

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

February 3, 10, 24
Writing Camp for
4th Grade 8-9:30 a.m.

February 4
Common Core State
Standards Meeting at
WCHS 6:00 p.m.



February 7
All Pro Dad's
8:45 a.m.
Progress Reports

February 10
Sunshine State
Reader's 3-Book
Celebration

February 13
SAC 7:30 a.m.

February 14
Valentine's Day



February 17
No School for Students

McDonald's Night
5-7 p.m.
Come see Ronald
McDonald!

February 20
Common Core State
Standards Meeting at
ZHS 6:00 p.m.

February 28
Special Olympics

February 25
FCAT Writes
Assessment
4th Grade

On February 25th
there will be no Orff
Practice.
Please no Volunteers
or Visitors on Campus.
Please return
February 26th!

Principal's Message

February brings with it groundhogs, hearts, and the first FCAT test of the year. During January the NRES staff looked at the mid-year data for 2nd – 5th graders in the areas of Reading, Math, and Science. Student improvement was recognized and our teaching staff formed small groups for additional instruction if needed.

Your students are working very hard to improve in every subject area, last month we focused on improving the rate at which homework, which is extra practice, was completed and turned in to the teacher. **This month we want to continue our homework goals and add the goal of a decrease in tardies of greater than 10%.** It is important that students come on time to school every day. Learning begins at 9:40 and being on time sets the student up to be organized and ready to learn. Please be sure to set a bedtime between 8:00 and 9:00 for your child every school night, this will enable them to wake well rested and ready to come to school on time!

Working together we can help all students succeed!

Lynn Pabst
Principal
spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us

**There is still time for 4th
Grade Students to attend
Writing Camp!**

When: Monday Mornings on Feb. 3,
10, & 24

Who: All 4th 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 contact your
child's 4th grade teacher or Mrs. Craig at
(813) 346-0500. See you there!



Garden Report *Written by Mrs. Dinwiddie*

We have had a busy January. Students and teachers were able to harvest many bunches of collard greens. Thanks to Dakota Deck's Great Grandmother for her delicious collard greens recipe. Mrs. Dinwiddie's first graders harvested most of the carrots. After Mrs. Dinwiddie cleaned and sliced them the students and teachers munched on them. They were crunchy and delicious. Addison Jones is conducting an investigation to find out why our carrots were short and fat. She would like to grow long skinny ones. Another first



grade student, Lucius Maroncelli, is investigating why plants need water. During the first two weeks in February, all first graders will begin studying earth structures. This will include planning the garden plot. A big thank you goes out to Mr. DuPree and Mr. Dinwiddie for helping us prepare our garden. Also, thank you to Mr. Bowers for planning to till the raised rows in our garden.

We know that Spring will be here soon and we can't wait to watch our garden thrive. Thanks for all of the support!



Art News

Students have been working hard to finish their Still Life for the Pasco County Fair exhibit. Several students have been selected to represent our school for this exhibit. These students are as follows, [Skylar D'alessio](#), [Mikayla Mahoney](#), [Angie Bonilla](#), [Dakota Deck](#), [Cora Copeland](#), [Elsie Calderon](#), [Ketzia Garcia](#), [Jameela Porter](#), [Joseph Torres](#), [Rawan Eltoukhy](#), [Jordan Parker](#), [Ryan Brasch](#), [Mekhi Fraser](#), [Caya Carlson](#), [Julia Nielsen](#) and [Payton Leidy](#). Congratulations to all these students on making beautiful artwork. The Pasco County Fair will be held at the Fairgrounds in Dade City, 36722 State Rd 52, starting February 17th until the 23rd. For more information about this wonderful event, you can call: (352) 567-6678. We hope to see all of you there!

PE News

Field Day is fast approaching. Our theme is "Excellence" and we expect this both in the classroom and on our P.E. fields. Mark your calendars for **April 11, 2014**. As usual, we will be looking for volunteers. The field day shirt and volunteer forms will be sent home in the first week of March.

Our **Fun Run Club** celebrated it's top runners with an "All Star Breakfast". The runners being honored this month are: [Jonathan Navarrete](#), [Ithan Pujols](#), [Kaden Tanner](#), [Mario Serrano](#), [Kyla Munro](#), [Mikayla Mahoney](#), [Isabella Taillefer](#), [Maddox Rivera](#), [Seth Romanowski](#), [Alexander Polovnev](#), [Jackson Rivera](#), [Jill Butler](#), [Danny Polce](#), [Justin Ludwig](#), [Isaih Rodriguez](#), [Antonio Gonzalez](#), [Jonathan Miller](#), [Ryan Legasse](#), [Elijah Chappell](#) and [Miles Rattray](#). Please contact Coach Mitchell and Coach Gillooly for more information.

Music News

Orff and Chorus are back in full swing and are both meeting for weekly rehearsals. Orff rehearsals take place Tuesday mornings at 8:45 a.m. and Chorus meets on Wednesdays at 8:45 a.m. Please note: There will not be Orff practice Tuesday, February 25th because of the FCAT Writes test.



2014 FCAT Writes Information



Our 4th grade students will be taking the Grade 4 FCAT 2.0 Writing Test on Tuesday, February 25, 2014. The only day for make-up testing is February 26, 2014.

The FCAT 2.0 Writing Test is administered in one 60-minute session in which students write an essay in response to a prompt. Later this spring, your student will receive a score for his/her writing on a scale from 1-6 score points. There is no "passing" score for FCAT 2.0 Writing. However, the percentage of students scoring 4 or above in the spring 2014 administration will be used for the Writing proficiency component of school grade calculations. You may visit <http://fcat.fldoe.org/writing-prompts.asp> to access writing prompt descriptions and scoring guides with sample essays.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Lynn Pabst at (813) 346-0500. For more information about the statewide assessment program, visit the FDOE website at <http://fcat.fldoe.org/>.



Mini Conversation-Heart Cookies

- 1 pouch Betty Crocker® sugar cookie mix
 - 1/3 cup butter, softened 1 egg
 - 3 tablespoons Gold Medal® all-purpose flour
 - 2 containers Betty Crocker® Rich & Creamy vanilla frosting
 - Pink, purple, yellow, green and orange food colors
- 1 Heat oven to 375°F. In medium bowl, stir cookie mix, butter, flour and egg until soft dough forms.
 - 2 Roll dough 1/4 inch thick on floured surface. Cut out approximately 100 cookies with 1-inch heart-shaped cookie cutter, re-rolling dough as necessary. Place 1 inch apart on ungreased cookie sheet.
 - 3 Bake 6 to 8 minutes or until edges are set. Cool on cookie sheet 1 minute. Remove to cooling racks. Cool completely, about 15 minutes.
 - 4 Meanwhile, divide frosting among 6 small bowls, about 1/3 cup each. Using food colors, tint frosting in each bowl a different color, leaving 1 bowl white.
 - 5 Working with 1 color at a time, microwavable small bowl of frosting uncovered on High 8 to 10 seconds or until thin enough to pour.
 - 6 Using 2 forks, dip and roll each cookie in melted frosting to cover completely, letting excess drip off. Place on cooling rack placed over waxed paper to catch drips. Repeat with remaining cookies and colored frosting. Let stand at least 3 hours at room temperature until frosting is set.
 - 7 Enjoy and don't forget to send in your box tops to New River!

February





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.
- 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.

Your patience is appreciated as we work together to make our campus safe for all students!



News from the Clinic:

Think Smart.....Heads Apart!

Weekly screening at home, early detection and removal, along with prevention education are the keys to protecting kids and keeping them in school, lice and nit free!

- *Remind children not to share brushes, combs, hair ties etc., and not to put their heads together.
- *Check the hair of all family members on a regular basis. Make it part of your routine like brushing teeth and checking homework.
- *Braid or tie back long hair.
- *Watch for scratching.

McDonald's Night for New River Families

February 17th, at 5-7 p.m.
Join us for food and fun, and meet **Ronald McDonald!**

Save The Date!

New River Autism Walk & Exceptional Student Extravaganza

April 5, 2014

5k starting @ 7:00 am

Extravaganza Events 10:00 am – 1:00 pm

Hosted By: New River Elementary

Admission: Free



Come join the fun at New River Elementary as we celebrate our Exceptional Students. This extravaganza is a fundraiser to help purchase equipment and supplies for all of our Exceptional Students. The walk is open to the public. Enjoy some of the following activities: Bounce Houses, Basket Bonanza, Carnival Games, Cake Walk, Farmer's Market (Healthy food for sale), 5K & Fun Run (Sign-up required)



T-Shirts: \$12 pre order or \$18 day of event

*Tickets will be sold at the event to purchase food, and to participate in Gift Basket Bonanza, Cakewalk, and Dunk Tank. Call (813) 346-0500 or Visit

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

For information on becoming a sponsor with a product, information booth, or monetary donation, please contact Jon Leidy (813) 346-0500.



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