

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

November 1-19
Student Council Toy
and Non-perishable
Food Drive

November 7
School Social
Grades 2-5
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

November 11
Veteran's Day
Celebration 10:00 a.m.

November 13
4th & 5th Grade
Musical "Meet The
Composers"
7:00 p.m.

November 14
Flu Mist for students
who returned the
parent permission
form
12:30 p.m.

November 17
McDonald's Night
5 p.m. - 7 p.m.
Texas Roadhouse
Spirit Night
4 p.m. - 10 p.m.

November 17
Progress Reports

November 19
Great American
Teach-In
10:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

November 20
Texas Roadhouse
Bread Pickup

November 20
School Advisory
Council 7:30 a.m.

November 24-28
No School
**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING**

Please remember to
recycle your
magazines and
paper using our
fiber collection bin.
Thank you!



Principal's Message

During November we take time to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. At the top of my list, after my family, comes the NRES community of students, staff, and families. The constant hard work, of our students and staff, is positively supported by our families. This is what makes New River Elementary a wonderful place to work and learn. Happy Thanksgiving!

Lynn Pabst

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Great American Teach-In

You can make a difference by sharing about your job, or area of special interest with our students. This year's event is scheduled for November 19th at New River, from 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You may choose to speak to one class or several classes. To participate, please contact your child's teacher or our guidance counselor, Virginia Thom, at (813) 346-0500, or email vthom@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Veteran's Day Celebration

Tuesday, November 11, 2014 - 10:00 a.m.

If you or a family member are currently serving or have served in any branch of the U.S. Military, we would like to honor your service to our country. If you are able to join the celebration, please contact Janiece at (813-346-0500) or return the note sent home with your child by Friday, Nov. 7th, to let us know you will attend.

Student Council News

Congratulations to our 2014-15 Student Council Officers:

President: Evan Drinkwater

Vice President: Brooke Baldus

Secretary: Emma Snider

Treasurer: Mikayla Mahoney



Student Council Social Announcement

Who: All 2nd-5th Grade NRES Students

What: Food, Games, Dancing, Face Painting, and Costume Contest

When: FRIDAY, November 7th

6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: NRES Cafeteria

Cost: \$5.00 (You can purchase tickets in **Mrs. Moline's, Mrs. Snider's, or Mrs. Shepard's** room before 9:55 a.m. The cost includes: pizza, snacks, and drinks.

****Tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the door!**

Students may wear a school appropriate Halloween costume if they wish. There will be a costume contest for most creative costume! (Costumes cannot include full masks, blood, weapons, or anything that would have not been suitable to wear to the Good Character Parade that took place during the school day. If you have questions about your costume idea, please ask your teacher!)



Holiday Food and Toy Drive

During the holiday season, New River has historically collected food and toys to provide these items for our families in need. This year we are specifically asking different grade levels to bring in certain items so that we are able to fulfill the needs of most of the families.

Thank you very much for sharing with others and teaching a wonderful lesson to your children. We are asking for all items to be brought in by Wednesday, November 19th.

Kindergarten

Canned Vegetables
(corn, green beans, yams)
Canned Fruit (any type)
Toys for girls (ages 5 – 8)

First Grade

Boxed Stuffing
Instant Mashed Potatoes
Toys for boys (ages 5 – 8)

Second Grade

Cranberry Sauce
Jars of Gravy
Toys for girls (ages 9 – 12)

Third Grade

Canned Pumpkin
Cans of Soup/SpaghettiOs
Toys for boys (ages 9 -12)

Fourth Grade

Boxes of Pasta
Jars of Pasta Sauce
Books for K – 5th graders

Fifth Grade

Jars of Peanut Butter
Jars of Jam/Jelly
Children's socks





Garden Report *Written by Mrs. Dinwiddie*



October was a busy month in the garden! First Graders, Kindergarten, and the Garden Guru Steam Club planted and cared for our garden. We have many rows of plants and seeds popping up. We send a big "Thank You" to everyone who donated plants or made a monetary donation. We look forward to harvesting, cooking, and eating the vegetables and herbs.

P.E. News

Students are encouraged to sign on to the Fuel Up to Play 60 website. When signing up, parental permission is necessary and you need to choose New River as your school. This month, P.E. will hold a fundraiser to help purchase our Reptile Run student t-shirts. We will be selling Sports Spirit cups! If you have any questions please call Coach Mitchell, Coach Gillooly or Coach Ketterer at (813) 346-0500.

Music News

On November 13th, the 4th & 5th grade students will present a musical "Meet the Composers". All students should arrive at the cafeteria by 6:30 p.m. The play will begin promptly at 7 p.m. Students should dress up as a composer or musician from the 1700s or they can wear something nice to the performance. Be creative! Homemade/cheap is the way to go! Look at pictures of Bach, Mozart, and Beethoven for inspiration. If you opt not to wear a composer costume then boys and girls can wear slacks and a polo or button down shirt/blouse, or a long dress/long skirt for girls is appropriate. Please refrain from wearing heels, as the students will be standing on the risers.

Positive Behavior News

It was very exciting to see all of our students spend their mall money at the recent Shoppes of New River Mall! Please remember that each day, students earn mall money for following the school wide expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.

Each month a student from each class who exhibits good manners in the cafeteria is chosen to participate in the New River Restaurant during their lunch time. Area restaurants provide "dining experience" items (placements, menu, etc.) for our students to enjoy as they eat their lunch in the New River Restaurant (on our stage). In October, Texas Roadhouse sponsored this event. We are thankful for all of their donations and for the delicious bread! Each class is also earning tally marks for a special class treat, for keeping their floor and tables trash-free, and using inside voices when talking at their lunch table. We are proud of the positive behavior shown by our NRES students!



Remember: Be Respectful,
Be Safe, and Be Responsible

iMom at NRES

Mark your calendars for Friday, November 7th, at 8:45 in the morning. What for, you ask? It is for the **iMom** breakfast! **iMom** was designed to get kids and moms to bond a little more while sharing breakfast.

iMom is the mom part of **All Pro Dad**. These groups were started by the Merrill family and the Dungy family (former Buccaneers and Colts head coach). They saw it as a way to bring families closer together. The **iMom** website has many valuable tools to use with your family, so please take a look. (www.imom.com)

My husband, Scott, has been the captain of the All Pro Dad chapter here at New River and now we work as a team to do both at our school. Come on out and see what it is all about. If you cannot make this month, we meet every month.

Hope to see you there. Look for the flyer coming home soon!
Thank you, Laura Carlson

News from the Clinic: Handwashing Reminder!

The cold and flu season is approaching, and frequent hand-washing is considered the single most effective way to cut down on the spread of infectious diseases. Proper and consistent handwashing greatly reduces the risk of spreading germs. When washing hands, follow these simple steps:

- * Wet hands with warm running water.
- * Add soap, lather hands, between fingers, backs of hands, and under fingernails for about 20 seconds.
- * Rinse hands.
- * Dry with clean paper towel.
- * Turn off water with paper towel, not your clean hands. Throw towel away.
- * ENJOY A HEALTHY, HAPPY SCHOOL YEAR!



Clinic Needs: We are in need of new underwear for boys and girls in a variety of sizes. Thank you!



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