

# Reptile Review

November 2015

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## Important Dates

**November 1-18**  
Student Council Toy  
and Non-perishable  
Food Drive

**November 2**  
Report Cards Home

**November 5**  
Picture Retake Day

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

**November 10**  
School Advisory  
Council Meeting  
7:30 a.m.

**November 11**  
Veteran's Day  
Celebration 10:00  
a.m.

**November 13**  
School Social  
Grades 2-5  
6:30 - 8:30 p.m.

**November 14**  
Applebee's Flapjack  
Breakfast Fundraiser  
8:00-10:00 a.m.

**November 17**  
3rd, 4th & 5th Grade  
Musical  
7:00 p.m. @ Wesley  
Chapel Performing  
Art Center

**November 18**  
Great American  
Teach-In  
10:00 a.m - 3:30 p.m.

**November 20**  
Progress Reports

**November 23-27**  
No School  
**HAPPY  
THANKSGIVING**

**Nov 30-Dec 2**  
Book Fair

Please remember to  
recycle your  
magazines and  
paper using our  
fiber collection bin.  
Thank you!



## Principal's Message

During November we take time to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for. At the top of my list, after my family, comes the NRES community of students, staff, and families. The constant hard work, of our students and staff, is positively supported by our families. This is what makes New River Elementary a wonderful place to work and learn. Happy Thanksgiving!

Lynn Pabst

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## Great American Teach-In

You can make a difference by sharing about your job, or area of special interest with our students. This year's event is scheduled for November 18th at New River, from 10:00 a.m.-3:30 p.m. You may choose to speak to one class or several classes. To participate, please contact your child's teacher or our GATI coordinators, at (813) 346-0500, or email [cgablenz@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:cgablenz@pasco.k12.fl.us) or [jfurman@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jfurman@pasco.k12.fl.us)

## Veteran's Day Celebration

Wednesday, November 11, 2015 - 10:00 a.m.

If you or a family member are currently serving or have served in any branch of the U.S. Military, we would like to honor your service to our country. If you are able to join the celebration, please contact Janiece at (813-346-0500) or return the note sent home with your child by Friday, Nov. 6<sup>th</sup>, to let us know you will attend.

## Student Council News

Congratulations to our 2015-16

Student Council Officers:

President: Alex Bennet

Vice President: Kaitlyn Bowden

Secretary: Saffron Stone

Treasurer: DJ Pickett

## Student Council Social Announcement

Who: All 2<sup>nd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade NRES Students

What: Food, Games, Dancing, and Singing

When: FRIDAY, Nov. 13th 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Where: NRES Cafeteria

Theme: Patriotic- Wear red, white, and blue or dress as a Patriotic Character

Cost: \$5.00 (You can purchase tickets in Mrs. Moline's or Mrs. Shepard's room before 9:55 a.m.)

The cost includes: hot dogs, snacks, and drinks.

♥ If students bring a canned food item, they will be entered into a drawing to win a prize.

♥♥ Tickets must be purchased in advance. There will be no tickets sold at the door!

## PTA November News

Trunk-Or-Treat turned out amazing! Thank you so much to all the volunteers for helping. If anyone has pictures to share, please send them to Lee Spadaro at [fspa824@verizon.net](mailto:fspa824@verizon.net). We hope you are as excited as we are for our first Applebee's flapjack fundraiser on November 14<sup>th</sup>. We are teaming up with Boy Scouts for a yummy breakfast. If you are able to join us, we will be at the Applebee's on state road 54 in Wesley Chapel from 8-10. Sign-up sheets are available in the office. If you would like to volunteer for the Applebee's fundraiser, please contact the office.

The holidays are approaching and the students at New River have been working hard to prepare for an event that will be happening in December. The event will be a Snow Globe Shop, where students can purchase gift items for their families. Parent volunteers will be needed for the event.

Thank you for your continuous support in PTA. Working together, we are able to continue these fun activities and do our part in our school! Think it's too late to join PTA? There is always room to join and we would love to have you. If you are interested in joining PTA please email Lindsay Meszaros at [linsnjoe2@yahoo.com](mailto:linsnjoe2@yahoo.com). Have a great month!

## Holiday Food and Toy Drive

During the holiday season, New River has historically collected food and toys to provide these items for our families in need. This year we asking families to send in any canned foods or non-perishable food items to help fulfill the needs of most of the families. Here is a list of items that may be appropriate: canned vegetables, boxed stuffing, instant mashed potatoes, cranberry sauce, jars of gravy, canned pumpkin, canned soups, boxes of pasta or sauces, jars of peanut butter and jelly. You may also donate a toy item.



Thank you very much for sharing with others and teaching a wonderful lesson to your children. We are asking for all items to be brought in by Wednesday, November 18th.

## Thank You Grams

November is a great time to day **THANK YOU!**

Send a Spirit Stick Thank You Gram to your student, teacher, or friend! Thank You Grams will be delivered as soon as it is ordered. Thank You Grams are \$1 each.



Fill out the flyer sent home and attach \$1.00 for each Thank You Gram.

There is a limited supply. Order Early!! Thank You Grams are on a first come, first serve basis.





## Garden Report *Written by Mrs. Dinwiddie*



October was a busy month in the garden! First Graders, Kindergarteners, and the Garden Guru Steam Club planted and cared for our garden. We have many rows of plants and seeds popping up. We send a big "Thank You" to everyone who donated plants or made a monetary donation. We look forward to harvesting, cooking, and eating the vegetables and herbs.

### PE News

We have finished fitness pre-testing in the third, fourth, and fifth grades. Our reptiles will be training at school and at home to improve their strength, flexibility, cardio-respiratory endurance and agility by doing sit ups, push ups, reptile run, and stretching. Presidential Fitness Awards will be given at the end of the year.

We had many students turn in Exercise Logs in the first quarter. Way to go Reptiles!! We love to see that you are getting exercise at home too. Make sure to fill out the new red Exercise Log for this quarter.

Save the Date- March 18<sup>th</sup> is Field Day!! Field day shirts will be on sale starting in January.

### Music News

The Kid's Life field trip to WCHS on 11/17 is still open to all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students who can attend. If your child has not yet returned a field trip form, they may do so asap with \$3 for transportation. This is a wonderful opportunity for our students to perform on the big stage at the performing arts center. The performance for families is that evening 11/17 starting at 7:00 p.m. Please have your child to WCHS at 6:45p.m. For our evening concert which will begin promptly at 7p.m. There is no admission fee for the evening performance so bring the whole family.

### Positive Behavior News

It was very exciting to see all of our students spend their mall money at the recent Shoppes of New River Mall! Please remember that each day, students earn mall money for following the school wide expectations: Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible.



Remember: Be Respectful,  
Be Safe, and Be Responsible

## All Pro Dad

Join us for the next All Pro Dad's breakfast on November 13, 2015 at 8:45 a.m. in the Media Center. All Pro Dad is the fatherhood program of Family First, a national nonprofit organization based in Tampa. It was founded by Mark Merrill with the help of Tony Dungy. It is a great way to start your child's day at school.

Also coming up is the All Pro Dad Father and Kids Experience. It will be held at the Raymond James Stadium on Saturday, November 21 from 1 to 4pm. Go to the All Pro Dad website to register. The cost is \$15 per family.

What is the Experience? It's a Saturday afternoon you'll never forget! It starts when you and your child experience the thrill of stepping onto the field at the Raymond James Stadium. You'll spend the next few hours connecting with your kids – with plenty of fun and games plus some practical fatherhood tips you can take home and put into practice. You won't want to miss this memorable experience, created just for you and your kids!

### News from the Clinic: **Hand-washing Reminder!**

The cold and flu season is approaching, and frequent hand-washing is considered the single most effective way to cut down on the spread of infectious diseases. Proper and consistent hand-washing greatly reduces the risk of spreading germs. When washing hands, follow these simple steps:

- \* Wet hands with warm running water.
- \* Add soap, lather hands, between fingers, backs of hands, and under fingernails for about 20 seconds.
- \* Rinse hands.
- \* Dry with clean paper towel.
- \* Turn off water with paper towel, not your clean hands. Throw towel away.

\*ENJOY A HEALTHY,  
HAPPY SCHOOL  
YEAR!



### Attention Parents- Information about Breakfast & Lunch

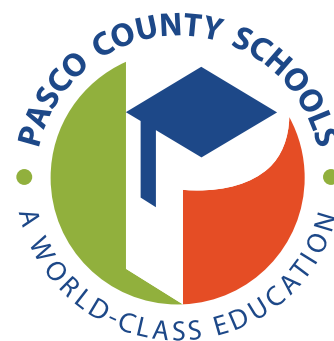
Did you know that you can apply for free or reduced meals at any time of the school year? Simply fill out our web-based application on-line by viewing our website at:

[http://  
connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns](http://connectplus.pasco.k12.fl.us/do/fns)

This form needs to be completed yearly to determine your child's benefits.

If your child is approved for free or reduced meals, that means they get the same benefits for breakfast too!

When your child joins us for BREAKFAST & LUNCH, you can rest assure that they are eating 2 nutritious meals.



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