

# Reptile Review

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## Important Dates

**January 10**  
IMOM's Meeting  
8:45 a.m.

**January 13**  
Report Cards

**January 13**  
4th Grade Writing  
Camp Begins 8 a.m.



**January 15**  
Yearbook Presale  
Begins

**January 16**  
School Advisory  
Council 7:30 a.m.

**January 20**  
McDonald's Night  
5-7 p.m.

### Attendance is Key!

*We encourage all students to arrive to school on time as learning takes place as soon as school starts each day. Daily attendance is very important to your child's academic achievement. The teachers and staff of our school work very hard every day to ensure that your child receives the best educational experience possible!*

**January 20**  
Martin Luther King,  
Jr. Day  
No School



**January 23**  
Pizza Dinner  
5:00 p.m.  
PTA Meeting  
6:00 p.m.  
Academic Showcase  
6:15 p.m.

**January 31**  
Doughnuts with Dad  
8:45-9:20 a.m.

## Principal's Message

Happy 2014! The beginning of a new year is a great time to set new goals. Please make one of your family's goals to have your child attend school every day and be on time. In December we were having close to 100 students tardy to school. During the first minutes of the day routines are established and learning can start right away. We know that when students are at school, their academic growth is significantly improved.

Please be sure to attend the Academic Excellence Showcase on January 23rd. The evening will begin at 6:00 p.m. with a PTA meeting where students who entered the PTA Reflections contest will be honored. A short presentation will take place at 6:15 p.m. and then it is off to the classroom to see your student's work. Worried about dinner? No worries, pizza will be sold by the slice beginning at 5:30 p.m.

Happy New Year!  
Lynn Pabst



## Writing Camp for our 4th Grade Students!

Monday Mornings on  
January 13, 27, February 3, 10, & 24

Who: All 4<sup>th</sup> graders at NRES  
When: 8:00 – 9:30 a.m.  
Cost: No Charge

Come and work with our NRES Writing experts to enhance your writing and feel even more prepared for FCAT Writes.

Parents, please see note sent home this week or contact Mrs. Craig at (813) 346-0503. See you there!



Remember: Be Respectful,  
Be Safe, and Be Responsible

# January

## Pasco Schools to Hold Information Meetings on New State Standards

Pasco County Public Schools has scheduled a series of 13 community meetings starting at Anclote High School on January 14, 2014, to educate parents and the community about Florida's new standards for K-12 students.

Meetings are scheduled from 6 p.m. to 8 p.m. at each district high school for parents whose children attend the high schools and the elementary and middle schools that feed into them. Those who attend will hear a presentation by district experts, receive materials explaining what the Common Core State Standards are and are not, and participate in a question and answer period.

The Florida Board of Education adopted the standards in 2010, and in 2011 schools began implementing curriculum and training teachers to help kindergarten and first grade students master the standards. The standards will be fully implemented in all grades starting with the 2014-2015 school year.

The meeting schedule is attached. It also can be viewed by going onto the Pasco Schools homepage, [www.pascoschools.org](http://www.pascoschools.org), and clicking on the CCSS link under Quick Links. The Common Core page includes news links and multiple sources of information for students, parents, and the community.

### Doughnuts With Dad!



- Bring your dad (or uncle, older brother/cousin, grandfather, etc) to eat a doughnut at school on Friday, January 31st from 8:45 a.m. to 9:15 a.m. in the NRES cafeteria.

- It is right before the Super Bowl, so wear your football shirt and come join the fun!



## Important Lunch Visitor Information

Dear NRES Families,

We encourage you to eat lunch with your child! When meeting your child for lunch please wait in the front office until it is time for your child's class to go to lunch. At that time you may walk to the cafeteria to meet your child. Because of possible food allergies of other students, if you are bringing in outside food, please use the designated family table in the cafeteria or use an outside table to eat lunch with your child.

At the end of lunch please sign out at the front office, and your child will walk back to class with his/her teacher. We ask that unless you have previously arranged to volunteer with the classroom teacher, please do not walk back to your child's classroom. We are glad you are here and we want to ensure the safety of our students. Please contact us with any questions or concerns at (813) 346-0500. Thank you!



### P.E. News

January will be the start of our track and field unit. This will include relays, running long jump, hurdles and a week of fitness stations, using pedometers. This month's Physical Education activities correlate with our Florida Sunshine State Standards relating to lifetime fitness.

As always, students should dress for success on their P.E. days and remember to encourage your child to complete the fitness/healthy eating log. If you have any questions or concerns please contact Coach Mitchell or Coach Gillooly.

### Music News

Orff rehearsals will begin on Tuesday, January 14th at 8:45 a.m.  
Chorus rehearsals will begin Wednesday, January 15th at 8:45 a.m.



# Garden Report *Written by Mrs. Dinwiddie*



The garden at New River continues to thrive but with the cold weather approaching, some specific work had to be completed. To avoid losing what we had nurtured so far due to freezing weather, our students and teachers worked hard to harvest the many flowers, vegetables and herbs. Overall, our fall garden produced many tasty and beautiful vegetables and herbs.

As we move forward, we plan to re-plant in early February. We could use a strong person (adult) that would be willing to use the school district's tiller to till the garden later this month. If you are interested please contact teacher, Monica Dinwiddie @ [mdinwidd@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mdinwidd@pasco.k12.fl.us)

## IRLA Parent Corner

When a parent spends time one-on-one, side by side, listening to a child read, it brings a whole new level of interest, thinking, and engagement to the experience.

By taking an active role in teaching your child to read, you are setting an example of the value you place on reading. As your child progresses through each level of the program, you will experience your own "Aha!" moments together. You will be in tune with the specific needs of your child and this will make you the most effective reading coach your child could ever have.

American Reading at Home uses actual books to teach reading. While this may sound like a no-brainer to many parents, our method stands in contrast to many other approaches that instead rely on repetitive workbook exercises and/or interactive activities/games. Using real books creates a context for learning that nurtures the young inquisitive mind. It also builds confidence in reading books right from the start, before a child can even read words.

Nearly all of our books are also available as eBooks through our Bookshelf app so parents and children can access our specially designed books wherever they go. Please visit the IRLA website for coaching ideas for your child's IRLA Level: <http://www.americanreadingathome.com>

Be sure to ask your child what their current power goal in reading is!

### **Kindergarten Wish List:**

Our Kindergarten team is in need of baby wipes and any size zip-loc bags. Thank you!

### **5th Grade Wish List:**

Our 5th grade teachers are collecting fun items for the end-of-the-year auction for our 5th grade students. Please contact Mrs. Wilkinson for ideas and more information. Thank you!



### **Thank You For Supporting ABC!**

We would like to thank our NRES families and staff for their generous contributions for the holiday food baskets and Giving Tree. We would also like to thank Rick Borsick, owner of Tampa Bay Trophy, for his generous donation of toys and much needed items; and thanks to Sara Weber's family and friends for making 50 warm, cozy blankets for our NRES families again this year!





### Traffic Safety Reminders

For the safety of our students:

- The speed limit on school property is 15 mph at all times.
  - Please no drop-offs before 9:20 a.m.
- Your patience is appreciated as we work together to make our campus safe for all students!

### Cozy Quilts for our Early Head Start Students!

A BIG thank you to the Sewing Ministry at FUMC of Land O' Lakes for making 40 "kid sized" quilts for our Early Head Start students. The colorful quilts are just the right size for our littlest students to use during nap time. We appreciate it!



### Slow Cooker Upside Down Chicken Pot Pie

#### INGREDIENTS

- 1 ¼ pounds boneless skinless chicken thighs
- 1 tablespoon instant chopped onion
- 1 dried bay leaf
- ¼ teaspoon pepper
- 2 medium celery stalks, cut into 1/2-inch slices
- 2 ¼ cups Original Bisquick® mix
- 1 bag (12 oz) Green Giant® Valley Fresh Steamers' frozen mixed vegetables
- 2/3 cup milk
- 1 jar (18 oz) chicken gravy

- 1 Place chicken in 3 ½ - to 4-quart slow cooker. Top with onion, bay leaf, pepper and gravy. Place celery on gravy.
- 2 Cover and cook on Low heat setting 8 to 10 hours.
- 3 About 30 minutes before serving, make and bake 8 biscuits using Bisquick mix and milk as directed on package.
- 4 Meanwhile, gently stir frozen vegetables into chicken mixture. Increase heat setting to High. Cover and cook 15 minutes. Remove bay leaf.
- 5 For each serving, split biscuit and place in soup bowl or tart pan. Spoon about ¾ cup chicken mixture on top of biscuit.
- 6 Enjoy and don't forget to send in your box tops to New River!



Let's Keep Reading!



Thank you, Volunteers and Staff, for making our Reading Counts Celebration a huge success for our students! Please talk with your child about their power goals for reading and about the importance of completing their "good fit" book. We look forward to all of our students making higher achievements in reading and earning another exciting Reading Counts Celebration this Spring!

Happy New Year!



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