ about 20 minutes before going outdoors and by reapplying often! The truth of the matter is that there are 1.2 million people diagnosed with skin cancer every year, and melanoma kills one person every hour. Follow these important tips for being sun-safe to help bring the statistics down: * Remember that the sun is the strongest between 10:00AM and 4:00PM. * Wear a widebrimmed hat and UV protective sunglasses. * Remember that UV rays bounce off sand, snow, concrete, and water. * Do not use tanning beds or sun lamps. * Provide complete sunscreen coverage for your skin (including necks, ears, and lips). * Sunscreen should be applied liberally and evenly over all exposed areas. * Use sunscreen SPF 30 or higher; use lip balm with SPF 15 or higher. * Apply sunscreen before going outdoors and reapply often. * Reapply sunscreen after swimming, perspiring, and toweling off. * Stay in the shade whenever possible.



<u>Art News</u>

As we approach the end of the year, the art department is busy putting together the Annual Art Show, which will be held in the Media Center, May 4th from 5:00-6:30 pm.

Primary and Intermediate students have been working on reviewing the elements of art, and many more concepts learned during the year. Primary students are currently working on making a collage of the sun while using the warm colors to overlap all the three colors. They have also made a Hungry Caterpillar while using primary and secondary colors to decorate their creature.

Intermediate students, have been learning about the concept of Perspective, as in near and far to create 3-D pictures of roads, trees and cities. They will also create a 3-D paper sculpture that will be coming home soon.

After our Annual Art show is over, expect to see lots of art work coming home. Students will bring home their amazing portfolios full of their creations done all year.

Thank you for your support this year and we look forward to seeing your students next year.

Note from the Clinic

This is a reminder that if your child has medication in the school clinic, it will need to be picked up on or before the last day of school on May 25, 2018. In accordance with the District School Board of Pasco County's medication policy, students may not transport medications home.

If you are not able to pick up the medication, please call the clinic at 813-346-0505 to make other arrangements. Medication that is not picked up will be properly disposed at the end of the day on May 25, 2018.

Thank you,

Lyn Herbert, RN, Betty Freant, Clinic Assistant

Dear NRES Students,

Thank you for donating supplies for animals in need and supporting my "Passion Project". You helped me donate to a shelter called Pasco County Animal Services. We donated over 100 items and most of these items were food, treats, and toys. Thank you for supporting my project! Sincerely, Joshua Smith



Music News

The NRES Chorus and Orff Ensemble will perform at the Extravaganza on 5/4/18. Please have students report to the music room by 6:45 pm on Friday 5/4 in order to prepare for the concert. Students should wear black pants, black solow, solid black shoes, and a black belt with their Chorus or Orff polo tucked in.

The NRES Chorus and Orff Ensemble will perform at the Lagoon Stage in City Walk at Universal Studios on •5/11/18. Students and approved volunteers attending the trip must arrive at school by 8 am on 5/11 to pack and load the buses for Universal. We have a firm deadline for arrival at Universal and cannot wait for late comers. Students should •wear black pants, black socks, solid black shoes, and a black belt with their Chorus or Orff polo tucked in. Please bring a change of clothing that will be comfortable for the park. Students should bring a bag lunch to eat on the bus after our •performance. Students traveling without parents must purchase a meal ticket for a dinner in the park. We plan to arrive back at NRES by 8 pm.

Grades K-2 will travel to Wesley Chapel High School on 5/15/18 to practice for their musical "Hats". If you have not turned in a permission and \$3 transportation fee, please do so ASAP. We are also looking for approved volunteers to chaperone this event. Please email Mrs. Collison at <u>acolliso@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> if you can chaperone. **Students costumes should be worn to the 7p.m. performance only!** Do not wear costumes to school for our practice. The costume is blue jeans, a solid colored t-shirt and a hat! Please opt for smaller hats that will allow students to be seen when standing in rows. If you opt not to wear a costume then boys and girls can wear slacks and a polo or button-down shirt/blouse, or a long dress/long skirt for girls is appropriate. Please refrain from wearing heels, as the students will be standing on the

Prisers. Please do not wear shorts. Students must arrive at WCHS no later than 6:45 pm to prepare for the 7pm concert.
Your family is welcome to come celebrate our musical finale at this free concert.

Muffins With Mom!

Friday, May 11, 20178 8:45 am in the New River Elementary Cafeteria. Bring your mom or a female adult to breakfast. There will be mom trivia, puzzles, and books to read together. There is no charge for this event. So we know how many to plan for, please complete the pink form sent home and return it to your child's teacher.

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

New River Elementary School is enrolling each student in an exciting summer reading challenge through Scholastic. This challenge will begin on May 8. This is a free online reading program where each child logs their total reading minutes each day. We are working towards being the school with the most minutes read and winning a visit from Dav Pilkey, author of <u>Captain Underpants.</u> Please help your child log their minutes each day.

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, Sherry, at (813) 346-0592. Summer hours are 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. The adventure never ends at Camp Wow!



Avoid the Summer Slide

When students return back to school in the fall, we notice that some students go down a level in IRLA. To help your child avoid the summer slide, here are three tips to help at home.

- Read six books- Try your best to have your child finish six books during the summer. These books should be on your child's IRLA level. "Fast and Fun"
- 2. Read something every day.
 - Morning: the newspaper
 - Daytime: schedules, TV Guides, Magazines
 - Evening: End the day by reading their current book.

3. Keep Reading Aloud- Have your child read aloud to you and you to them. This helps to model appropriate fluency and rate.

All Pro Dad

It is hard to believe that the end of the school year is almost here. The purpose of the organization is just to take the time and continue to build that bond between yourselves and your children. It is a great opportunity for your children to hear you brag about them to all that attend too.

Our last breakfast will be **Friday**, **May 19** at 8:45 in the media center. There are several ways you can RSVP for the event: you can send an email (<u>llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us</u>), or call the school (813-346-0500), or you can go out to the All Pro Dad site (<u>https://</u> <u>allprodadsday.com/chapters/2228</u>). Please RSVP so we can plan for the amount of food needed for the breakfasts.

PE News

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New River Reptiles should be very proud- we raised over \$3000 for The American Heart Association through our Jump Rope for Heart. Our PE program promotes health and wellness habits that encourage a healthy lifestyle!!

Thank you for your support of the PE programs this year! We had over 150 students in our Fun Run Club and the mile run on April 13 was a great way to end our season. Serious Stinyard was our top runner. We are in the process of choosing our new patrols for next year. We would like to give a big thank you to this year's patrols. Our Fuel Up to Play 60 Team also did an awesome job this year. They served taste tests at the malls and did an awesome job with announcement on the morning shows. After post testing, we had over one hundred third, fourth, and fifth grade students qualify for Presidential Physical Fitness Awards. Students were held to high standards in the mile run, sit ups, push ups, shuttle run, and sit and reach for flexibility. Last but not least, our Reptile Run program was a huge success, with over 400 students earning t-shirts. Most students logged over 20 miles- WOW! Thank you for buying Field Day shirts and helping to support the Reptile Run program. Have a great summer and remember to Play 60 every day!!

District STEM FAIR

This year we had eight NRES students that qualified to participate in the Pasco County District STEM Fair. Earning Fourth Place was Emmy Devore, Kiara Torres, and Tatiana Laezza. Third Place winner was Abrianna Traver. Noah Perez, Alexis Gattuso, Jared Allison, and Addison Jones earned Second Place. Congratulations to all our winners! **REMEMBER** Be Respectful Be Responsible Be Safe



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