

# Reptile Review

March 2015

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## Important Dates

**March 2, 3**  
FSA Writing Test for  
4th & 5th grade

**March 6**  
All Pro Dad's  
8:45 a.m.

**March 7**  
Regional Odyssey of the  
Mind @ TEWMS

**March 9**  
McDonald's Night  
Ronald McDonald will  
be there! 5 to 7 p.m.

**March 12**  
School Advisory  
Council Meeting  
7:30 a.m. **5th grade  
parents and students  
are invited to attend!**

**March 12**  
Spring Pictures

**March 12**  
5th Grade Parent  
University at R.B.  
Stewart Middle  
School 6:15 p.m.

**March 16-23**  
Spring Break

**March 23**  
Planning Day  
No School for Students

**March 25, 26**  
FSA Reading Test for  
3rd & 4th grade

**March 30**  
Report Cards

### Way To Go New River Athletes!

We are very proud of our students who competed at the Special Olympics at Wesley Chapel High School this year. Our student athletes worked very hard to train for their events and did an excellent job competing



against students from other Pasco schools! Thank you to our parents and staff for volunteering and supporting our New River students during this exciting event!

## Principal's Message



March at New River Elementary is going to be full of emotion. On March 2nd, the FSA testing begins. The month begins with our fourth and fifth graders taking the writing portion. Then after Spring Break, our 3rd and 4th graders will take the reading portion on March 25th and 26th. April and May will have additional assessment dates. Encouraging words truly help to relieve stress, so be sure to smile a lot on testing dates and start your child's day off on a positive note.

It is with a heavy heart that I need to let you know that Mrs. Craig will be moving to Woodland Elementary as Assistant Principal. As she prepares to become a principal, this will give her the opportunity to work as an administrator at a large Title I school. She will still be at NRES throughout the month, so be sure to seek her out to say THANK YOU for all she has done for our students, staff, and school!

Each year we set a theme for the testing window. This year we have decided to go with the theme of "FSA - Find Something Awesome". So each student and staff member will be encouraged to find those awesome moments, even in the midst of trying to do something that is difficult, to reflect on and celebrate. Encourage your child to write down their Awesome Moments and share them at school. By the end of the school year, we will have some great moments to share at our award ceremonies.

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

3/2, 3	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

Please no visitors and volunteers on campus during these testing days.

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.



## Art News



Our students have just finished working on making a Color Book. Our students used oil pastels, crayons and color pencils to create their book while learning about primary, secondary, neutrals, tints and shades of color.

Our students are beginning to learn about Pablo Picasso and his influence on modern art. They will be studying his different art periods such as the Blue period, Rose period, and Cubism. Students will be exploring how Picasso used color, and creating an artwork using tempera paints. While studying the art of Picasso, students will have an opportunity to compare and contrast his life and artworks with artists they've previously studied, such as Eric Carl, Frederic Remington, and Vincent van Gogh. Thank you, Mrs. Frain and Mrs. Holcombe

## P.E. News

Dear New River Families: Field Day will be later this year, May 8<sup>th</sup>. Field Day T-Shirts will soon be on sale. The cost is \$12.00. This is a P.E. fundraiser to support our Reptile Run program. We expect over 400 students to earn those FREE Reptile Run shirts this Spring. Thank you for supporting our healthy programs. We will soon be looking for Field Day volunteers (please make sure you are an approved volunteer). Remember, if you are volunteering for field day with the P.E. Department, you will be helping run a station, not rotating with your child's class. Our running club will have their Fun Run on May 1<sup>st</sup>. We are proud of our Fun Run Club. They have come out and worked really hard every Thursday morning. Way to go, Fun Run Club!!



Thank you, Coach Mitchell, Coach Gillooly and Coach Ketterer

## Music News

Our Kindergarten and 1st grade students are working hard to prepare for their "Sunny Day" musical on 5/12/15 at 7:00 p.m. We hope to see you there for this exciting performance!

Thank you, Mrs. Collison and Mr. Wohl

## 5th Grade News



**5th Grade Wish List:** Our 5th grade teachers are collecting fun items for the end-of-year auction for our 5th grade students. Please contact Mrs. Jones [djones@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:djones@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Mrs. Milligan [rmilliga@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rmilliga@pasco.k12.fl.us) for ideas and more information. Thank you!

## R.B. Stewart Middle School News

Shea Davis, Principal at RBSMS, will be presenting at our March 12th SAC Meeting at 7:30 a.m. at New River Elementary. All parents and students are invited to attend! Important Date: 3/12/15 Parent University Night @ 6:15 p.m. at RBSMS

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## Whale Research

By Addison in Mrs. Dinwiddie's class

In my opinion, whales are the best animal. A female is a few feet longer than a male. I know that a baby killer whale is about 400 pounds. Did you know that not all carnivores eat meat? I learned that a female is 20 feet long. That is why whales are the best animals!

**Meet the Author:** Hello, my name is Addison. I am 7 years old. My favorite color is blue. When I'm not doing research, I enjoy going to the pool and playing. I hope you enjoy my project. I worked really hard on it!

## March Meowness

By Liam in Mrs. Leidy's Class

Our 2nd grade Chameleons are thrilled to help hungry cats. Can you assist by delivering cat food to us? We will then deliver it to the Tampa Bay Humane Society. You can change cats' lives. We are collecting cat food for hungry cats. Together, we can make a difference!





## New River STEM Fair 2015



Congratulations to all of our New River Elementary students who entered our school STEM Fair! The following first place winners will move on to the Pasco County District STEM Competition: Jeremiah Loo, James Sanders, Nicholas Mackley, Veer Bajaj, Ayden Dybas, Alina Jacob, Christian Diaz, and Cameron Keehn.

We will recognize all of the students who were chosen to go to our school-level STEM Fair, on March 10th, at 6:30 p.m. We will also recognize all members of our Odyssey of the Mind Teams that evening.



### Good Luck to our Five NRES Odyssey of the Mind Teams!

#### Wacky Weather Forecast

Christian Carlson  
Jaxson Pagliuca  
Xavier Appleton  
Abby Goforth  
Noah Perez  
Angelina Spadaro  
Frankie Spadaro



Fatima Abu Khaled  
Jonathan Dobbins  
Desmond Ghabbour  
Alisha Mathew  
Nicholas Spadaro  
Ethan Stone

**Coaches:**  
Laura Carlson  
Kate Robinson



#### Silent Movie

Maryam Abu Khaled  
Payton Furman  
Akshaya Meka  
Gabi Jones  
Emma Snider  
Alyssa Terrell

**Coaches:**  
Kari Johnson  
Monica Dinwiddie

#### Runaway Train

Bradley Berman  
Alina Jacob  
Brent Johnson  
Nicholas Mackley  
Rebecca Mathew  
Taylor Richardson

**Coaches:**  
Mrs. Gallahue  
Mrs. Loiacono  
Mrs. Snider



#### Technical Difficulties

Veer Bajaj  
Brendan Christopher  
Austin Dobbins  
Sean Dobbins  
Bella Pagliuca  
Saffron Stone  
Aidan Wood

**Coaches:**  
Mrs. Gallahue  
Mrs. Loiacono  
Mrs. Snider



### NRES Cafeteria News

Calling all **Super Heroes**...March 2-6<sup>th</sup> National School **Breakfast Week**

Refuel Your Superpower & Make the Grade with **Breakfast!** Please join us each morning for an **ACTION** packed, **CRIME** stopping, and **SUPER STRENGTHENING** breakfast!!!

## News from the Clinic: March is National Nutrition Month!

This is a great time to encourage both kids and parents to eat healthy foods. Consider these five tips provided by the American Dietetic Association.

1. **Make family mealtimes a priority:** Plan healthy meals in advance that offer a wide variety of healthy items.
2. **Be flexible about food:** Being overly restrictive about food can lead to an unhealthy preoccupation with food. Try not to offer it as a reward or punishment. Also, if it seems that a picky eater isn't open to new choices, be persistent.
3. **Encourage input:** It is important to seek your child's involvement with the family menu.
4. **Get Active:** Make regular family activity part of your healthy lifestyle approach, too.
5. **Be a good role model:** Children learn from their parents. Parents can be a great influence simply by having a healthy relationship with food and engaging in physical activity.

For more information visit the ADA at [www.eatright.org](http://www.eatright.org)

Lyn Herbert, R.N.  
School Nurse



## Save The Date! April 18, 2015 New River Elementary Autism Walk



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

**12:30 pm** 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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