

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

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

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

Spring Pictures
STEM Fair

March 14-21
Spring Break

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

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!

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!

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 will 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 llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us.



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 www.fcateexplorer.com. 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!



Odyssey of the Mind



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!

Driver's Test



Maryam Abu Khaled
Kayden Alderman
Ketzia Garcia
Alina Jacob
Brent Johnson
Leah Kuriakose
Rebecca Mathew

Coch Porsche Alderman
Coch Lisa Decker



The Not-So-Haunted House-Tm B

Stephanie Arana
Savannah Conely
Gabi Jones
Alisha Mathew
Caitlin McKiernan
Kelly McKiernan
Alyssa Terrell

Coch Cara McKiernan



The Not-So-Haunted House-Tm A

Ethan Abercrombie
Diego Arroyo-Green
Brendan Christopher
Austin Dobbins
Sean Dobbins
Nicholas Mackley
Aidan Wood

Coch Dana Dupree
Coch Kari Johnson



Seeing is Believing

Caya Carlson
Madison Dupre'
Atheena Kuriakose
Bella Pagliuca
Christopher Pagliuca
Erin Sonoqui

Coch Laura Carlson
Coch Kate Robinson



Student Council Social (2nd-5th Grade)

Who: All 2nd-5th Grade NRES Students

What: Food, Games, Dancing, and Singing

When: Thursday, March 13th, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: NRES Cafeteria

Cost: \$5.00 (You can purchase tickets in Miss Moline or Mrs. Leidy's room before 9:55 a.m. beginning Monday morning, March 3rd. The cost includes: pizza, snacks, and drinks.

- Our theme for this event is "Wear Green". Wear as much green as you can!!!!
- 5th graders...remember that the money raised helps reduce the cost for your 5th grade field trip so please encourage your friends to attend.

Attention Parents/Guardians...

The students must be signed in and out at the Cafeteria. If someone different will be picking your child up, please let an adult at the door know. Chaperones for the event are staff members only.

Your child does not need a ticket to enter the social because their name will be on the sign-in sheet.

More Student Council News: Student Council will be holding another "Penny War" this month to raise money for our "Extravaganza". Please watch for more information!



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 8:20 a.m.
- It is important to decide how your child is going home prior to coming to school (except in the case of 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.

News from the Clinic:

Good dental care is important for all children, no matter how old they are. The American Dental Association (ADA) website (www.ada.org) recommends the following:

1. **Brush your teeth twice a day**, with a soft-bristled brush. The size and shape of your brush should fit your mouth, allowing you to reach all areas easily. Use toothpaste that contains fluoride, which helps protect your teeth from decay. When choosing any dental product, look for the American Dental Association Seal of Acceptance, an important symbol of a dental product's safety and effectiveness.
2. **Cleaning between the teeth once a day with floss** or interdental cleaners removes plaque from between the teeth, areas where the toothbrush can't reach. It is essential in preventing periodontal (gum) disease.
3. **Replace your toothbrush every three or four months** or sooner if the bristles become frayed. A worn toothbrush will not do a good job of cleaning your teeth. Children's toothbrushes often need replacing more frequently than adults because they can wear out sooner.

By taking care of your teeth, eating a balanced diet and visiting your dentist regularly, you can have healthy teeth and an attractive smile your entire life.

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

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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