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March 2014

March 3 Stewart Middle School Infinity Parent Night @ NRES 6:30 p.m.

March 4 Make-it, Take-it Science **Backboard Night** 4-6 p.m.

> March 7 **IMOM's Meeting** 8:45 a.m.

March 8 **Regional Odyssey of the** Mind @ TEWMS

March 11 **IRLA Night**

Important Dates

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March 13 Student Council Social 6:30-8:30 p.m.

> Spring Pictures **STEM Fair** March 14-21

March 24 McDonald's Night 5-7 p.m.

Spring Break

March 24 **PTA Executive Board** Meeting

March 27 School Advisory Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.

> March 28 **Sunshine State** 8-Book Party School Mall

March 31 **Report Cards**

Way To Go New River Athletes!

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We are very proud of our students who competed at the Special Olympics at Wesley Chapel High School this year. Our student athletes worked very hard to train for their events, and did an excellent job competing against students from other Pasco schools! This year our K-5 students competed in: Running Long Jump, Softball and Tennis Ball Throw, and the 25m, 50m, 100m and 400m running events. Thank you to our parents and staff for volunteering and supporting our New River students during this exciting event!

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Principal's Message



Spring is almost here and in

just two weeks our students and staff will have Spring Break. I hope you enjoy the week with your family. Be sure to read and learn something each day.

I do want to remind all of our families how very important traffic safety is on our campus. Waiting in line is often times very frustrating, but arrows on the parking lot and procedures are there for the safety of everyone. The line starts to get long enough to block the incoming lane at about 3:30 p.m. If you need to park prior to that, please feel free to come early and park in the lot to wait. Thanks

for helping to keep everyone safe.



Lynn Pabst



iMom Meeting with Superintendent Browning

What is iMom and All Pro Dad? These are part of the Family First Organization started by the Dungy family to • bring families together and strengthen their bonds. At • New River it is a chance to have a little breakfast and a • little bonding with your child at school. We meet once a • •month in the media center. Each month we alternate iMom and All Pro Dad and each month is a different topic to talk about with your child. We would love to have you join us. Mark your calendars for the next meetings: iMom will meet • on March 7 and All Pro Dad will meet April 11. Both start at 8:45a.m., and Superintendent Browning with be our guest at both meetings. Please R.S.V.P. to attend these events so that we can plan to have enough food for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Laura Carlson at <u>llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us</u>.

FCAT Explorer News for Grades 3-5

Please encourage your child to log on to FCAT •Explorer to practice their Reading, Math and Science skills. •Your child has been assigned a login name and password for •this free website at <u>www.fcatexplorer.com</u>. This is a great website to learn content and practice FCAT test taking skills. •Here are the programs available for each grade level: Grade 3, 4 & 5: Reading Grade 5: Math and Science

Please contact your child's teacher for more information.

Garden Report and NRES News

NRES students and staff would like to thank Mr. Danny Lyles from Home Depot for tilling our garden. Afterwards, students in grades K-2 and fourth grade transplanted vegetable and herb plants and sowed seeds in anticipation of a bountiful harvest in April and May. Students are excited about making plans for the Farmer's market that will be open during the Exceptional Student Extravaganza on April 5th. We hope to have cabbage, broccoli, zucchini, lettuce, cucumbers, a variety of herbs, and much more for sale.

Stop by the garden and take a look. Seeds are sprouting and plants are growing! A few students in Mrs. Dinwiddie's class are extending their gardening expertise by learning about worm composting. Early next month, First Grade classes will take a field trip to Sweetwater Organic Farm to extend knowledge of Living Things. By Mrs. Dinwiddie

University of Florida Stem Fair Field Trip By Madison Sapp

It was really interesting going to UF with Mrs. Pabst. There were so many experiments that we could do that day. They were really fun and we learned at the same time! We saw many great examples of backboards for experiments. There was also a presentation about STEM and what it means: Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.

PE NEWS

Dear New River Families: Field Day T-Shirts are now on sale. The cost is \$12.00. This is a P.E. fundraiser to support our Reptile Running program. We expect over 400 students to earn those FREE Reptile Running shirts this spring. Thank you for supporting our healthy programs. We are currently looking for Field Day volunteers (please make sure you are an approved volunteer). Also remember, if you are volunteering for Field Day with the PE Department, you will be helping run a station, not rotating with your child's class. Our running club will have their Fun Run on May 9th, and our "Breakfast for Champions" this month will star: Alyssa Terrell, Chloe

Poulimenos, Caitlin McKiernan, Charyn Maldonado, Skylar Rhodes, Emma Romanowski, Ethan Abercrombie, Noah Simard, Ryan Bonet, Beck Rufe, Bella Pagliuca, Nolan Boyd, Dylan Adams, Jerimiah Loo, Andriana Maldonado, Nathan Coleman, Kelly McKiernan, Christopher Pagliuca, Christian Hupp, Noah Boyd, Justin Barra, Lexie Poulimenos, and Stephen Miller. Remember to have Exercise Logs turned in by March 7th.

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.

ART NEWS

Congratulations to the following students who represented NRES with their artwork in the Still Life exhibit at the Pasco County Fair: 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.

Make-it, Take-it Science Backboard Night

On Tuesday, March 4th, 2014 from 4-6 p.m. in the Media Center, students (with an adult) can bring their completed packets and a backboard (available for sale at the school) and go home with a great display. That night we will have available computers (to type your backboard information), colored paper, adhesive, and creative help to make a great looking backboard! Come let us help take the stress out of a great academic opportunity for your child.

Who was...?/Who is...?/What was...?

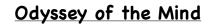
On March 26, 2014 we will have a special event based upon these types of books that can be checked out in our Media Center. An example title of these books: Who Was Abraham Lincoln? To participate, students must read at least 2 of these books and fill out the yellow form that was sent home last week, by Monday, March 24th. On the day of the event, students may dress like the character from one of these books! Please see your teacher for more details.



Wish List: Our Kindergarten classes are in need of Baby wipes! Thank you from the Kindergarten Team!

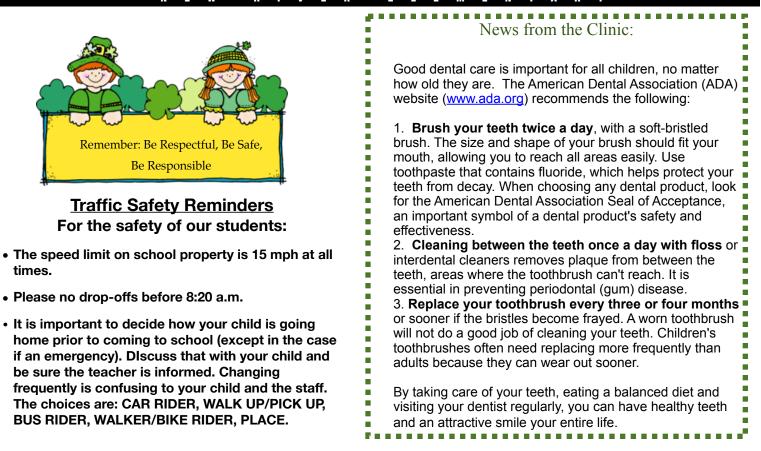


New River Elementary



Congratulations to our New River Elementary Odyssey of the Mind teams. They are competing at the Gulf Coast Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament on March 8th at Weightman Middle School! Good luck to all!





Lost and Found: We have many jackets, sweaters and coats in our lost and found. Students, please look in the lost and found area in the music room hallway for your lost items!

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	Helping Students Reacy
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	District School Board of Pasco County
 Games, Cake Walk, Farmer's Market (Healthy food for sale), 5K & Fun Run (Sign- up required) 	Kurt S. Browning Superintendent
T-Shirts: \$12 pre order or \$18 day of event	<u>School Board Members</u> Alan Altman – District 1
 *Tickets will be sold at the event to purchase food, and to participate in Gift Basket Bonanza, Cakewalk, and Dunk Tank. 	Joanne Hurley – District 2 Cynthia Armstrong– District 3
Call (813) 346-0500 or Visit <u>http://nres.pasco.k12.fl.us</u>	Alison Crumbley - District 4
For information on becoming a sponsor with a product, information booth, or monetary donation, please contact Jon Leidy (813) 346-0500.	Steve Luikart – District 5