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Important Dates

March 4 STEAM

<u>March 5</u> Odyssey of the Mind Competition @ TEWMS



<u>March 8</u> School Advisory Council Meeting 7:30am

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<u>March 14</u> McDonald's Night 5-7 p.m.

> <u>March 18</u> Field Day STEM Fair All Pro Dad

March 21-25 Spring Break

<u>March 28</u> No School Teacher Planning Day

<u>March 30 - April 29</u> FSA/FCAT Testing Window

Please Stay Connected!

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Principal's Message

Spring is almost here and in just two weeks our students and staff will have Spring Break. I hope you enjoy the week with your family. Be sure to read and learn something each day.

I do want to remind all of our families how very important traffic safety is on our campus. Handicapped parking spots are for only those vehicles with approved license tags or hang tags. While often times, those spots may seem empty, when they are needed, it is important that they are available. Waiting in line is also often at times very frustrating, but arrows on the parking lot and procedures are there for the safety of everyone. Please do not drop off students in the parking lot, only at the curb. Students may not be seen walking between cars. Thanks for helping to keep everyone safe

> Lynn Pabst Principal spabst@pasco.kl2.fl.us

2016 FSA Readin	g, Math and FCAT Science Schedule
Wed., March 30	3rd Grade FSA Reading* Session 1 4th Grade FSA Math* Session 1
Thur., March 31	3rd Grade FSA Reading* Session 2 4th Grade FSA Math* Session 2
Fri., April 1 Mon. April 4	3rd Grade FSA Math* Session 1 3rd Grade FSA Math* Session 2
Mon., April 11	4th Grade FSA Reading Session 1 5th Grade FCAT Science* Session 1
Tues., April 12	4th Grade FSA Reading Session 2 5th Grade FCAT Science* Session 2
Mon., April 18 Tues. April 19	5th Grade FSA Reading Session 1 5th Grade FSA Reading Session 2
Mon., April 25 Tues., April 26	5th Grade FSA Math Session 1 5th Grade FSA Math Session 2
* Paper Based Test	

Garden Report

The Garden Gurus STEAM group sowed seeds and transplanted plants this month. A few of the vegetables and herbs planted were sweet corn, sweet



peppers, tomatoes, yellow squash, snow peas, green beans, parsley, basil, thyme, and oregano. It was a beautiful day for gardening! We enjoyed the cooperative team effort and the sunshine. We

are hoping that our hard work will pay off with a bountiful crop. Stop by the garden to see it bloom, grow, and thrive!



Art News

A big thank you for all the students who participated in the Pasco County Fair. The students represented the school very well and we heard many complements about the pictures that were hanging up there.

All the pictures will be returned to each student and will also receive a ribbon of appreciation and participation.

During this quarter, intermediate students are practicing how to make a sculpture with modeling clay. It is amazing to see the wonderful 3-D work that our students can create. Some classes have already started working with earth clay and their sculptures will get fired in the kiln soon. To complete our sculpture projects, students will be painting their creations while using glazes of many different colors.

Our primary students are currently working on finishing their texture collages while using glue, scissors and lots of metallic crayons. During this quarter, primary students will also be learning about self portraits and how to correctly place different features on the face. They will learn about the history of portraiture and will include one of our famous artists, Vincent van Gogh.

PE News

"Watch Me Play- Watch Me Field Day" will be Friday, March 18,2016. Please send your child to school dressed in tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. You night want to apply sun block before school and send a hat. Volunteers, please remember the morning shift, Kindergarten, First grade, and Second grade, will be from 9:30-11:30. The afternoon shift, Third grade, Fourth grade, Fifth grade, and Iguanas, will be from 1:30-3:30. 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. They are due March 11. We stress the importance of lifestyle behaviors that can be made to increase physical activity.

Music News

All disney money is due March 4th. The ticket price is \$54 for students and chaperones. Please turn in any money owed for students and chaperones by Monday 3/4. We will be purchasing the tickets March 6th and cannot do so without your payment. Please speak directly to Mr. Wohl if you have any questions regarding Disney payments rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us.

The kindergarten, 1st, & 2nd grade musical "Squirm" is shaping up nicely. Permission forms are past due though we will gladly continue to accept the forms and \$3 transportation fee to WCHS. Please do not let your students miss out on this wonderful performance opportunity as we will not return to the performing arts center for a few years. As always, please contact Mr. Wohl with any questions regarding the musical.

All chorus and Orff Ensemble students will perform at our Exceptional Extravaganza held on Friday evening April 15th.



Congratulations to our New River Elementary Odyssey of the Mind teams. They are competing at the Gulf Coast Odyssey of the Mind Regional Tournament on

March 5th at Weightman Middle School! Good luck to all!





Stack Attack Brendan Christopher Austin Dobbins

Alina Jacob **Brent Johnson** Payton Leidy Aidan Wood Coaches Mr. Leidy Mrs. Wilkinson

Furs, Fins, Feathers & Friends

Payton Furman Gabi Jones Rebecca Mathew Hannah Morton Jennifer Patten **Charlize Robles** Alyssa Terrell Coaches Mrs. Furman Ms. Gablenz



Bella Pagliuca Frankie Spadaro Coaches Ms. Gallahue



Veer Baiai Aydin Ferran Jillian Grav Leah Kuriakose Ms. Tyson

Xavier Appleton **Christian Carlson**

Abby Goforth

Jaxson Pagliuca

Noah Perez

Coaches

Mrs. Carlson

Mrs. Leidy

Something Fishy

Briana Christopher Jonathan Dobbins

Sean Dobbins

Naomi Loo

Aubrey McGlon

Angelina Spadaro

Coaches

Mrs. Bowers

Mrs. Carlson

Aesop Gone Viral



The 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.

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Way To Go New River Athletes!

We are very proud of our students who

competed at the Special Olympics at Wesley

Chapel High School this year. Our student

athletes worked very hard to train for their

events, and did an excellent job competing

against students from other Pasco schools!

Thank you to our parents and staff for

volunteering and supporting our New River

Students during this exciting event!

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All Pro Dad

Dads please join us in the Media Center on March 18 at 8:45 am! All Pro Dad's Day is a monthly school program where dads and kids meet to have breakfast and enjoy meaningful conversation that strengthens their relationship. The theme of the meeting for March is "Being Brave".

We invite you to come out and enjoy a little food, a little bonding, and A LOT of fun! Hope to see you there!

Questions? Visit our Chapter Page (http:// apdd.allprodad.com/2228) or contact Mrs. Carlson at <u>llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> for more info and dates. We would also welcome your RSVP if you're planning on attending!

Can't make this day, we have 2 more days left this school year:

> Friday, April 22, 2016 Friday, May 13, 2016

<u>Booktalks</u>

During the months of March and April, New River Elem will be conducting booktalks. A booktalk excites others to read that book. As the person conducting the booktalk you are trying to "hook" the listener. Each students in each class will conduct one booktalk during the months of March and April. Mrs. Pabst and Mrs. Wilkinson started the booktalks off on the news show with two very interesting titles. Ask your child what books they are being encouraged by a classmate to read.

 Save The Date!

 Exceptional Student Extravaganza

 New River Elementary Autism Celebration

 April 15, 2016
 4:30-7:30 pm

 Hosted By: New River Elementary
 Admission: Free

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

 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. 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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