

Reptile Review

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Important Dates



August 30
Music Movie Night
6:30 p.m. - 8:30 p.m.

September 2
Holiday No School

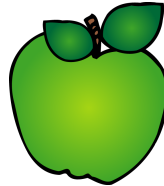
September 6
Book Fair Begins

September 7
Garden Dig Day
9:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

September 10
Open House
Spaghetti Dinner
Book Fair

September 11
PTA Fundraiser
Begins

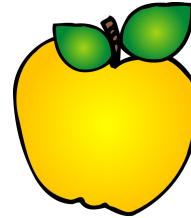
September 17
Boy Scout
Jamboree
6:30 p.m. in cafeteria



September 19
School Advisory
Council 7:30 a.m.

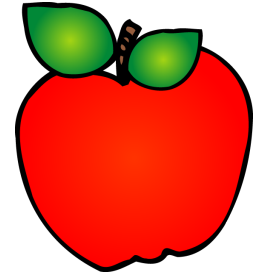
September 20
Progress Reports

September 20
Karaoke Social
6:30-8:30 p.m.



New School Hours

9:20 a.m. Breakfast
9:30 a.m. Class
9:40 a.m. Tardy Bell
3:50 p.m. Dismissal



Principal's Message

The 2013-14 school year has gotten off to a great start! As evidenced by the increased flow of traffic in the parking lot, you can tell that New River Elementary is growing. It just amazes me to watch as so much learning takes place at all levels every day. Our staff is growing and we have added a few new faces and a few have gone to other schools.

We want to welcome Mrs. Colleen Wilkinson to our administrative team. Mrs. Wilkinson has taught at NRES for 6 years and her experience is going to prove to be a benefit to students, staff, and parents.

We are excited that your child is at our school. As the year progresses, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or stop by to discuss any questions, concerns, or celebrations. My e-mail is spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us and I check it frequently! I am looking forward to an exciting year filled with many lifelong learning experiences.

Lynn Pabst

Dig Day Event!

Please join us for our 5th annual Dig Day in the school garden on September 7th, from 9:00 a.m.--12:00 p.m. Feel free to bring tools, gloves, and water to drink to this family event.



The New River Elementary School Community is a safe, positive, collaborative, learning environment focused on creating life-long learners who will achieve their highest potential.

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 receive 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 students 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. Craig at (813) 346-0500 with any bus questions or concerns.

Bus numbers and band colors:

Z509--Blue

Z570--Green

Z571--Orange

Z578--Purple

Z590--Red

D467--Black

Volunteers: We need you!

Please remember to sign up online to volunteer at New River Elementary by going to the Pasco County District website:

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Look for: Volunteer Application. You must register to volunteer each year if you would like to chaperone fieldtrips or volunteer in your child's classroom. We also need volunteers to help in other areas of the school such as the Media Center, Cafeteria and Front Office. Thank you for being a NRES Volunteer!

Guidance News: What is Bullying?

Bullying is aggressive, unwanted, and unprovoked behavior that is intentional, involves an imbalance of power or strength, and is typically repeated over time.

What you can do:

- Tell your child to report bullying to a trusted adult, teacher, guidance counselor and/or school administrators.
- Discuss ways of responding to bullying
- Teach your child to be assertive
- Tell the child not to react, but to walk away and get help if he/she is being bullied
- Make sure the child knows that bullying is not his/her fault.

Cafeteria News

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

Breakfast: \$1.25

Reduced price: \$0.30

Lunch: \$2.00

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, myLunchMoney.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 \$3.50.



Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible!

Open House

Tuesday, September 10, 2013

PTA Spaghetti Dinner
5:00 - 6:15 p.m. (see flyer)

PTA Meeting - 6:15 p.m.

Classroom Visitations

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

Book Fair - Media Center

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Come and learn about the curriculum,
see work samples, and learn about
your child's schedule.

We're making it easy for you on Open House night. No need to worry about cooking, come and eat in the NRES cafeteria before visiting your child's classroom.

PTA Open House Spaghetti Dinner

Tuesday, September 10, 2013
Serving 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

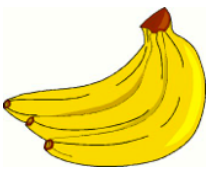
Spaghetti, salad, breadstick, dessert, and drink

Adults - \$5.00
Children (ages 3 - 10) - \$3.50
Children under age 3 free

You must make a reservation by completing the bottom part of the form that your child brings home and returning it with payment to school by Monday, September 9th. Your name will then be placed on a paid list and you can check in at the cafeteria door.

New River Families: Please send in your box tops!

Box Top Recipe: Cheerios Frozen Bananas



INGREDIENTS:

2/3 cup Yoplait 99% Fat Free creamy strawberry or creamy strawberry banana yogurt (from 2-lb container)
3 cups Cheerios cereal
4 firm ripe bananas
8 craft sticks (flat wooden sticks with round ends)

1. Line cookie sheet with wax paper. In shallow dish, place yogurt. In another shallow dish, place cereal.
2. Peel bananas; cut each banana crosswise in half. Insert wooden stick into cut end of each banana half. Roll each banana half in yogurt, then in cereal to coat. Place on cookie sheet. Freeze about 1 hour or until firm.
3. Wrap each banana in plastic wrap or foil. Store in freezer.
4. Place all of the boxtops in your envelope to return to New River. Enjoy!

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. 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!



**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 District School Board of Pasco County Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.



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