

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

May 1

Fun Run 10:30 am

May 4-8

Staff Appreciation Week

May 4

Kindergarten
Registration
9:00-12:00 am or
6:00-7:00 pm

Kindergarten Workshop
6:30-7:30 pm

May 5

Primary Social K/1
4-6 pm

May 8

Muffins with Mom
8:45 am
Field Day
5th Grade Field Trip
RBSMS

May 11

McDonald's Night
5-7 pm

May 12

Art Show 5-7 pm
K-1 Musical 7 pm



May 14

Chorus / ORFF Concert
7 pm

May 15

5th Grade Field Trip TEWMS
Book Fair Begins
Chorus/ ORFF Celebration
6-8 pm

May 15-22

Book Fair

May 19

1st Grade Awards 2:15 pm

May 20

Iguana's Awards 10 am

May 21

SAC Meeting 7:30 am.
4th Grade Awards 10 am
2nd Grade Awards 2:15 pm

May 22

School Mall
RC Reading Celebration

May 25

Memorial Day / No School

May 28

1st Grade Living Museum
2 pm

May 29

5th Grade Auction



June 1

Disney Quest Field Trip
5th Grade
3rd Grade Awards 10 am
Kindergarten Awards 2:15 pm

June 2

5th Grade Awards 10 am
5th Grade Celebration
Picnic Lunch for all students
Grades K-4

June 3

Last day of school for
students
Clap Out 3:15 pm

Principal's Message



This will be our last newsletter for the 2014-15 school year. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. I want to personally thank all of the New River families for their wonderful support throughout the year. You have amazing children and the entire staff is so proud of their many accomplishments.

This summer, I hope that you will encourage your child to read and keep up their academic endeavors. A few minutes a day of writing, reading and some math activities can really pay off next year. Watch for book lists, academic opportunities, etc. that will be coming home with your child at the end of the year.



Reading Counts Celebration 2015

Each year we celebrate the efforts of all of our students that work toward Reading Counts goals. This year we will continue the tradition and celebrate their accomplishments during the school day. The event will be held on Friday, May 22nd, each grade level determined their point range at the beginning of the year and students are aware of those goals. Below is the list of events that will be held that day.

- Goal #1 – Water Obstacle Course
- Goal #2 – Big Kahuna Water Slide
- Goal #3 – Snack
- Goal #4 – Minute to Win It Games
- Goal #5 – Bingo
- Goal #6 – Glow in the Dark Hour (This will be held that night from 8:30 – 9:30 p.m.)
- Goal #7 – Cosmic Bowling at Pin Chasers (This event will be held on another night)

So keep encouraging your child to read. The last day to reach the goals will be Friday, May 15th.





Muffins With Mom!

Friday, May 8, 2015, 8:45 a.m.

New River Elementary Cafeteria

Bring your mom or a female adult to breakfast.
There will be mom trivia, puzzles and books to read together.

There is no charge for this event. So we know how many to plan for, please complete the pink form sent home this week and return it to your child's teacher.



PTA News

It is so hard to believe that the end of the year is already fast approaching. I want to thank each and every family for all of your support this year. From fundraisers, to donations, to volunteer hours, NRES PTA can't thank you enough.

We still have a few openings for positions on the board for the 2015-2016 school year. If you are interested in more information please contact Holly Mitchell or April Ruegger. Again, as PTA President I truly can't thank you enough for a wonderful year!

- Israel Serrano

Tropicana Speech News

In the month of April, our 4th and 5th grade students participated in a **Tropicana Speech Contest**. We were very proud of their speeches!
Congratulations to the top three winners from our school-wide competition!



1st Place: Brooke Baldus

2nd Place: Saige Bodi

3rd Place: Jill Butler



Safety is Practiced at New River Elementary

Did you know that our students and staff participate in a variety of systematic drills as required by Pasco County School District? For your child's safety at school, we practice a fire drill each month, as well as various weather related, health and safety drills each semester.



Box Tops: Please continue to bring in your boxtops to earn DOUBLE the dollar amount!

Lost and Found: Please encourage your child to check the lost and found for lost items. We have many jackets, sweaters, and other items.

CAMP WOW at PLACE!

This summer, PLACE students will participate in many exciting activities such as field trips, outdoor recreation, guest presentations, special interest clubs...and much more! To register, please call the PLACE site manager, Marcie, at (813) 346-0592.

Summer hours are 6:30 am to 6:00 pm. The adventure never ends at
Camp Wow!

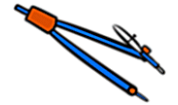


Autism Walk at NRES



We would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in the 2015 Exceptional Student Extravaganza and Autism Walk event that was held on April 18th. We appreciate everyone who volunteered their time, donated gift baskets, and made contributions to make this day a huge success. It was a wonderful day full of walking, games, competition, good food and fun!

Art News



In art class, the students are reviewing all the elements of art learned throughout the year. Elements such as line, shape, color, value, form, texture and space. Students are using a variety of art materials and tools to create their projects and are having fun using markers, colored paper, and compasses to make circles and lines. Also, some student sculptures have been selected for the art show which is coming up on May 12th from 5:00 to 7:00 p.m. in the media center. If you signed up, your student's art work to be in the art show. Please remember that his/her art will be displayed on this date. We want to thank you all for your wonderful support for the art department during this year and for fostering a love of art.



- Mrs. Frain and Mrs. Holcombe

Garden Report



The Garden Gurus and First Graders were busy in the garden this past month. We finished sowing seeds and are seeing great growth in most of our plants. We were able to harvest arugula, collards, kale, carrots, onions and a variety of herbs to sell at the Exceptional Student Extravaganza Farmers Market. We look forward to tasting many of our crops in the weeks ahead.



Yearbook Sales



Pre-ordered yearbooks should arrive on May 21st. We will have a small amount of extra books that were not pre-ordered for sale on a first come first serve basis for \$20.00.

"Wacky Weather" travels to Orlando

So what is Wacky Weather you may be asking yourself? That was the long term problem that two primary teams for Odyssey of the Mind found a solution to. Wacky weather included raining ice cream, homework tornado, shining hot dogs, banana hail, raining spider frogs, and wrapping up with popsicle tornados. It was pretty wacky indeed. All of this weather was predicted by a lunar tuner and bing, bing, bing.

These 2 teams got to perform twice, once at the regional competition held at Weightman Middle School and then once at the state competition at the University of Central Florida in Orlando.

When the team described OM this year, here were their descriptions. They were excited to get the opportunity to be wacky and silly. They thought OM was amazing and awesome. Best of all, they all said they would do it again next year!

The wacky weather teams were amazing. These students meet before school several times a week and were so creative. They had to think on their feet to solve spontaneous problems as well. They learned to listen to each other and work together as a team.

The team members were: Xavier Appleton, Christian Carlson, Abby Goforth, Jaxson Pagliuca, Noah Perez, Angelina Spadaro, Frankie Spadaro, Fatime Abu Khaled, Jonathan Dobbins, Desmond Ghabbour, Alisha Mathew, Nicholas Spadaro, and Ethan Stone.

Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge

New River Elementary School is enrolling each student in an exciting summer reading challenge through Scholastic. This is a free online reading program where each child logs their total reading minutes each day. We are working towards being the school with the most minutes read and winning a visit from Michael Northrop, author of "Plunked". Please help your child log their minutes each day.

Avoid the Summer Slide

When students return back to school in the fall, we notice that some students go down a level in IRLA. To help your child avoid the summer slide, here are three tips to help at home.

1. Read six books- Try your best to have your child finish six books during the summer. These books should be on your child's IRLA level. "Fast and Fun"
2. Read something every day.
 - Morning: the newspaper
 - Daytime: schedules, TV Guides, Magazines
 - Evening: End the day by reading their current book.
3. Keep Reading Aloud- Have your child read aloud to you and you to them. This helps to model appropriate fluency and rate.

5th Grade Auction News

As part of the end of the year activities, the 5th grade students will participate in an auction. This auction is held for the 5th grade students to spend their money that they have been collecting at the school malls all year.

We have been collecting items to have at the auction, but we need your help in collecting additional items. We are asking for donations of gift cards, monetary donations, or any items you would like to purchase on your own. We will also accept "gently used" items such as video games, if they are in 100% working condition. All purchases and donations should be age appropriate.

If you are willing to help, please send your donation into your student's teacher with a note attached saying '5th Grade Auction'. If you have any questions, please contact Dianna Jones (dljones@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Elizabeth Jenkins (ejenkins@pasco.k12.fl.us).

Thank you,
The Fifth Grade Teachers



PE News



Thank you for your support of the PE programs this year! We had over 150 students in our Fun Run Club and the mile run was a great way to end our season. We are looking for responsible 4th graders that would like to serve as safety patrols next year. We would like to give a big thank you to this year's patrols. Our Fuel Up to Play 60 Team did an awesome job this year. They served taste tests at the malls, entered the Gridiron Challenge at One Buc's Place, and shared nutritional information on the morning shows. After post testing, we had over one hundred third, fourth, and fifth grade students qualify for Presidential Physical Fitness Awards. Students were held to high standards in the mile run, sit ups, push ups, shuttle run, and sit and reach for flexibility. Last but not least, our Reptile Run program was a huge success. Most students logged over 20 miles- WOW! Thank you for buying Field Day shirts and helping to support the Reptile Run program. We are looking forward to Field Day! Thanks in advance to the many volunteers who are coming out to help. Have a great summer!!



REMEMBER

Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe



District STEM FAIR

This year we had eight NRES students that qualified to participate in the Pasco County District STEM Fair. Earning Fourth Place were Veer Bajaj, Ayden Dybas, and Alina Jacob. Third Place winners were Christian Diaz, Jeremiah Loo, and James Sanders. Cameron Keehn earned Second Place, and Nicholas Mackley earned First Place with his project, Hot vs. Cold: How Does Temperature Affect a Magnetic Field? Congratulations to all our winners!

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