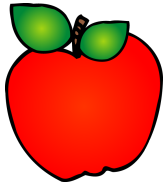


# Reptile Review

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September 1  
Holiday No School

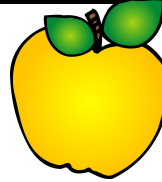
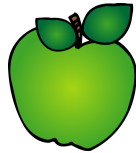
September 2 - 9  
Book Fair  
in the Media Center  
Open 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

September 2  
Open House Grades K-2  
Spaghetti Dinner  
Book Fair  
Open 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

September 4  
Open House  
Grades 3-5  
Book Fair  
Open 5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

September 6  
Garden Dig Day  
9-11 a.m.

September 6  
Grand Breakfast Event  
8-10 a.m.  
Book Fair  
Open 8 - 10 a.m.



September 12  
Music Movie Night  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

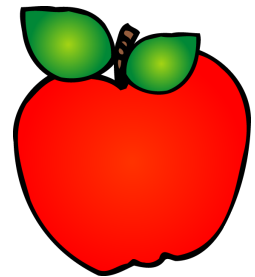
September 15  
McDonald's Night  
5 - 7 p.m.

September 18  
School Advisory  
Council 7:30 a.m.

September 19  
Progress Reports

## Our School Hours

9:20 a.m. Breakfast  
9:30 a.m. Class  
9:40 a.m. Tardy Bell  
3:50 p.m. Dismissal



## Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2014/15 school year. We have gotten off to a great start! If you are a new family to our school, welcome! Our school wide theme was inspired by superintendent, it is "Own It, Believe in It, Work Hard for It". You will see these words displayed in classrooms and staff areas. Together, as a staff, we are committed to providing a learning environment that is engaging and will motivate your child to take opportunities to show what they know. As the year progresses, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or stop by to discuss any questions, concerns or celebrations. My e-mail is [spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us). Also, be sure to like us on Facebook (New River Elementary) and follow us on Twitter (NewRiverElem or Lynn Pabst).

## STEAM

This year all of our students at NRES will be given the opportunity to participate in additional **STEAM**: **S**cience, **T**echnology, **E**ngineering, **A**rt, **M**athematics curriculum twice each month! At the beginning of the semester your child will be given a choice of standards-based learning experiences and will be held on Friday afternoons beginning September 5th.

The New River Elementary School Community is a safe, positive, collaborative, learning environment focused on creating life-long learners who will achieve their highest potential.

## Bus Numbers and Colors:

Black C620  
 Green D467  
 Blue D401  
 Red Z578  
 Orange Z523  
 Silver Z590  
 Purple Z571  
 Red Checkered Z533  
 Black Checkered Z503  
 Purple Checkered Z567  
 Orange Checkered Z534



### School Bus News

*Our school bus drivers and bus assistants are ready to safely transport your child to and from school! Here are a few reminders for safety on the bus. (Be sure to review the Student Code of Conduct with your child for additional bus rules and procedures.)*

*Students are required to obey drivers' hand signals when crossing the road.*

*Students must stay seated in assigned seat while the bus is in motion.*

*If the bus has seat belts, students must stay buckled-up until the bus stops at the student's assigned bus stop.*

*Students must use a quiet voice when talking to a student next to them. No talking if the inside bus lights are turned on.*

*The driver has full authority and must be obeyed when riding the bus.*

*Please contact Mrs. Craig at (813) 346-0500 or [ccraig@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ccraig@pasco.k12.fl.us) with any bus questions or concerns.*



## Guidance News: What is Bullying?

Bullying is aggressive, unwanted, and unprovoked behavior that is intentional, involves an imbalance of power or strength, and is typically repeated over time.

### What you can do:

- Tell your child to report bullying to a trusted adult, teacher, guidance counselor and/or school administrators.
- Discuss ways of responding to bullying.
- Teach your child to be assertive.
- Tell the child not to react, but to walk away and get help if he/she is being bullied.
- Make sure the child knows that bullying is not his/her fault.

Please feel free to contact our NRES Guidance Counselor, Virginia Thom: (813) 346-0500 or [vthom@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:vthom@pasco.k12.fl.us).

### Clinic News

We want to welcome our New Clinic Assistant, Suzanne Bailey, to New River. At this time we are in need of clean, gently used or new, girl and boy clothing for sizes 10, 12 and 14. Donations of new underwear in all children's sizes would be greatly appreciated also.

Thank you for your support!

## Cafeteria News

*The New River Cafeteria Staff is ready to serve our students a delicious and nutritious breakfast and lunch!*

Breakfast: \$1.35

Reduced price: \$0.30

Lunch: \$2.15

Reduced price: \$0.40



Food and Nutrition

Services is pleased to offer parents a convenient, inexpensive, and safe way to pay for their child's school meals online using a debit or credit card through the prepayment service provider, myLunchMoney.com. It's a quick and easy way to ensure there is always lunch money on their child's account.

We encourage parents to eat lunch with their child during their class designated lunch time.



After checking in at the front office, parents may sit with their child at the family table inside the cafeteria or at a picnic table located just outside of the cafeteria. Parents may also purchase adult meals in the cafeteria for \$3.75.



Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible!

# Open House K-2

Tuesday, September 2, 2014

PTA Spaghetti Dinner\*\*

5:00 - 6:00 p.m.

PTA Meeting - 5:45 p.m.

## Classroom Visitations

K - 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

1<sup>st</sup> - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

2<sup>nd</sup> - 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

## Book Fair - Media Center

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

# Open House

## Gr. 3-5

Thursday, September 4, 2014

PTA Meeting - 5:45 p.m.

## Classroom Visitations

3<sup>rd</sup> - 6:00 - 6:30 p.m.

4<sup>th</sup> - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

5<sup>th</sup> - 7:00 - 7:30 p.m.

## Book Fair - Media Center

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

## **\*\* Spaghetti Dinner**

Tuesday, September 2, 2014 Serving 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Spaghetti, salad, breadstick, dessert, and drink

Adults - \$5.00 Children (ages 3 - 10) - \$3.50 Children under age 3 free

(Reservation Form sent home)

## ART News

Welcome back NRES art students! It has been a wonderful summer and now we are ready to begin our quarter with some new and exciting art projects. First of all, please allow me to welcome our new two day art teacher, Mrs. Holcombe, who comes to us from Seven Oaks Elementary School.

Our first week flew by as we learned our school wide rules and art room rules. The students also worked on a summer art book that included sentences and lots of pictures of their summer fun. For our second week, we will be talking about commemorating our 9/11 victims by drawing a picture for this memorial. Our best pictures will be selected and will go on to be displayed in a show held at Sims Park in New Port Richey.

Students will also be learning about our first art element--line; and how to draw a city scene and a self portrait. Students will use a variety of tools such as crayons, pencils and oil pastels. We will be talking about the artist, Vincent Van Gogh, and will be talking about one of his most famous art works, "The Starry Night".

Thank you, Juliana Frain and Patti Holcombe

## PE News

Welcome Back! We are very excited about everything we have planned for this year. For the 4<sup>th</sup> year in a row we have received the Fuel Up to Play 60 grant. This allows us to buy equipment and food for healthy taste tests at the NRES Mall. What we need you to do is to go on the Fuel Up to Play 60 website, [fueluptoplay60.com](http://fueluptoplay60.com), and register your child. For us to be able to track a student's progress, we suggest using the lunch number as the username. Fuel Up to Play 60 has challenged New River to register at least 100 students this year. Thanks for your support!

We are looking forward to Fun Run Club, for 2-5 grade students, again this year. Look for information coming home soon. It will start in October and will be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM. If your child rides a bus, he/she will come out to the field when the bus arrives.

Exercise Logs have already been sent home for this quarter. Please encourage your child to exercise at home every day. It is very important to start forming lifestyle behaviors to increase physical activity. Second quarter the exercise log will include nutrition logs on the back to track healthy eating also.

Thank you for your support!! We are looking forward to a GREAT year!

Thank you, Coaches Mitchell, Gillooly, and Ketterer

## Music News

Movie night is Friday, September 12th. It will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:30! Tickets will be \$5 and include pizza, popcorn, and a drink! All students 2nd to 5th grade can preorder tickets between 9/2 and 9/11. No tickets will be sold at the door!

## Traffic Safety On Our Campus

This year with the increase in students, that also brings an increase in cars and an increase in wait time. Our goal every morning and afternoon is to get all students dropped off and picked up safely. For this reason, we want to be sure that all families cooperate with the following reminders:

- The speed limit on school property is 15 mph at all times.
- Students may only get out of or into cars at the numbered spaces in front of the school (unless escorted to or from the parking lot by an adult). No drop offs in the parking lot.
- 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.

Please be sure to follow the arrows in the parking lanes of the parking lot. Please be sure to follow the arrows in the parking lanes of the parking lot.

- Remember our entry road is only two lanes, one entering and one leaving. It is a solid line, no pass zone.

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



## Dig Day Event!

### NRES Garden...Where Students Bloom, Grow, and Thrive

New River Elementary School is hosting its Annual Dig Day on **Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> from 9:00AM-11:00AM**. We would love for you to join us as we prepare our garden for new plants and seeds. Bring your gardening tools, gloves, and water! Wear a hat and sunscreen. We will be raking, digging, and planting!

Our goals for Dig Day are to remove any existing weeds and debris, till in soil amendments, form raised rows, sow seeds, and transplant seedlings.

Already have plans on September 6<sup>th</sup> and can't make it? Send in a donation to help pay for the cost of plants. Place your donation in an envelope with my name (Mrs. Dinwiddie) written on it and send it to school with your child. Donations of plants are also welcome.

We hope to see you Saturday, September 6<sup>th</sup> for our Annual Dig Day at NRES. Phone 813-346-0500 or email [mdinwidd@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:mdinwidd@pasco.k12.fl.us) with questions.



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