

Reptile Review



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Important Dates

February 3
PTA Little Caesars Pizza
Kit Pick-Up
3:00-6:00 p.m.

February 5
100th Day of School
Donuts with Dad
8:45 am
STEAM

February 8
PDQ Family Night
5:00-8:00 p.m.

February 8-19
PTA Cookie Dough
Fundraiser

February 9
SAC 7:30 a.m.

February 11
First Grade Living
Museum 1:00-2:00 p.m.

February 12
School Mall
Daddy Daughter Dance

February 14
Valentine's Day



February 15
No School for Students

February 19
All Pro Dad 8:45 a.m.
TEWMS visit NRES
12:30 p.m.
STEAM
Progress Reports Home

February 25
Spring Pictures

February 26
Special Olympics

February 29

FSA Writes Assessment
4th/ 5th Grade

On February 29th our
4th and 5th grade
students will be taking
the FSA writes.

Please no Volunteers or
Visitors on Campus.
Please return March 1st.

Principal's Message

February brings with it groundhogs, hearts, and the first FSA test of the year. During January the NRES staff looked at the mid-year data for K - 5th graders in the areas of Reading, Math, and Science. Student improvement was recognized and our teaching staff formed small groups for additional instruction if needed.

Your students are working very hard to improve in every subject area. It is important that students come on time to school every day. Learning begins at 9:30 and being on time sets the student up to be organized and ready to learn. Please be sure to set a bedtime between 8:00 and 9:00 for your child every school night, this will enable them to wake well rested and ready to come to school on time!

January also brought our new crossing guards. Feb. 5th is Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. Please be sure to thank those who protect our students. While there is growing pains with the new service, please remember that safety is our first priority.

Please remember: 1) The only place to drop off students (without an adult escort) is at the curb. No drop offs in the parking lot.

2) No parking in handicapped spaces or anywhere except regular parking spaces.

3) In the afternoon, the entrance has only one way in and out, please do not go "in" the "out" lane.

Working together we can help all students be safe and successful!

Lynn Pabst
Principal
spabst@pasco.k12.fl.us



Daddy- Daughter Dance



Friday, February 12, 2016
NRES Cafeteria
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Girls from K-5th grade are cordially invited to a magical evening. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or any other adult.

Light food and drinks will be served.

Photo packages available to purchase at the dance.

Flyers went home, please return the bottom portion of the form to school by Wednesday, February 10th.

Tickets are \$10.00 for a couple. Each additional daughter is \$5.00

2016 FSA Writes Information

Our 4th and 5th grade students will be taking the FSA Writing Test on Monday, February 29, 2016. The only day for make-up testing is March 1, 2016.

The FSA Writing Test is administered in a 120-minute session in which students write an essay in response to a prompt. The writing will be either informational or opinion. If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats your student will see on the FSA assessments, sample test questions and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/resources/?section=4-students-a-paper-based>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Colleen Wilkinson at (813) 346-0500.



TEDx Pasco County Schools

Great job to NRES representative Rebecca Mathew. Rebecca gave an inspiring speech about injustices titled Escaping the Struggle: Comparing Harriet Tubman and Middle Eastern Refugees.

All Pro Dad

All Pro Dad's Day is a simple idea with a profound impact that can really strengthen a dad's relationship with his children. It is a great chance to spend some time with your children and to meet other dads in our NRES community.

Mark your calendars for All Pro Dad mornings:

February 19, 2016

Friday, March 18, 2016

Friday, April 22, 2016

Friday, May 13, 2016

This month's message is about being a good friend.

We start at 8:45 am. To RSVP for the event please go to the website: <http://www.allprodad.com/2228>. This ensures that we have enough breakfast for everyone that attends. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Carlson at 346-0500 or at llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us. We look forward to seeing you there!

Music News

Disney: All permission forms for Disney are due ASAP! You may wait until the March 4th due date to pay your \$54 ticket fee, but please send all permission forms to Mr. Wohl as soon as possible. If you have any questions or concerns about our Disney trip please contact me at rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us.

Primary Musical: The Kindergarten, first, and second grade will be performing their musical "Squirm" on May 3rd at the Wesley Chapel Performing Arts Center at WCHS. We strongly encourage all students attend this performance. Please watch for permission forms to come home. We will need chaperones from 9:45 a.m. To 12:15 p.m. On 5/3. If you would like to chaperone please make sure you are a registered Pasco County volunteer. You can register through the Pasco County Schools website, under parents, scroll down and click volunteer, and click submit your volunteer application today! If you need help please do not hesitate to stop in! We will be happy to help you.

PTA News

Thank you for your constant support and working hard to helping us reach our goal to replace the marquee in the front of our school. Our Little Caesars Pizza Kit fundraiser did awesome! If you ordered any Little Caesars Pizza Kits please pick them up in the media center on February 3rd from 3-6 pm. This month we will be having our Cookie Dough fundraiser. The fundraiser will begin February 8th and will continue until February 19th. Let cupid's arrow strike the heart while you take care of your sweet tooth. Bake some cookies and share them with the ones you love.



Be sure to follow us on Facebook, <https://www.facebook.com/New-River-Elementary-PTA-173613739381468/> so you can stay up to date on upcoming events and important PTA news. It's never too late to join PTA. If you would like to join please let us know at fspa824@verizon.net (Lee Spadaro) or linsnjoe2@yahoo.com (Lindsay Meszaros) and we will be sure to add you to our growing PTA. Have a sweet month!

PE News

Field Day shirts are still on sale!! Please help support our weekly Reptile Run program by buying one today!! We are expecting over three hundred students to earn a free shirt in May. Those reptiles have really been running and getting fit. Many have already finished thirty miles! "Watch Me Play- Watch Me Field Day" will be Friday, March 18, 2016. Look for volunteer forms coming home on February 8th. Our wonderful parents always make field day a huge success!!

Running Club has been going strong every Thursday morning. We have 150 members that are earning prizes, while working on their cardio-respiratory endurance. The Fun Run, for running club members and parents, will be April 29.

As always, keep filling out those Exercise Logs. We stress the importance of lifestyle behaviors that can be made to increase physical activity.

Art News

In art class, students have been busy creating their pictures for this year's Pasco County Fair exhibit. While painting their pictures, students had the opportunity to learn about the famous American artist, Grant Wood, who created paintings about the American mid-west and farm life. Students also learned about his most famous art work: "American Gothic". They compared and contrasted it with other artists we have learned about.

The students selected to represent NRES this year are, Kaylynn Shirbach, Alexis Gertz, Payton Leidy, Addison Jones, Dayla Christopher, Kendal McCants, and Megan Harrell.

The student artwork display at the Pasco County Fair is an excellent opportunity to highlight the creativity of our students and increase awareness of our Pasco County Schools' arts programs. The theme of the 2016 Pasco County Fair is "Blue Jeans and Country Dreams."

The exhibit will run from February 15th until the 21st at the Dade City Fairgrounds located at 36722 State Road 52, Dade City, FL, 33525, Ph: (353) 567-6678. Discount tickets for the fair are at all area Walgreens and last day to save is February 14th.

Congratulations to all our students who have worked so hard creating their pictures.



Parent Survey

In an effort to improve system practices, Pasco County School District is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you take the time to complete this survey. In order to complete the survey, please go to: <http://www.advanc-ed.org/survey/public/1563856> Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for your time and attention to this matter.



News from the Clinic:

Think Smart.....Heads Apart!

Weekly screening at home, early detection and removal, along with prevention education are the keys to protecting kids and keeping them in school, lice and nit free!

*Remind children not to share brushes, combs, hair ties etc., and not to put their heads together.

*Check the hair of all family members on a regular basis. Make it part of your routine like brushing teeth and checking homework.

*Braid or tie back long hair.

*Watch for scratching.

PDQ's Night for New River Families!

February 8th, at 5-8 p.m.

Join us for food and fun! The class with the most families in attendance will receive a free meal.

Save The Date!

Exceptional Student Extravaganza New River Elementary Autism Celebration

April 15, 2016

Extravaganza Events 4:30-7:30 p.m.

Reptile Kindness Run Awards/ Basket Bonanza Prizes Awarded 7:30 p.m.

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 House
Cake Walk

Carnival Games
Basket Bonanza

Farmer's Market
Local Business Vendors

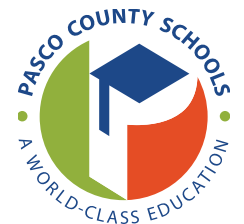


Games and Bounce Houses are FREE. Tickets will be sold at the event to purchase food and participate in the Gift Basket Bonanza, Cake Walk, and Dunk Tank

T-Shirts: \$12 pre order or \$18 day of event

*<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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