

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

April 5
Exceptional Student
Extravaganza & Autism
Walk

April 11
Field Day



April 11
All Pro Dad's
8:45 a.m.

April 14-30
FCAT Testing

April 17
School Advisory
Council 7:30 a.m.

April 18
No School for
Students

FCAT Week News

From April 14-28, we will have a quiet campus for FCAT testing. Please no visitors or volunteers on campus at this time. Also, we will not have Chorus and ORFF practice. Thank you for your support during this testing time.



April 21
McDonald's Night
5-7 p.m.

April 30
Progress Reports

Principal's Message

The last quarter of the 2013-14 school year is here! This quarter brings a lot of culminating activities, as well as culminating academic assessments. A good night's rest is the best way for student's to do their best academically and in all areas. Thanks for supporting their efforts by encouraging this positive behavior.

During our FCAT testing window, there will be no visitors or volunteers on campus. We look forward to seeing you as volunteers and visiting the campus for lunch after April 28th.

Keep up the great work NRES!

Lynn Pabst



FCAT Test Schedule 2014

Monday, April 14: 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade

Tuesday, April 15: 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade

Wednesday, April 16: 3rd, 4th & 5th Grade

Thursday, April 17: 3rd, 4th and 5th Grade

Monday, April 21: 3rd, 4th, and 5th Grade
Make Up Testing

Tuesday, April 22: 5th Grade/ 2nd Grade SAT

Wednesday, April 23: 5th Grade

Thursday, April 24: 5th Grade

Friday, April 25: 5th Grade

Monday, April 28: Make Up Testing

Tuesday, April 29: Make Up Testing

Wednesday, April 30: Make Up Testing



Pasco County Exceptional Student Extravaganza & Autism Walk

April 5, 2014

5K starts at 7:00 a.m.

Extravaganza Events 10:00 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Hosted By: New River Elementary

Admission: Free

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

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), and 5K & Fun Run (Sign-up required)

*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.

Congratulations to Our Pride Students

Each New River Team had the opportunity to choose a student who is a great example of our schoolwide expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.

This program is sponsored by the Wesley Chapel Chamber of Commerce and the following students were chosen to be Pride Students for NRES: Zariah Farrington, Jannele Ong, Billy Rodriguez, DeShun Poole, Matthew Beinhauer, Zion Onabanjo, Jeffrey Mitler, John Helms, Jackson Hudson, William Elfe, Cassie Balch, and Collyn Ouellette.

Our Pride Community Partner is one of our wonderful school volunteers, Israel Serrano. Congratulations!



Garden Report

Written by Mrs. Dinwiddie



The New River garden is in a re-birth stage after our mild winter season. Our K-5 classes have sown seeds and some areas of our garden are already showing sprouts. Our youngest botanists are growing fruits and vegetables that will be sold at our second annual Farmer's Market this month.

All of our Primary classes are creating Garden Themed crafts to sell at the Farmer's Market. Please look for their "store front" booths that will be set up on the sidewalk in front of classrooms. We hope to see everyone at our Farmer's Market at the Exceptional Student Extravaganza, April 5th!



Art News

On our last quarter, art students will be exploring 3-Dimensional shapes and form. We will be learning about the famous American artist, Alexander Calder, who made mobile sculptures and toys. Students will be able to contrast 2-D and 3-D shapes and will create a drawing using color and shadows. At the end of the unit, students will be able to make a sculpture out of CLAY and will also be glazing their piece. Students will be able to take their clay home when all pieces are finished. Thank you for your support and your appreciation to our talented art students.

P.E. News

We are looking forward to Field Day on Friday, April 11th. We want to thank all of the volunteers who will be attending on that day. Our "Running Club Fun Run" will be held on Friday, May 9, 2014. Please look for information to come home with our club members next month. Presidential Fitness testing for our intermediate students will begin on Monday, April 28th. Please encourage your intermediate student to continue practicing push-ups and sit ups.

Our Breakfast of Champions held this month honored the following students for their dedication and hard work: Dean Worrels, Davien Worrels, Madison Dupre, Jazmin Beaz, Logan Jeffrey, Ketzia Garcia, Brooke Baldus, Aylan Moss, Koral Shirbach, Evan Drinkwater, Rylee Ruegger, Aubrey-Lynn Folk, Rylee Humphries, Brendan Christopher, Brent Johnson, Vishnu Somayajula, Zachary Espinola, Kaylynn Shirbach, Alina Jacob, Aidan Wood, Isabel Lugo, Connor Libby, Olivia Sullivan, Nicolai LaRota, Brantley Hayward and Payton Leidy.

Music News

N.R.E.S. will be participating in All County Chorus and Orff! Hannah Butler, Brooke Baldus, Giselle Navarra, and Madison Dupree will sing with the All County Chorus. Alexandria Pouleminos and Mitchel Byrn will play with the All County Orff Ensemble. Best of luck & break a leg in your April 12th concert!

The N.R.E.S. Chorus will perform at "Absolutely Avalon" on 4/12! Avalon Park is sponsoring this event which is located conveniently in the neighborhood behind our school. Students should arrive at 5:30p.m. for our brief 5:45 p.m. performance. All of our NRES families are encouraged to come attend! There will be free games, bounce houses, egg hunt, and laser light show, as well as food trucks to purchase food.

N.R.E.S. Chorus and Orff will also perform at Busch Gardens on Thursday, May 22!

Kindergarten and 1st grade will be preparing for their spring musical "A Farmers Life" on Tuesday, May 13th at 7p.m. If you are a parent of a K/1 student and have not had a chance to return a permission slip, please do so as soon as possible. We are encouraging and welcoming all K/1 students to perform at the event. If you need a new permission form please contact your student's classroom teacher or Mr.

Wohl at rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us.



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 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.

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

SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE! SAVE THE DATE!

All Pro Dad's Meeting with Superintendent Browning on April 11, 2014

What is All Pro Dad and iMom? 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 All Pro Dad and iMom, 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 meeting: All Pro Dad will meet April 11, at 8:45 a.m., and Superintendent Browning will be our guest at this meeting. Please R.S.V.P. to attend this event so that we can plan to have enough food for everyone. If you have any questions, please contact Scott and Laura Carlson at llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Congratulations to our New River STEM Fair Winners!

Thank you to all of our New River students who entered the Stem Fair. We had over 100 entries this year!

The following students are our 1st place winners: **Diego Arroyo-Green, Mitchell Byrn, Elsie Calderon, Nicholas Mackley, Danny Polce, Alexandria Poulimenos, Beck Rufe and Aidan Wood.**

Our students who won 2nd place are: **Hailey Jorgensen, Ryan Ly, Bella Pagliuca, Christopher Pagliuca, Eric Perrault, Kaylynn Shirbach, Koral Shirbach, and Sarah Sims.**

Our students who won 3rd place are: **Exzavier Beckwith, Evan Drinkwater, Anastasia Krekic, Atheena Kuriakose, Eric Ly, Ryan McCants, Odette Rodriguez, and Hailey Turner.**

Our students who won 4th place are: **Sean Esquinaldo, Antonio Gonzalez, Kate Ridge, Saige Rivera, Seth Romanowski, Rylee Ruegger, C.J. Sistros, and Vishnu Somayajula.**

We'd like to extend a big "Thank You" to all of our New River parents and teachers, too!



PTA News

The time has come to form the PTA board for the 2014-2015 school year. This is your chance to become part of the NRES PTA Board. There are many positions available. Please contact April Ruegger at aruegger@pasco.k12.fl.us or Coach Mitchell at hmitchel@pasco.k12.fl.us if you think you might be interested and for more information. Thank you so much again for all of the wonderful support for NRES PTA!



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