

# Reptile Review



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## Important Dates

May 1  
Progress Reports

May 5 - 9  
Staff Appreciation Week

May 5  
Kindergarten Registration  
9:00-12:00 a.m. or  
6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Kindergarten Workshop 6:30 - 7:30 p.m.

May 9  
Muffins with Mom  
8:45 a.m.  
Fun Run 10:30 a.m.

May 13  
Art Show 5-7 p.m.  
K-1 Musical 7 p.m.  
PTA General Assembly Mtg. to elect officers  
6:45 p.m.

May 15  
SAC Meeting 7:30 a.m.  
1st Grade Living Museum 2:00 p.m.

May 15  
Primary Social K & 1st  
4:00-6:00 p.m.  
Chorus / ORFF Concert  
7 p.m.

May 16  
All Pro Dads 8:45 a.m.  
Book Fair Begins

May 19  
McDonald's Night  
5 - 7 p.m.

May 22  
Chorus Field Trip  
Busch Gardens

May 23  
School Mall  
RC Reading Celebration

May 26  
Memorial Day / No School

May 27  
4th Grade Awards 10 a.m.  
1st Grade Awards 2 p.m.

May 28  
2nd Grade Awards 10 a.m.  
Iguana's Awards 2 p.m.

May 29  
3rd Grade Awards 10 a.m.  
Kindergarten Awards 2 p.m.  
5th grade Auction

May 30  
Disney Quest Field Trip  
5th Grade  
4th Grade Talent Show

June 2  
5th Grade Awards 10 a.m.  
5th Grade Celebration

Picnic Lunch for all students Grades K-4

June 3  
Last day of school for students



## Principal's Message

This will be our last newsletter for the 2013 - 14 school year. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. I want to personally thank all of the New River families for their wonderful support throughout the year. You have amazing children and the entire staff is so proud of their many accomplishments.

This summer, I hope that you will encourage your child to read and keep up their academic endeavors. A few minutes a day of writing, reading and some math activities can really pay off next year. Watch for book lists, academic opportunities, etc. that will be coming home with your child at the end of the year.



## Reading Counts Celebration 2014

Each year we celebrate the efforts of all of our students that work toward Reading Counts goals. In past years we have celebrated after school, which meant that some students would not be able to celebrate due to transportation or scheduling conflicts. So this year we will celebrate their accomplishments during the school day. The event will be held on Friday, May 23<sup>rd</sup>, each grade level has determined their point range at the beginning of the year and students are aware of those goals. Below is the list of events that will be held that day.

- Goal #1 – Sock Hop
- Goal #2 – Outside Games
- Goal #3 – Big Kahuna Water Slide
- Goal #4 – Sponge Toss
- Goal #5 – Water Obstacle Course
- Goal #6 – Minute to Win It Games
- Goal #7 – Movie and Snack
- Goal #8 – Glow in the Dark Hour (This will be held at night from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.)
- Goal #9 – Cosmic Bowling at Pin Chasers (This event will be held on another night)

So keep encouraging your child to read. The last day to reach the goals will be Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup>.



## **Muffins With Mom!**



Friday, May 9, 2014, 8:45 a.m.

New River Elementary Cafeteria

Bring your mom or a female adult to breakfast.

There will be mom trivia, puzzles and books to read together.

There is no charge for this event. So we know how many to plan for, please complete the pink form sent home this week and return it to your child's teacher.

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## **Tropicana Speech News**

In the month of March, our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade students participated in a **Tropicana Speech Contest**. We were very proud of their speeches! Congratulations to the top three winners from our school-wide competition!

**1st Place: Lexi Poulimenos**

**2nd Place: Brooke Baldus**

**3rd Place: Davien Worrels**



## **Safety is Practiced at New River Elementary**

Did you know that our students and staff participate in a variety of systematic drills as required by Pasco County School District? For your child's safety at school, we practice a fire drill each month, as well as various weather related, health and safety drills each semester.



## **PTA News**

It is so hard to believe that the end of the year is already fast approaching. I want to thank each and every family for all of your support this year. From fundraisers, to donations, to volunteer hours, NRES PTA can't thank you enough.

We still have a few openings for positions on the board for the 2014-2015 school year. If you are interested in more information please contact Holly Mitchell or April Ruegger. Our final general meeting will be held Tuesday, May 13, prior to the Music Concert. Again, as PTA President I truly can't thank you enough for a wonderful year! April Ruegger



## **ART NEWS**

NRES is happy to announce that we will be having our annual Art Show in the Media Center on May 13th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m..

**Box Tops:** Please continue to bring in your boxtops to earn DOUBLE the dollar amount!

**Lost and Found:** Please encourage your child to check the lost and found for lost items. We have many jackets, sweaters and other items.

## **CAMP WOW at PLACE!**

This summer, PLACE students will participate in many exciting activities such as field trips, outdoor recreation, guest presentations, special interest clubs...and much more! To register, please call the PLACE site manager, Marcie, at (813) 346-0592. Summer hours are 6:30 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. The adventure never ends at Camp Wow!



## **Autism Walk at NRES**



We would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in the 2014 Exceptional Student Extravaganza and Autism Walk event that was held on April 5th. We appreciate everyone who volunteered their time, donated gift baskets and made contributions to make this day a huge success. It was a wonderful day full of walking, games, competition, good food and fun!

**Chorus and Orff members:** All monies and forms for Busch Gardens must be received by May 2nd! Mr. Wohl will be ordering tickets and busses then. If you have any questions regarding Busch Gardens please contact Mr. Wohl at [rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us) or call 813-346-0500

**On Tuesday, May 13th K/1 will be presenting a Spring musical "A Farmer's Life".** All K/1 students are welcomed to participate. Please request a permission form from your child's teacher. Students need to be at NRES by 6:30p.m. The performance will begin at 7p.m. The concert is free and all K/1 families are encouraged to attend. Students should wear a farmer or vegetable costume or something nice to the performance. Any farmer or vegetable will do, and any costume homemade or store bought is fine. Be creative! If you opt not to wear a costume then boys and girls can wear slacks and a polo or button down shirt/blouse, or a long dress/skirt for girls is appropriate.

**On Thursday, May 15th Chorus and Orff will perform their annual Spring Concert.** The students should arrive by 6:30p.m. The performance will begin at 7p.m. There will be a brief mandatory meeting for parents of students who are attending the Busch Gardens performance trip following the concert. All chaperones will be given assignments at this time. If your child is using an annual pass or fun pass please bring it to the concert. We will be collecting them for entrance to the park on 5/22.

**On May 22nd the Chorus and Orff ensemble will travel to Busch Gardens.** Students and chaperones should be at NRES no later than 8:30a.m. Please bring money for a snack/lunch at Busch Gardens. Forms will be sent home prior to the trip regarding bag lunches from the school. We will depart Busch Gardens at 6p.m. Please be prepared to pick up your students at between 6:45p.m. & 7p.m. Traffic will be a determining factor in our arrival time.

**If there is sufficient interest NRES will offer a musical summer enrichment program: "Song Writing 101"!** Students will collaborate to write melodies, utilize technology to produce accompaniment tracks, and record their creations culminating in a concert where we will share our original creations. Watch for more news regarding these fun and beneficial summer programs NRES will offer.



Join us for  
"A Farmer's Life"  
Musical featuring  
our K/1st grade  
students on May  
13th!



## 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, and PLACE.

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

## iMom and All Pro Dad

Have you been to an iMom or All Pro Dad breakfast this year? There are 2 more dates to attend before the school is out. iMom will meet on Friday, May 2nd and All Pro Dad will meet on May 16th at 8:45 am in the media center. Be sure to let us know that you are coming so we can prepare enough breakfast and printables for all those that attend.

So what is it all about? At school, it is a chance to have a little breakfast with your child while engaging in conversation. These are school-based programs that bring parents together with their kids at their child's school. Dads gather monthly with their children and other dads to discuss topics relevant to school-age children and to take part in fun bonding activities. The dads leave with practical parenting tips they can take home and implement immediately and the kids leave with memories to last a lifetime. During iMom, moms gather with their kids and other moms to discuss topics and encourage their kids and one another.

If you have any questions, please let us know. You can contact Mrs. Carlson at [llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us).



## PE News



It has been a very healthy year at NRES. Our Fun Run Club has logged over 3000 miles! If your family is looking for a way to continue to run this summer, there is a running club at Wiregrass Mall, "Fit Niche" on Thursday night at 6:00 P.M.. All runners have the opportunity to earn a t-shirt and it is a great way to keep up with your running endurance. Our Breakfast of Champions held this month honored the following students for their dedication and hard work: Andrea Rios, Jason Oliver, Angelina Trader, Gillian Sacher-Brown, Natalie Aponte, Caya Carlson, Cassie Balch, Carys Mullins, Kimberleigh Velez, Stephanie Arana, Anthony Scruggs, Joseph Barnes, Gabriel Rivera, Jhamia Edwards, Skylar Goodspeed, Odette Rodriguez, Sarah Sims, Lorelai Powers, Jonathan Smith, Erin Sonoqui, Joyla Tenryk, Kayleigh Heppenstall, Mackenzie McNamara, Adrianna Trader, Peter Oldenberg, Treston Wagner, Andrew Coleman, Marisa Gonzalez, Jennifer Patten, Alexandra Bennet, Matthew Beinhauer, Isabella Negrete, Taylor Richardson, Emma Snider, and Sidveer Bajaj.

Remember: Be Respectful, Be Safe, Be Responsible



## 5th Grade Auction News

As part of the end of the year activities, the 5th grade students will participate in an auction. This auction is held for the 5th grade students to spend their money that they have been collecting at the school malls all year.

We have been collecting items to have at the auction, but we need your help in collecting additional items. We are asking for donations of gift cards, monetary donations, or any items you would like to purchase on your own. We will also accept "gently used" items such as video games, if they are in 100% working condition. All purchases and donations should be age appropriate.

If you are willing to help, please send your donation into your student's teacher with a note attached saying '5th Grade Auction'. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Jones ([dljones@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dljones@pasco.k12.fl.us)) or Elizabeth Jenkins ([ejenkins@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ejenkins@pasco.k12.fl.us)).

Thank you,  
The Fifth Grade Teachers



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Superintendent

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