

# Reptile Review



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## Important Dates

**April 2**  
Autism Day  
Wear blue!

**April 3**  
No School for  
Students

**April 10**  
All Pro Dad's  
Media 8:45 a.m.

**April 11**  
Grid Iron Challenge

State OM

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

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

**April 18**  
Exceptional Student  
Extravaganza

**April 30**  
Tropicana Speech  
Contest

**May 1**  
Fun Run

**May 4**  
Kindergarten  
Registration

## FSA/FCAT Dates

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. Pabst at (813) 346-0503.

## Principal's Message



The last quarter of the 2014-15 school year is here! This quarter brings a lot of culminating activities, as well as culminating academic assessments. A good night's rest is the best way for student's to do their best academically and in all areas. Thanks for supporting their efforts by encouraging this positive behavior.

During our testing window, there will be no visitors or volunteers on campus. We look forward to seeing you as volunteers and visiting the campus on days we are not testing.

Keep up the great work NRES!

Lynn Pabst

## Garden News By Mrs. Dinwiddie

Our students have been busy in the NRES Garden. A big Thank You goes out to Mr. Johnson for tilling the soil and to the Dobbins family for donating Roma tomato plants. STEAM students and Mrs. Dinwiddie's First Graders transplanted some tomato, basil, pepper, and herb plants. Seeds were sown by all first grade classes and some kindergarten classes. Our STEAM students have also helped to keep our garden weed free. Mrs. Dinwiddie's class learned about seeds, bulbs, and tubers. Steam students, Mrs. Dinwiddie's students and Miss Seller's students harvested carrots, kale, parsley, onions, beets, and collards for taste testing. We all look forward to a bountiful harvest for the Autism Extravaganza Farmers Market!





## 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**

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

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>

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



## Congratulations to Our Pride Students

Each New River Team had the opportunity to choose a student who is a great example of our schoolwide expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful, Be Responsible.

The Pride Award program is sponsored by the Wesley Chapel Chamber of Commerce and the following students were chosen to be Pride Students for NRES: **David Clarke, Zackary Melnick, Kierslyn Ryman, Mayson Baker, Layla Alharbi, Ronecia Revere, Sierra Byrd, Zariyannah Chisholm, Ithan Pujols and Clarence Brown.**

Our students will be presented with a Student Pride Award Plaque and Certificate of Achievement at the Annual Student Pride Breakfast Awards Ceremony held on April 21<sup>st</sup> at 8:00 a.m., at the Wesley Chapel High School Performing Arts Center.





## Art News

Students are beginning to learn about sculpture and the art element of form. Students will be able to compare and contrast 2-D and 3-D shapes and solids by looking at pictures, and by thinking about real life objects. Students are also practicing how to make solids such as pyramids, spheres, cubes, rectangular prisms and cylinders while using modeling clay.

Students will demonstrate what they have learned by creating a 3-D earth clay sculpture. They will practice how to roll, score, attach and add details to their piece. Also, students will understand how the process of firing and drying makes their sculptures ready to be painted and glazed. At the end of this fun unit, all students will be able to take their sculptures home.

## P.E. News

Field Day t-shirts are now 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 the FREE Reptile Run t-shirts this spring. Thank you for supporting our healthy programs!

We are currently looking for Field Day volunteers (make sure you are an approved volunteer). Field Day is May 8, 2015. Also remember, if you are volunteering for Field Day with the P.E. Department, you will be helping to run a station, not rotating with your child's class. Look for volunteer forms coming home with your child soon.

Our running club will have the Fun Run in May 1st. If your child is in running club and you haven't purchased his/her shirt, it's not too late. Please send in \$5 and the shirt size to the P.E. Dept. We would like to have a great turn out in our new shirts for the Fun Run on May 1st at 10 a.m. Thanks again for your support!!

## Book Reviews By Mrs. Lane's Class

### Hooper Finds a Family By Diego

This book is one of a kind. "Hooper Finds a Family" is about a dog who survived Hurricane Katrina. Hooper's former family left him alone by accident when they needed to evacuate the area because of the danger Hurricane Katrina represented. He survived through the whole storm and a new family finally found him and took him to be part of their family. From its awesome text structure (refers to how the information within a written text is organized) and to its sense of humor. This book should be recommended to the whole United States of America.

### Out of My Mind By Odette

Remember that toy you really wanted? Or that essay you had to say in front of class? Wish you didn't have a voice? You're about to think twice. My book, "Out of My Mind", should be read because it teaches a lesson about taking things for granted.

First, we are lucky to walk. Melody can't walk. We can run around, kick a ball or perform a cartwheel. Imagine every time you needed to, your mom would take you to the bathroom. Never being able to take that first step as you see a baby waddle all over the place.

Next, do you know how lucky we are to speak? According to the book, all Melody wants is a voice. Oh yes! She wants to be told to shut up! We are able to express ourselves with words almost without thinking. Words swirl around Melody like snowflakes, each one delicate, different, untouched in her hands.

Finally, we can move around. Play catch, or peel an orange. We take things for granted, but we are lucky we don't have to keep things to ourselves. As you can see, these are my reasons why you should read "Out of My Mind."

## PENNY WARS

**WHAT:** Each year our Student Council encourages our students to contribute to a non-profit organization. This year our Student Council will be supporting a very important event...The New River Elementary Exceptional Student Extravaganza. This event is a fundraiser to help purchase equipment and supplies for all of our Exceptional Students and will be held on Saturday, April 18<sup>th</sup>.

### WHO: All Students

Each grade will have a decorated jug on the stage in the cafeteria. Remember this is a competition between grades. The grade with the most points will win an Ice Cream Sundae Party. The goal of the "Penny War" is to collect as many pennies as possible in your jar and put as many non-pennies in everyone else's jugs. Your money is worth "points"!

### WHEN:

**March 30<sup>th</sup> to Friday April 17<sup>th</sup> / Bring your coins during lunch!**

### HOW TO PARTICIPATE:

Pennies give your grade positive points while nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars take points away. So if you see a grade with a lot of pennies inside their jug, give them some nickels, dimes, quarters, and dollars.

### POINTS:

Penny +1    Nickel    -5    Dime -10    Quarter -25    Dollar -100

**Thank you for supporting New River and good luck!**

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## Cafeteria News

### **Pasco County Health Fair & 5K Run/Walk**

Building a Healthier Student Body

**April 11, 2015**

5K Start Time: 7:30 am / 1 Mile Run: 8:30 am / Health Fair: 9-1

**Where:** Sunlake High School

3023 Sunlake Boulevard

Land O' Lakes, FL 34638

**Please go to our NRES website for registration information for this exciting event!**



## PLACE Program News

Are you looking for a safe, nurturing, educational supportive environment for your children before school, after school, or both? Then PLACE is where you need to be. We have dedicated, educated, and experienced staff that has been working with children for 16+ years. We work hand in hand with the teachers at NRES to support the educational needs of our children. Homework help is available and encouraged at PLACE. All free choice activities are focused on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) to support fun learning throughout the day. Our technology is advanced including computers and i-Pads available for the children to experience. Fees are reasonable, and hours are from 6:30AM-6:00PM. We are currently accepting registration with a limited amount of space. If you are interested or just have questions, call Mrs. Marcie or Ms. Jana @ 813-346-0592.



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