

# Reptile Review

February 2015

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## Important Dates

**February 4, 11, 18, 25**  
Writing Camp for  
4th/5th Grade Students  
8-9:30 a.m.

**February 6**  
All Pro Dad  
8:45 a.m.

**February 9**  
McDonald's Night  
5-7 p.m.

**February 12**  
National Elementary  
Honor Society  
Induction Ceremony  
6:00 p.m.

**February 13**  
Shoppes of New River  
Mall

**February 13**  
School Social  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**February 13**  
Progress Reports



**February 14**  
Valentine's Day

**February 16**  
No School for Students

**February 19**  
SAC 7:30 a.m.

**February 26**  
STEM Fair

**February 27**  
Special Olympics

**March 2**  
FSA Writing  
Assessment  
4th/5th Grade

Please, no Volunteers  
or Visitors on campus  
March 2nd, as we will  
have a quiet campus  
for testing.  
Please return March  
3rd.  
Thank you!

## Principal's Message

February is a busy month at New River Elementary. Our oldest students are busy learning new content, as well as preparing for the FSA Florida Standard Assessment.

The assessment begins in March and will continue until the end of April. The very best way you can help your child prepare is to be sure he/she does their homework, read every night for at least 30 minutes, be on time for school, and come to school every day.

The participation for our Academic Showcase was outstanding and we greatly appreciate your support. Watch for more opportunities to come and see your child's academic work this Spring!

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

## FSA/FCAT Dates: Please Mark Your Calendars!

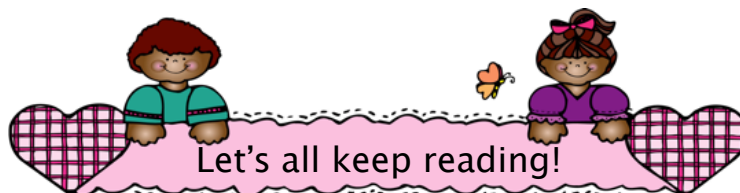
3/2 FSA Writing Grades 4/5

3/25, 26 FSA Reading Grades 3/4  
4/1, 2 FSA Math Grades 3/4

4/13, 14, 15 FSA Reading Grade 5  
4/20, 21, 22 FSA Math Grade 5  
4/27, 28 FCAT Science Grade 5

For practice tests and FSA information:  
<http://www.fsassessments.org>  
Click on the Students and Parents Box.

Parents, for more information please contact  
your  
child's teacher or call Mrs. Craig at (813)  
346-0503.



# Garden Report *Written by Mrs. Dinwiddie*

The Garden Gurus Steam Club and Mrs. Dinwiddie's first graders have been busy harvesting and weeding. We have picked cabbage, green beans, parsley, cilantro, tomatoes, collards, and carrots. Soon we will begin prepping the garden for Spring planting. Mrs. Johnson's husband has offered his services to till the ground, which will be used to plant seeds and small plants that should thrive in warmer temperatures. We anticipate a larger harvest in April which will be sold at our farmer's market during the Autism Walk Extravaganza. We could use your help! We are looking for donated seeds and plants, such as: bush beans, cantaloupe, corn, cucumbers, eggplant (not seed), peppers (not seed), squash, tomato (not seed), and watermelon. Thank you!



## ART News

Our art students have been working hard to finish their Pasco County Fair picture while using watercolors. This year's theme is "Country Roots and Cowboy Boots". Students have reflected on what symbolizes the old west while drawing their pictures. Our students enjoyed learning about the element of art space as they created a realistic western landscape. They have also learned about the Western artist, Frederic Remington, and his impact on American art history.

We are happy to announce the following students who will represent our school at this year's fair: Odette Rodriguez, Julia Jennings, Ketzia Garcia, Darwin Marrero, Eliz Santana-Bravo, Emari Lewis, Justin Murvin, Amanda Torres, Carlyse Correia, Isabella Negrete, Angeline Obando, and Julian Quiles-Horn. Congratulations to all of them and for their efforts on creating amazing art works.

The dates for the fair run from February 16-22, on the Pasco County Fairgrounds located on SR 52, just west of Pasco High School. Letters with more information will be coming home soon for those students who are participating. Please join us as we celebrate our student's art talents.

Several of our students will have the opportunity to have their artwork displayed at the Pasco County Schools District Office. The pieces submitted will remain on display until May, and all art will be returned to each student before the end of the year. We have submitted the artwork of the following students to be on display: Anastasia Kreckic, Ketzia Garcia, Kieran Milligan, Jill Butler, Saffron Stone, Angeline Obando, Nicole Flores, Addison Jones, Dakota Deck and Wesley Sims.

Artwork, from other schools, is also submitted so the pictures are rotated on a space availability basis. Our students created collages and have learned about the famous American artist and illustrator, Eric Carle, and his impact on American culture and children's literature.

This month our art students will learn about the artist, Paul Klee. Our students will create an abstract artwork and learn about the element of art value as they mix paint to create different values of color.

Thank you for the opportunity to teach your child(ren) and for fostering their love for the arts.

Mrs. Frain and Mrs. Holcombe

## Music News

Kindergarten and 1st grade will begin studying their musical "Sunny Day". Please watch for permission forms to come home.

## Early Head Start News

We are very proud of our Early Head Start student, Berlyn Dunsmore, for having perfect attendance so far this year!



## March Meow-ness at New River Elementary School

Written By Kaylin in Mrs. Carlson's Class



The students in Mrs. Carlson's class are teaming up with Wesley Chapel Elementary School to help cats that do not have food or a home. We are collecting and donating cat food to the local cat shelters.

We would like you to help us with "March Meowness" by donating cat food. Cats and kittens need you! A lot of cats need your help because they don't have food. We are a part of 10 schools that are helping with March Meowness. Cats out there are hungry and they are terrified.

Cats really need our help because it is really expensive to buy cat food, so donate food to cats now! Mrs. Carlson's class is helping cats! You can too, by bringing in your cat food donations from now until March 2nd.

Thank you,  
Mrs. Carlson's Students

### Honoring the Contributions of African-Americans

This month, a special scavenger hunt will be happening in our Media Center. Every student may complete the scavenger hunt as they learn about the many contributions of Black Americans in the history of the United States. Every student who correctly completes the scavenger hunt will receive a bookmark. They will also be entered into a drawing for prizes at the end of the month.



### American Girls for Checkout

Twelve American Girl dolls will be available for two day checkouts beginning February 2nd. Kaya, Kirsten, Addy, Rebecca, Molly, Emily, Ruthie, Kit, Felicity, Elizabeth, Josefina, & Ivy can come to your home. There will be some requirements in order to check them out:

1. A signed permission slip.
2. One of the American Girl books read and the RC quiz passed.
3. Two day checkout policy, strictly enforced.

Watch for the upcoming American Girl Tea in March!

# February

2<sup>nd</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> Grade Social

**When:** Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>  
6:30-8:30 p.m.

**Where:** NRES Cafeteria

Food, Games, and Dancing!

**Cost:** \$5.00 and includes pizza, snacks and drinks. Purchase tickets from Mrs. Moline's, Mrs. Shepard's or Mrs. Snider's room, before 9:55 a.m.

\*Students must be signed in and out at the Cafeteria. Chaperones for the event are staff members only.

**Wear your favorite football team colors or Valentine's themed clothes!**

### School Choice Open Enrollment Information

The District School Board of Pasco County is committed to providing students with educational options to support learning that is rigorous and relevant to their world and prepares them for the future. Parents can indicate their request for the best educational option for their children between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> by completing a School Choice Open Enrollment application on the district web site: [www.Pascoschools.org](http://www.Pascoschools.org).



**Valentine Grams**

Order your student or send a friend a **Valentine Gram** today! Many types available, see form sent home with your child, mark your choice and send payment (cash or check to NRES PTA). Deadline for orders Tuesday, February 10<sup>th</sup>.

Valentine Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 13<sup>th</sup>.

Valentine Grams available:

- Spirit Stick w/ Treat - \$2.00
- Spirit Stick Only \$1.00
- Flower Pen with Card - \$2.00
- Chocolate Lollipop with Card - \$2.00

\*\*\*Valentine Spirit Sticks are limited, so order early. First come, first serve.

**All Pro Dad**

All Pro Dad is a great organization whose main purpose is to bring families closer together. Please go to their website and see all the things they offer to dads and their families. Our next breakfast is Friday, February 6, 2015, in the Media Center. If you would like to attend please RSVP so we can have the right amount of food for everyone.

Sign up to get their daily emails and know when their NFL events take place. Usually in the spring, one is held at the Buccaneer's Stadium. This event is so much fun as you get to meet football players and coaches, and play fun games right on the field.

We hope to see you all on February 6 at 8:45 a.m. Please RSVP to <http://www.allprodad.com/2228>

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Carlson.

**Save The Date!**

**New River Elementary Autism Walk**

**April 18, 2015**



Come join the fun at New River Elementary as we celebrate our Exceptional Students. This extravaganza benefits all of our NRES Exceptional Students, enabling us to purchase needed technology and materials. At the event you will be able to enjoy some of the following activities:



Bounce Houses, Basket Bonanza, Carnival Games, Cake Walk, Farmer's Market (vegetables & more), 5K Foam Festival Run (Sign-up required)

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

**Schedule for the Day**

**9:00 am** 5K Foam Run/Walk (Separate sign-up required)

**9:30 am - 12:00 noon** Extravaganza Events

**12:30pm** Basket Bonanza Prizes Awarded

**1:00 pm** Wizard of Oz Dessert Theatre (STEAM Project)

Hosted By: New River Elementary School & PTA. Games and Bounce Houses are FREE. Tickets will be sold at the event to purchase food and to participate in the Gift Basket Bonanza, Cakewalk, and Dunk Tank. For more

information call (813) 346-0500 or visit <http://nres.pasco.k12.fl.us>

Interested in becoming a sponsor with a product, information booth, or for monetary donations, please contact Jon Leidy (813) 346-0500.



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