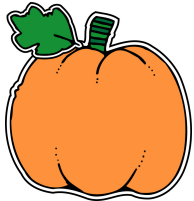


# Reptile Review

October 1, 2014

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## Important Dates



**October 3**  
PTA Cookie Dough  
Fundraiser Begins

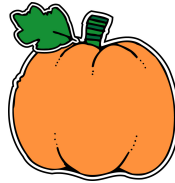
**October 3**  
All Pro Dad's in Media  
Center 8:45 a.m.

**October 10**  
Karaoke Night

**October 13**  
PTA Cookie Dough  
Fundraiser Due

**October 13**  
McDonald's Night  
5-7 p.m.

**October 16**  
School Advisory  
Council 7:30 a.m.



**October 20**  
Planning Day  
No School for  
Students

**October 24**  
Trunk or Treat  
6-8 p.m.

**October 27**  
Report Cards

**October 29**  
PTA Executive  
Board Meeting  
4:15 p.m.

**October 31**  
Book Character  
Parade 10:00 a.m.

**October 31**  
School Mall

## Attendance

School attendance is extremely important to success in school. Regular and consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in making good grades.

Please join us as we work to improve attendance and tardy rates at NRES this year!

## Principal's Message

Pumpkins are appearing, the air is a little cooler, and it is October! October will be a busy month at our school. Please be sure to keep the newsletter and check our website weekly for important dates and events. Congratulations to all of our students for meeting the reading challenge!

All of our students are working toward earning their Spirit Stick holder by maintaining their reading stamina. Ask them how many minutes they are able to maintain their reading stamina in the "Reading Ready Position" with "Eyes on the Page".

In order to be able to give the Spirit Sticks for academic and behavior, we sell fun spirit sticks on Fridays. The cost is \$1.00 each. Cowabunga! Teenage Mutant Ninja Turtles and Lego Movie spirit sticks, in addition to Halloween Candy Bars will be the next spirit sticks coming in October! I hope to see you at one of our family events at NRES this month!

Lynn Pabst  
[spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us)



## NRES Family Events!



### Trunk or Treat Festival

Games~Food~Fun~Treats

Friday, Oct. 24th 6:00-8:00 p.m. at the  
Bus Loop

Students may walk the New River Elementary Bus Loop for free candy. In addition to trunk or treat, there will be a fall festival. You may purchase tickets for games, food and more. Watch for the flyer to sign up to help at this event.

### Good Character Parade

Friday, Oct. 31st, 10:00 a.m. at the Bus  
Loop

Students may dress up like a character that shows good character traits. Families are invited to come and watch. Please, remember, no scary costumes or any type of weapons are allowed.





## P.E. News

It has been a great month for our Fuel Up to Play 60 web players. We have four student ambassadors who are eligible for NFL prizes through the website. Good luck to Rylee Ruegger, Aidan Wood, Cameron Keene and J.P. Grossberg. NRES running club begins on Thursday, October 2nd, at 9:00 A.M. It will be a great year of running for our club participants. GO REPTILE RUNNERS! Please remember exercise logs are due October 10th. The log must be completely filled out and signed by a parent or guardian.

## Art News

In Mrs. Frain's art class, students have been working on finishing their Reflections Programs pictures on: "The world would be a better place if..."

Our next project is based on the Dutch artist, Vincent van Gogh. We are learning how he used different kinds of lines and color to express his emotions. The primary grades will be working on recreating The Starry Night picture using oil pastels, and the intermediate grades will be learning how to create a picture of a landscape using the brush stroke technique.

For our next picture, students will be learning about different kinds of geometric and organic shapes. Students will be making a collage using different color paper to create a still life, and we will be learning about the life of a French artist named, Henry Matisse, who created collages out of found objects.



Mrs. Holcombe's artists recently finished their self-portraits while learning how to draw realistic proportions using a formula. They look amazing! In the current lesson, students are painting fantastic abstract artworks as they learn about the most basic element of art line. Students have enjoyed learning about the Russian artist, Wassily Kandinsky, and his abstract style of art. Shape will be the focus of our next lesson as students learn about the still life artworks by Paul Cezanne. Using oil pastels, students will create a still life full of warm fall color.

## Music News

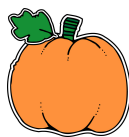
The Karaoke Social will be held 10/10 at 6:30p.m. Tickets are \$5 and 2nd-5th grade are invited. All tickets must be purchased by 10/9!

Preparations have begun for the 4th & 5th grade musical "Meet The Composers". Please return the yellow permissions slips with intent to participate as soon as possible. The performance will be held 11/13 at 7p.m.

Please return any remaining Chorus or Orff permission forms and polo money. If students have a polo from last year that fits and is in good shape, they do not have to order a new one. Please watch for upcoming news regarding our December 2nd & 3rd grade musical.



## All Pro Dad



What does your kid need for breakfast? You! All Pro Dad Day is a simple idea with a profound impact that can really strengthen a dad's relationship with his children. **All Pro Dad** was launched in 1997 by Mark Merrill with the help of **Tony Dungy**, former head coach of the **2006 Super Bowl** champion **Indianapolis Colts**. **All Pro Dad** is built on a football theme and features more than 50 **NFL** players, coaches and alumni who speak out on the importance of being a good father. This month's topic is called the Power of Being Consistent. NRES started a chapter in 2010 and has been getting together ever since. All Pro Dad morning is Friday, October 3, 2014, at 8:45 a.m. in the Media Center. To RSVP for the event please go to the website: <http://www.allprodad.com/2228>. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Carlson at 346-0500. We hope to see you there!

**Remember: Be Respectful, Be Safe, and Be Responsible!**





Oct. 27 –31, 2014  
is Red Ribbon Week



“Own It, Believe It, Work Hard For It”

**Monday** - “A Happy Me Is Drug Free”  
Wear red and smiley faces.

**Tuesday** –“Be a Superhero and Stand Up to Drugs”  
Dress up like a super hero (school appropriate attire).

**Wednesday** -“Stick Together to Fight Drugs”  
Twin day-you and a friend dress alike

**Thursday** – “Sock It To Drugs”  
Wear silly socks

**Friday** – “My Character Counts--I’m Drug Free”  
Dress as someone you want to be in the future for our Good Character Parade.  
(Students may dress up like a character that shows good character traits. There will be a book character parade at 10:00 a.m. in the bus loop. Families are invited to come and watch. No scary costumes or any types of weapons allowed.)

Pasco Learning & Activity Centers of  
Enrichment  
PLACE

3rd Annual Lights on Afterschool  
Thursday, October 23, 2014

6:30pm – 8:30pm

Sims Park Amphitheater, New Port Richey

New River Families:

Please label all jackets, sweaters, hats and lunch boxes that your child brings to school! If an item ends up in the lost and found we will be able to return it to your child if it is labeled with your child’s full name.

Thank you from Renee,  
NRES Plant Manager

Please be sure to follow us on Twitter  
[@NewRiverElemen](#) to view the exciting events and learning happening at NRES!

## Restaurant Day at NRES

Have you heard of Restaurant Day at NRES? Restaurant Day is a day where we celebrate good manners in the NRES cafeteria. On a special day, a local restaurant sponsors a special lunch time for one student from each class. The students who are chosen by cafeteria staff and teachers get to eat lunch on the stage. While eating, they get to talk about the menus, prices, Kid's meals and more.

In September, Pinchers at Wiregrass Mall sponsored the event. Thanks to Pinchers for all of their donations and special dessert coupons!



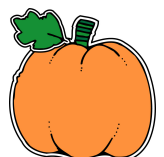
## NRES Garden News



First Grade students have been studying plant needs and parts of plants. We are anxiously awaiting for the garden to be tilled so we can begin planting. Because we are getting a late start with the Fall planting season, we won't be able to start many of our crops with seed. We are in need of more vegetable, fruit, and herb plants to put in our garden. If you are able to donate a plant, please have your child bring it to Mrs. Dinwiddie's classroom. Some suggestions include: kale, lettuce, green beans, watermelon, cantaloupe, strawberry, basil, sage, thyme, collards, sweet pepper, tomato, eggplant, zucchini, cucumber, and marigold.

Thank you!

Monica Dinwiddie





# Trunk or Treat Festival



**What:** Trunk or Treat Festival  
Games \* Food \* Fun \* Treats

**When:** Friday, October 24, 2014 -6:00 - 8:00 p.m.

**Where:** New River Elementary Bus Loop

**What is Trunk or Treat?** - Volunteer families will decorate their car and park it in the bus loop by 6:00 p.m. As children walk the loop, they will trunk or treat for candy that is being given. There is no charge. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the form below and return it to school ASAP. (Those distributing candy, must be a registered volunteer. You can register on our website - [nres.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://nres.pasco.k12.fl.us).)

In addition, tickets may be purchased for 50 cents each. Tickets are used to play games, do the cakewalk, food, prizes, colored hair spray, tattoos, sno-cones and more! It will be an evening of fun for the whole family. Tickets will be sold the week of October 21<sup>st</sup> with an early bonus ( 12 tickets for \$5.00).

We also have volunteer opportunities available at the ticket sales, cake walk, and food booth.



## Save Water Indoors

**Tired of pouring water and money down the drain?**

Watch the monthly savings add up when you use these easy tips (savings estimates based on a family of three).

### Save up to...

<b>175</b> gallons per month	Run your washing machine and dishwasher only when full.
<b>250</b> gallons per month	Rinse fruit and vegetables in a bowl of water instead of under running water.
<b>675</b> gallons per month	Turn off the water while brushing your teeth and shaving.
<b>690</b> gallons per month	Install water-saving showerheads and limit showers to five minutes.
<b>870</b> gallons per month	Replace older toilets with new low-flow models.

For more water-saving tips, contact:



WATERMATTERS.ORG • 1-800-423-5436

- New River Families: Remember to apply online to be a school volunteer. You can also apply online to determine if your child can receive free or reduced lunch and breakfast. Go to the Pasco District website: [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us).
- Then click on the Parent tab at the top of the web page. Please feel free to come to NRES to access these online applications. Thank you!

Parent Notification  
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New River Elementary  
Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Amy Ensign, Elizabeth Jenkins, Colleen Gablenz, Jenna Schafer, Joseph Maloney, Sara Vogel, Jolen Furman and Stacy Gibson.

The following teachers have agreed to work toward ASD Certification: Stella Romano.



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