

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

November 6
PTA Fundraiser Pickup
3 - 6 pm

November 7
"Lights, Camera,
Action" 2/3 Musical
7:00 p.m.

November 8
IMOM Mtg - 8:30 am

November 8
2nd-5th Grade Social
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

November 8-15 Canned
Food and Toy Drive

November 11
Veteran's Day
No School

November 14
School Advisory Council
7:30 a.m.

November 17
NRES Spirit Game
Bucs vs. Falcons

November 18
McDonald's Night
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.

November 20
Great American Teach-In
10:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

November 20
Progress Reports

November 27-29
HAPPY THANKSGIVING
No School



Wish List: Our Kindergarten classes
are in need of empty shoe boxes.
Thank you!

Principal's Message

During November we take time to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. At the top of my list, after my family, comes the NRES community of students, staff, and families. The constant hard work, of our students and staff, is positively supported by our families. This is what makes New River Elementary a wonderful place to work and learn.

Happy Thanksgiving!

THANKSGIVING - A TIME FOR HELPING OTHERS

At the beginning of this school year, one of our third graders had to have major surgery to remove a brain tumor. He is still undergoing treatment and we wish him a speedy recovery. Part of his treatment will require his family to go out of town. On Thursday, Nov. 7th we are going to have an ice cream / dessert social to benefit his family from 5:30 - 7:00 pm in the cafeteria, prior to the musical. Tickets are on sale for \$5.00 each and will include unlimited ice cream and toppings and other assorted desserts.

Holiday Food and Toy Drive November 8 - 15

Student Council needs your help! Beginning Nov. 8th, please send in non-perishable food items and unwrapped new toys for our Thanksgiving and Christmas baskets. We have many families that need your help this holiday season! Thank you for your support. (The first 200 students will earn a Spirit Stick if they donate 5 food items or an unwrapped toy.)

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 20th 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 guidance counselor, Virginia Thom, at (813) 346-0500, or email vthom@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Student Council News

Congratulations to our 2013-14 Student Council Officers:

President: Ryan Ly

Vice President: Hannah Butler

Secretary: Evan Drinkwater

Treasurer: Mekhi Fraser

2nd - 5th Grade Social

Nov. 8th is our first School Social! Our theme for this event is "Flip Flop & Wacky Hair" so be sure to wear your clothes flipped backwards or inside out, flip-flops, and your hair in a fun and "wacky" way.

Who: All 2nd-5th Grade NRES Students **What:** Food, Games, Dancing, and Singing

When: FRIDAY, November 8th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: NRES Cafeteria

Cost: \$5.00 (You can purchase tickets in Ms. Kruza's OR Mrs. Leidy's room before 9:55 a.m. in the morning. The cost includes: pizza, snacks, and drinks.

****Tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the door!**

Also...we are asking each student to bring at least one non-perishable food item or an unwrapped new toy for our upcoming Holiday Canned Food and Toy Drive.



Music News

Nov. 7th is our musical, "Lights Camera Action" featuring our 2nd and 3rd grade students! All students who are participating should be at school by 6:30 p.m. Dress options were noted on the permission slip. If you have any questions please contact Mr. Wohl at rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us

The 4th and 5th grade students will be presenting "Paint The Town December" on Tuesday evening, Dec. 10th. Permission forms were sent out Oct. 22nd and should be returned by Nov. 1st. Please watch for special speaking role permission slips.

The 5th grade is taking a field trip to The Performing Arts Center at Wesley Chapel High School on Wednesday, Nov. 13th. The students will be watching and listening to our state's premiere orchestra, "The Florida Orchestra". The cost of the trip is \$10. The permission form and money are both due Nov. 1st. We need chaperones for this trip! If you are available to go and are registered as a Pasco County volunteer, we would love to bring you along for this great concert.



P.E. News

Students are encouraged to sign on to the Fuel Up to Play 60 website. When signing up parental permission is necessary and you need to choose New River as your school. If a student reaches 30,000 points by November 1st you could win two NFL game tickets or NFL autographed items! This month P.E. we will hold a fundraiser to help purchase our Reptile Run student t-shirts. We will be selling sports spirit cups! If you have any questions please call Coach Mitchell or Coach Gillooly at (813) 346-0500.



Garden Report *Written by Mrs. Robinson and Mrs. Dinwiddie*



Mrs. Robinson's and Mrs. Dinwiddie's classes began weeding the garden. They also harvested some eggplant. After Mrs. Dinwiddie pan fried and salted the eggplant, the students tasted it. More than 50% of them enjoyed the flavor and said they would ask their parents to cook some at home!



New River SPAR Report Available Now

The 2012-2013 Elementary and Secondary Education Act School Public Accountability Reports (ESEA SPARs) are now available at <http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>. The SPARs meet the ESEA's requirement for school districts to provide parents or guardians with an annual school status report each school year. To view the New River Elementary SPAR:

Click on: 2012-2013 Reporting Requirements,
 Scroll to Pasco, click on: Continue,
 Scroll to New River Elementary, and click on: View This School's Report



PLACE News:

The PLACE to be!

The PLACE Program is the District School Board of Pasco County's before and after school activity program, designed to provide an active and enriching environment for children who must arrive at school early, stay late and/or require supervised activities during school holidays and summer.

Quality Enrichment... I trust!

Enroll Today!
 For more information contact:
 New River Elementary PLACE Program
 813-346-0592

Fees are Affordable!

Contact the Pasco Hernando Early Learning Coalition for information regarding financial assistance at (727) 233-8291.

PTA News!

We would like to take the time to welcome all of our new members this year. We have 202 members and it is never too late to join! Our membership drive was great and the winning classes for the waterslide party are Mrs. Jones, Ms. Decker, Mrs. Gallahue, Mrs. Smith, Ms. Smith, Mrs. Dinwiddie, and Mrs. Gibson. Thank you again for all of the participation.

We also kicked off our Fall Fundraiser, and again, it was a great success. We don't have the final totals for Imagine and Cookie Dough finalized yet but between the two we made approximately \$2,500 profit. The winning class for the Cookie Dough fundraiser was **Ms. Johnson bringing in \$690.00** in sales and the top selling student was also in her class with a **total sales of \$320.00--Jordan M.!**

Finally, we hope that everyone has taken a look at our coupon books for our last Fall Fundraiser. They offer great savings at many of our favorite places. One great perk is the grocery coupons. **Don't forget: if every student in our school were to sell or purchase just ONE book we would raise almost \$7,000.** We would love to have as close to 100% participation as possible!!!

Thank you again for all of your support so far this year. We know that it is going to continue to be a great year at New River!

Sincerely,
 April Ruegger, President NRES PTA



Remember: Be Respectful,
 Be Safe, and Be Responsible

KNOW THEM ALL IN NOVEMBER

NRES 4th graders have been working hard to be fluent with their multiplication facts. Ask your 4th grader which facts they feel proficient in using to solve multi-step problems. On November 26th we will celebrate knowing all of their facts proficiently with an ice cream party. If they are proficient using 1's, 2's, and 5's they earn a bowl of ice cream, 3's a waffle bowl, all the way to 12's will earn a cherry on top. Please use some time at home to help them review their facts and become fluent multipliers. In fact become a KNOW-IT-ALL in November!



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!



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