

# Reptile Review

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## Important Dates

October 1-12  
Quarterly Check Window

October 1  
Health Screening K-3 and  
New Students to Pasco

October 2  
Chick-fil-a Spirit  
Night all day

October 4  
5th Grade Crystal Springs  
Field Trip- Lane, Legnini,  
Blicker, Gates

October 5  
5th Grade Crystal  
Springs Field Trip-  
Jones, Vogel, Scott

October 8  
Creativity Workshop

October 10  
Walk to School Day  
SAC Meeting 8-9am

October 12  
2-5 Karaoke Social  
6:30-8:00 pm  
End of Quarter 1  
School Mall

October 15  
Teacher Planning Day-  
No School for Students

October 16  
PTA Exec Meeting

October 19  
All Pro Dad 8:45am  
5 Sunshine State  
Books Due

October 22  
Creativity Workshop

October 23  
Report Cards Home

October 24  
National Beta

October 25  
Fall Picture Retakes

October 26  
5 Book Sunshine State  
Celebration  
Trunk or Treat 6-8 pm

October 31  
Character Parade 10:00am

Oct 29-Nov 2  
Red Ribbon Week

## Attendance

School attendance is extremely important to success in school. Regular and consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in making good grades.

Please join us as we work to improve attendance, tardy, and check out rates at NRES this year!

## Principal's Message

October will be a busy month at our school as we end quarter one and kick-off quarter two! There are many upcoming events such as Family Fun Nights, Walk to School Day, our first School Mall, our first Student School Social, our Sunshine State Book party for the students who have read and passed 5 Sunshine State Books, Trunk or Treat, Character Parade, Yankee Candle Fundraiser, Red Ribbon Week and our Remarkable Reptile Celebration! Please make sure you check our Newsletter or Facebook page for dates and times!

Report cards will be available to parents on the Parent Portal! Please make sure you have access to your child's report card. If you need assistance, please feel free to stop by or call the front office.

Please remember that in the morning, students should not be getting out of cars in the car line or dropped off at the front gate prior to 9:15 am. It is at 9:15 am when we have adult supervision at stations throughout the campus for the safety of our students.

Sarah Bordner  
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## NRES Family Events!



### Trunk or Treat Festival

#### Games~Food~Fun~Treats

Friday, Oct. 26th 6:00-8:00 pm at the  
Bus Loop

Students may walk the New River Elementary Bus Loop for free candy. In addition to trunk or treat, there will be a fall festival. You may purchase tickets for games, food, and more. Watch for the flyer to sign up to help at this event.

### Good Character Parade

Wednesday, Oct. 31st, 10:00 am in the Bus Loop

Students may dress up like a super hero or a good/positive character that shows good character traits.

Families are invited to come and watch. Please, remember, no scary costumes or any type of weapons are allowed.





## P.E. News

We are off to a great start! Don't forget to fill out those exercise logs so that we can see that our reptiles are getting plenty of exercise at home too.

We are again thankful for a Fuel up to play 60 grant that has allowed us to buy equipment this year. At the mall, this table will be run by our new Fuel Up To Play 60 Team: Mauricio Carret, Elena Garcia, Haven Jones, Katie Lovett, Zenaya Ruth, and Taylor Young.

Reptile Run is in full swing and our reptiles are already earning a chain for the first three miles and toe tokens for every three miles they run. At the end of the year we expect to give away more than two hundred Reptile Run shirts!! We have over 200 Morning Mile running club members! Running Club begins October 4<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 am.

## **\*\*OCTOBER IS NATIONAL BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH!\*\***

On October 1<sup>st</sup> each year, students, schools, and communities all over the world go **BLUE** together against bullying. This world-wide event kicks off National Bullying Prevention Awareness Month every October. Wear **BLUE** on World Day of Bullying Prevention on **10/01** to show how you will join in to help put a stop to bullying and cyberbullying!



## Art News

In art class, primary students have been learning about the elements of art and principles of design that can be used in an artwork. The first element of art that we are learning is **LINE**. Students are creating a drawing that combines all kinds of lines and can add outlines while using markers, oil pastels and crayons.

Intermediate students are also using lines to create an imaginary or real picture using a variety of media. During Friday clubs, students have been having fun using a variety of methods to create clay. Science and art are being combined to teach students to properly measure the ingredients, test for the best solutions and problem solve any problems they might come across. Simple ingredients like flour, salt, oil, kool-aid and water have been used to create elastic clay. We have also been using self drying clay, and modeling and to create miniature sculptures.

For our second art project, students will be using the second element of art, **SHAPE** to create a picture. For this artwork, students will be understanding that shapes can be geometric and organic and can be combined to create interesting designs. Students are allowed to use a variety of media while creating their pictures and are also able to explore multiple ways of making their ideas into a picture.

## Music News

NRES Music will sponsor a "Karaoke Social" on Friday, October 12<sup>th</sup> from 6:30 to 8p.m. Tickets will go on sale Monday, October 1<sup>st</sup> for \$5 each. The price includes pizza and drinks. Second through fifth grade students are invited to attend.

3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical and field trip permission forms can still be turned in. Please send them to Mr. Wohl and Ms. Pyne asap! We will perform "The Nutcracker" on Wednesday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 7p.m at the Wesley Chapel High Performing Arts Center. Students who return their forms will travel to WCHS during the school day on 12/5 in order to rehearse. We are still looking for approved volunteers to help chaperone the field trip. Please contact Mr. Wohl if you are available at [rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## All Pro Dad

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. We have had a chapter at New River for many years. It is run by Scott Carlson.

This month's meeting is Friday, October 19, 2018 at 8:45 am in the NRES Media Center. Please RSVP to this event through the email or link below. Check into the front office for a visitor's pass upon arrival.

If you would like more information about All Pro Dad please email Mrs. Carlson ([llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto: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.

## Lost and Found

New River Elementary has a lost and found located in the cafeteria. It is important to label your child's items including all jackets, sweaters, hats, lunch boxes, etc. that your child brings to school! If an item ends up in the lost and found we will be able to return it to your child if it is labeled with your child's full name.





## Oct. 29- Nov 2, 2018 is Red Ribbon Week



The **Red Ribbon Campaign®** is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation and a fun and effective way for communities to show support for healthy lifestyles. This year's theme is "**Life Is Your Journey; Travel Drug Free.**" It's a reminder that we only have one life to live and we can make the most of this journey through life by prioritizing our health and well-being.

Show your commitment to live drug free by following each days task or wearing red.

### **Monday, Oct. 29- "I'm too Bright for Drugs"**

Wear bright/neon colored clothing to "highlight" your positive future.

### **Tuesday, Oct. 30- "Turn your Back on Drugs"**

Wear your clothing backwards.

### **Wednesday, Oct. 31- "My Character Counts--I'm Drug Free"**

Dress as a super hero character or a good/positive character. (Students may dress up like a character that shows good character traits. There will be a character parade at 10:00 a.m. in the bus loop. Families are invited to come and watch. No scary costumes or any types of weapons allowed.)

### **Thursday, Nov 1- "Crazy about Being Drug Free"**

Wear crazy hair, socks, and mismatched colors to show how crazy you are about being drug free.

### **Friday, Nov. 2- "Life's your Journey; Travel Drug Free"**

Wear college team jerseys or dress like what you want to be in the future as you travel drug free to achieve your goals.

## Meet Your School Social Worker

Hello families! My name is Ashley Couch, and I'm excited to be the social worker at New River Elementary this school year.

My schedule varies, but I am usually always here on Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and alternating Fridays. My office number is 813-346-0528 and my email is [acouch@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:acouch@pasco.k12.fl.us).

Below is some information about the role of a school social worker and how I can help at NRES. Please don't ever hesitate to reach out with any questions or concerns. I'm here to help and excited to be a part of the team! ☺

"The school social worker functions as a liaison between the school, family, and community, provides intervention, addresses issues of non-attendance and truancy, and provides behavioral assessments, crisis intervention, and consultation in addressing the barriers to student achievement."

- *School social work is a specialized area of practice within the broad field of the social work profession.*
- *School social workers bring unique knowledge and skills to the school system and the student services team.*
- *School Social Workers are trained mental health professionals who can assist with mental health concerns, behavioral concerns, positive behavioral support, academic and classroom support, consultation with teachers, parents and administrators as well as provide individual and group counseling/therapy.*
- *School social workers are instrumental in furthering the mission of the schools to provide a setting for teaching, learning, and for the attainment of competence and confidence." ([http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/student\\_services/social\\_work](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/student_services/social_work))*







# Trunk or Treat Festival



**What: Trunk or Treat Festival**  
Games \* Food \* Fun \* Treats

**When: Friday, October 26, 2018 -6:00 - 8:00 pm**

**Where: New River Elementary Bus Loop**

**What is Trunk or Treat? - Volunteer families will decorate their car and park it in the bus loop by 6:00 p.m. As children walk the loop, they will trunk or treat for candy that is being given. There is no charge. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the form sent home and return it to school ASAP. (Those distributing candy, must be a registered volunteer. You can register on our website – [nres.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://nres.pasco.k12.fl.us).)**

**In addition, tickets may be purchased for 50 cents each. Tickets are used to play games, do the cakewalk, food, prizes, tattoos, sno-cones and more! It will be an evening of fun for the whole family. Tickets will be sold the week of October 22nd with an early bonus (12 tickets for \$5.00).**

**We also have volunteer opportunities available at the ticket sales, cake walk, and food booth.**



## Walk and Ride to School Day

On October 10th, New River Elementary, the Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition, and All Children's Hospital, are joining together with Safe Kids WORLDWIDE to walk or ride to school. Please join us by walking or riding a bike to school.

There will be 2 meeting points. Be sure to join us after the walk/bike to school on the covered court to learn more about safe ways to walk to school.

**Meeting Point #1** – Neighborhood side of Bridge - 8:50 am

**Meeting Point #2** – River Glen Blvd & Little River Way- 8:50 am

Even if you live too far to walk, you can join us at point #4 by parking and walking to school. Please park north of the school on River Glen Blvd.

Any questions, please call the front office at (813)-346-0500

## Picture Retakes

**When: October 25th**

If you have already purchased a packet, then you will need to return the packet on that day. Students that were absent will have their picture taken on that day too.

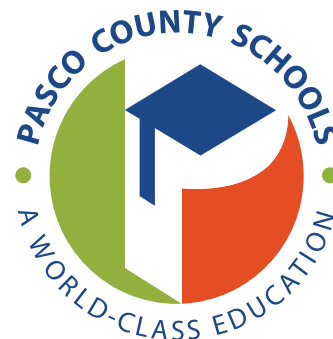
**New River Families: Remember to apply online to be a school volunteer. You can also apply online to determine if your child can receive free or reduced lunch and breakfast. Go to the Pasco District website: [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us). Then click on the Parent tab at the top of the web page. Please feel free to come to NRES to access these online applications. Thank you!**

### Parent Notification Reptile Review October 1, 2018 New River Elementary Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Heather Carlson, Courtney Emmanuel, Aimee Ensign, Jolene Furman, Caleb Gates, Emily Keys, Candice Kirkland, Meghan Legnini, Michelle Loo, Bethany McGuirk, Nicole Raines, Jade Vaca.

The following teachers have agreed to work toward Exceptional Student Education Certification: Lexus Sierra



**Pasco County Schools**  
**Kurt S. Browning,**  
**Superintendent**

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