

Reptile Review

August / September 2015

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August 24
First Day of School

August 31
PDQ Family Night
5:00-9:00 p.m.

September 7
Holiday No School

September 1 - 9
Book Fair
in the Media Center
Open 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.



September 3
Open House Grades K-2
Spaghetti Dinner
Book Fair

September 8
Open House Grades 3-5
PTA Bake Sale
Book Fair

September 11
STEAM begins
Music Movie Night
6:30-8:30 p.m.



September 14
McDonald's Night
5 - 7 p.m.

September 17
Citizenship Day- Wear
red, white, and blue.

September 19
Garden Dig Day
9-11 a.m.

September 25
Progress Reports

Our School Hours

9:15 a.m. Breakfast
9:25 a.m. Release to Class
9:30 a.m. Tardy Bell
3:45 p.m. Dismissal



Principal's Message

Welcome to the 2015/16 school year. We have gotten off to a great start! If you are a new family to our school, welcome! Our school wide theme is "Unlock the potential... Be the Key!" Together, as a staff we are committed to providing a learning environment that is engaging and will motivate your child to take opportunities to show how far they can go. As the year progresses, please do not hesitate to call, e-mail or stop by to discuss any questions, concerns or celebrations. My e-mail is spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us. Also, be sure to like us on Facebook(New River Elementary), follow us on Twitter (NewRiverElemen) and Instagram (NewRiverElemen).

Important Arrival/ Dismissal Information

This year we are reinforcing the tardy bell time of 9:30 a.m. If your child is late, please walk them inside and sign them in.

We know that you may need to sign your child out early. Students may be signed out prior to 3:15 p.m. Thank you for helping to keep our students safe. Dismissal will be on a staggered schedule starting at 3:40 p.m.

Mission Statement: New River Elementary School Community challenges students to reach their highest potential by working together to promote a love of learning, ensuring our students will be college, career, and life ready.

Bus Numbers and Colors:

- Black C620
- Blue D401
- Green D469
- Orange Z509
- Purple Z523
- Red Z533
- Silver Z567
- Black Checkered Z571
- Purple Checkered Z578
- Red Checkered Z590



School Bus News

Our school bus drivers and bus assistants are ready to safely transport your child to and from school! Here are a few reminders for safety on the bus. (Be sure to review the Student Code of Conduct with your child for additional bus rules and procedures.)

Students are required to obey drivers' hand signals when crossing the road.

Students must stay seated in assigned seat while the bus is in motion.

If the bus has seat belts, students must stay buckled-up until the bus stops at the student's assigned bus stop.

Students must use a quiet voice when talking to a student next to them. No talking if the inside bus lights are turned on.

The driver has full authority and must be obeyed when riding the bus.

Please contact Mrs. Wilkinson at (813) 346-0500 or cgwilkin@pasco.k12.fl.us with any bus questions or concerns.



Guidance News: What is Bullying?

Bullying is aggressive, unwanted, and unprovoked behavior that is intentional, involves an imbalance of power or strength, and is typically repeated over time.

What you can do:

- Tell your child to report bullying to a trusted adult, teacher, guidance counselor and/or school administrators.
- Discuss ways of responding to bullying
- Teach your child to be assertive
- Tell the child not to react, but to walk away and get help if he/she is being bullied
- Make sure the child knows that bullying is not his/her fault.

Please feel free to contact our NRES Guidance Counselor,

School Pay

Pasco School District has implemented a new way to pay for school fees. Please visit <http://www.schoolpay.com> if you would like to pay using the online system. More online payment options may be coming soon, please look for any updates.

Cafeteria News

The New River Cafeteria Staff is ready to serve our students a delicious and nutritious breakfast and lunch!

Breakfast: \$1.35

Reduced price: \$0.30

Lunch: \$2.25

Reduced price: \$0.40

Food and Nutrition Services is pleased to offer parents a convenient, inexpensive, and safe way to pay for their child's school meals online using a debit or credit card through the prepayment service provider, myschoolbucks.com. It's a quick and easy way to ensure there is always lunch money on their child's account.

We encourage parents to eat lunch with their child during their class designated lunch time.

After checking in at the front office, parents may sit with their child at the family table inside the cafeteria or at a picnic table



located just outside of the cafeteria. Parents may also purchase adult meals in the



Be Respectful, Be Safe,
Be Responsible

Open House K-2

Thursday, September 3, 2015

PTA Spaghetti Dinner**
5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

PTA Meeting - 6:15 p.m.

Classroom Visitations

K - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

1st - 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.

2nd - 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Book Fair - Media Center

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

Open House 3-5

Tuesday, September 8, 2015

PTA Bake Sale
5:30-7:30p.m.

Classroom Visitations

3rd - 6:30 - 7:00 p.m.

4th - 6:45 - 7:15 p.m.

5th - 7:30 - 8:00 p.m.

Book Fair - Media Center

5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

**** Spaghetti Dinner**

Thursday, September 3, 2015 Serving 5:00 - 6:15 p.m.

Spaghetti, salad, breadstick, dessert, and drink

Adults - \$5.00 Children (ages 3 - 10) - \$3.50 Children under age 3 free

(Reservation Form sent home)

NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS AND PARENTS

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for New River Elementary School have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.



This year all of our students at NRES will be given the opportunity once a month to participate in our schools Makerspace. Makerspace is an area in the media center where students can innovate and learn outside the classroom. It helps to create a growth mindset that encourages us that we can learn to do anything. We are in need of donations. Here are some idea of items: Legos, K'nex, basic tools for tinkering (screwdrivers, hammers, pliers), paper towel rolls, craft items, small blocks of wood, or any STEM related resources.

Music News

Movie night is Friday, September 11th. It will begin at 6:30 and end at 8:30! Tickets will be \$5 and include pizza, popcorn, and a drink! All students 2nd to 5th grade can preorder tickets between 9/1 and 9/10. No tickets will be sold at the door!

Traffic Safety On Our Campus

This year with the increase in students, that also brings an increase in cars and an increase in wait time. Our goal every morning and afternoon is to get all students dropped off and picked up safely. For this reason, we want to be sure that all families cooperate with the following reminders:

- The speed limit on school property is 15 mph at all times.
- Students may only get out of or into cars at the numbered spaces in front of the school (unless escorted to or from the parking lot by an adult). No drop offs in the parking lot.
- It is important to decide how your child is going home prior to coming to school (except in the case if an emergency). Discuss that with your child and be sure the teacher is informed. Changing frequently is confusing to your child and the staff. The choices are: CAR RIDER, WALK UP/PICK UP, BUS RIDER, WALKER/BIKE RIDER, PLACE.
- Please be sure to follow the arrows in the parking lanes of the parking lot. Please be sure to follow the arrows in the parking lanes of the parking lot.
- Remember our entry road is only two lanes, one entering and one leaving. It is a solid line, no pass zone.

Your patience is appreciated as we work together to make our campus safe for all students!

PE News

Welcome Back! We are very excited about everything we have planned for this year. For the 5th year in a row we have received the Fuel Up to Play 60 grant. This allows us to buy equipment and food for healthy taste tests at the NRES Mall. Look for us at the Milk Mustache booth at Open House We are looking forward to Fun Run Club, for 2-5 grade students, again this year. Look for information coming home soon. It will start in October and will be on Thursday mornings at 9:00 AM. If your child rides a bus, he/she comes out to the field when the bus arrives.

Exercise Logs will be coming home after you child's first day of PE. Please encourage your child to exercise at home every day. It is very important to start forming lifestyle behaviors to increase physical activity. Thank you for your support!! We are looking forward to a GREAT year!

Dig Day Event!

NRES Garden...

Where Students Bloom, Grow, and Thrive

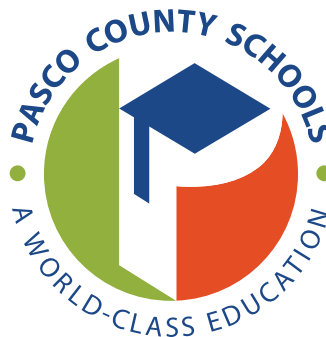
New River Elementary School is hosting its Annual Dig

Day on **Saturday, September 19th from**

9:00AM-11:00AM. We would love for you to join us as we prepare our garden for new plants and seeds. Bring your gardening tools, gloves, and water! Wear a hat and sunscreen. We will be raking, digging, and planting! Our goals for Dig Day are to remove any existing weeds and debris, till in soil amendments, form raised rows, sow seeds, and transplant seedlings.

Already have plans on September 19th and can't make it? Send in a donation to help pay for the cost of plants. Place your donation in an envelope with my name (Mrs. Dinwiddie) written on it and send it to school with your child. Donations of plants are also welcome.

We hope to see you Saturday, September 19th for our Annual Dig Day at NRES. Phone 813-346-0500 or email mdinwidd@pasco.k12.fl.us with questions.



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