

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

<p>May 2-6 Staff Appreciation Week</p> <p>May 2 Kindergarten Registration 9:00-12:00 noon or 6:00-7:00 pm</p> <p>Kindergarten Workshop 6:30-7:30 pm</p> <p>May 3 K, 1, 2 Musical @ 7:00pm WCPAS</p> <p>May 4 TEWMS Counselor Visit</p>	<p>May 6 Muffins with Mom 8:45 am STEAM</p> <p>May 9-13 Book Fair</p> <p>May 9 McDonald's Night 5-7 pm Ronald's Attending</p> <p>May 10 School Advisory Council Meeting 7:30 a.m.</p>	<p>May 11 Primary Social 4:00-5:30 p.m.</p> <p>May 13 All Pro Dad 8:45 a.m. 5th Grade Field Trip RBSMS</p> <p>May 14 Grid Iron Challenge</p> <p>May 16 5th Grade Field Trip TEWMS</p> <p>May 17 PTA General Assembly 6:45 p.m. Chorus & ORFF Concert/ Art Show 7:00 p.m.</p>	<p>May 19 Chuck E. Cheese Family Night 4:00-9:00 p.m.</p> <p>May 20 Chorus Field Trip to Disney</p> <p>May 27 Reading Counts Celebration</p> <p>May 30 Holiday</p> <p>May 31 Iguanas Awards 9:45 am 3rd Grade Awards 2:00 pm</p> <p>June 1 4th Grade Awards 9:45 am Kindergarten Awards 2:00 pm</p>	<p>June 2 2nd Grade Awards 9:45 am 1st Grade Awards 2:00 pm</p> <p>June 3 5th Grade Field Trip</p> <p>June 6 5th Grade Auction</p> <p>June 7 5th Grade Award Ceremony 10 am 5th Grade Celebration Picnic Lunch for all students Grades K-4</p> <p>June 8 Kickball/ Neukom Last day of school for students Clap Out 3:15 pm</p>
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Principal's Message

This will be our last newsletter for the 2015-16 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.

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



Reading Counts Celebration 2016

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 27th, 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 – Water Slide
- Goal #3 – Candy Walk
- Goal #4 – Hungry Hungry Human Hippo Snack
- Goal #5 – Bingo
- Goal #6 – Water Slide (This will be held Thurs. night from 5:00 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 Wednesday, May 25th.





Muffins With Mom!

Friday, May 6, 2016, 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 and return it to your child's teacher.

Cafeteria News

On Friday May 20th Myschoolbucks.com will be shutting off for the remainder of the school year. You will need to pay accounts with Cash/Check/Credit Card at the Cafeteria after this date.

Thank you and as always if you have any questions please feel free to call me.

- Robin Ladig

PTA News

Thank you to all volunteers and continuous supporters of our school. The Extravaganza was a success and we are very appreciative of our PTA, teachers and administration for helping things run smoothly so our students can have the best possible year! Speaking of being appreciative, teacher appreciation is this week. Thanks to your donations we are able to give our teacher exactly what they deserve for their hard work with our students. We love showing our teachers how much we truly appreciate all they do to help our little ones succeed and enjoy their time at New River.

Be sure to mark your calendars because on May 17th we will be holding a PTA meeting in the cafeteria at 6:45pm. We will be discussing the schedule for 2016-2017 fundraisers and sharing some exciting information about the goals we have accomplished as a PTA this year. If you would like to join PTA or would like more information on how to get involved please see Lindsay Meszaros or Lee Spadaro at the meeting and ask what you can do to be a part of PTA. As always, it is a pleasure working with everyone to help our school be the best it can be! Hope to see you at the final meeting of our 2015-2016 school year!



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.

Art News



During the last quarter for this school year, art students will be reviewing about all the concepts learned, such as the elements of art and principal of design. Primary students are also working with oil pastels using strokes of color to learn how Vincent van Gogh created his famous picture: "Starry Night". Our intermediate students are working on a landscape using the strokes of color and learning about a sense of real space in their pictures.

Primary students will also be able to use self drying clay to create a sculpture and learn how 3-D is different than 2-D shapes. When the sculptures dry, the students will be painting their creations while using tempera paints.

Our intermediate students will be using watercolor paints to create an imaginary picture while learning about the famous artist, Pablo Picasso. Finally, we hope all students who are participating in the Art Show will be coming on May 17th from 5-7 in the media center. . Also, expect to see lots of sculptures done by intermediate students during the art show. It is exciting to see how our students are so creative in art class.

Thank you very much for a year filled with lots of color, creativity, and imagination. I am confident that during the summer, art students will continue to enjoy art during their leisure time. Keep up the excellent Art Work and thank you for all your wonderful support.

Music News

Our K/1/2 Squirm performance will take place on May 3rd at 7:00p.m. We will perform at the Wesley Chapel High School Performing Arts Center. Please arrive at Wesley Chapel High School in concert dress or musical costume by 6:45p.m. so we can begin promptly.

Chorus and Orff will perform in the NRES café on Tuesday evening May 17th at 7:00p.m. We will have a brief Disney meeting following the performance to solidify our plans. All chaperones are expected to attend this short meeting. All fees for our Chorus and Orff trip to Disney should be paid in full. Chorus and Orff will meet in the NRES car rider loop at 8:00 a.m. on May 20th for our trip to Disney. We will return at 7:00 p.m. Please note that you will be responsible for transportation as these times are well before and after normal school transport. All students will pack a lunch for after our performance. Please contact Mr. Wohl if you have any questions. Again thank you for all your support!

Kindergarten Registration

Monday, May 2, 2016

9:00am - 12:00 noon or 6:00pm - 7:00pm

Media Center at New River Elementary School

Kindergarten Parent Workshop

6:30pm - 7:30pm

Please be sure to bring Original Birth Certificate, Social Security card, Record of Immunization (shot record), Physical Form (dated within 1 year of starting school), and Proof of Residency (utility bill, contract of sale). Remember your child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2016.

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 Dav Pilkey, author of Captain Underpants. Please help your child log their minutes each day.



Exceptional Student Extravaganza at NRES



We would like to thank everyone who supported and participated in the 2016 Exceptional Student Extravaganza event that was held on April 15th. 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 games, competition, good food and fun!

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!

WOW!



Before and after school enrichment program conveniently located at your child's school.

For information, call:
Marcie Williams
813-346-0592

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 (djones@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Elizabeth Jenkins (ejenkins@pasco.k12.fl.us).

Thank you,
The Fifth Grade Teachers



PE News



April 29 was our 4th Annual Fun Run. It was great fun for our running club as they met their goals and showed their dedication to training and fitness!!

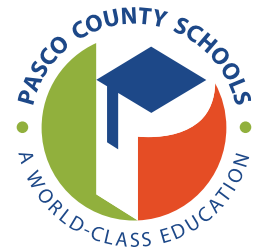
Reptile Run has come to an end for this year. The coaches are collecting cards from each class to see which dedicated students have earned t-shirts. We expect the number of t-shirts earned to far exceed last year's number of 250. We have some amazing students that have run over fifty miles this year! The students have worked hard and we are very proud of them for meeting their goals and learning the value of fitness.

Thanks to our "Fuel up to Play 60" grant from the NFL and Dairy Council, we have had a very successful year of taste tests at the malls. We have also been informed, by "Play 60", that we have earned the status of a "Touchdown School". This means that we have taken steps needed to improve our school wellness by healthy eating and physical activity.



Please encourage your child to continue with physical activity during the summer. Remember to play 60 minutes every day and eat healthy foods from all the food groups. Quarter 4 Exercise Logs are due May 20.

REMEMBER
Be Respectful
Be Responsible
Be Safe



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Kurt S. Browning
Superintendent

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- Joanne Hurley - District 2
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- Alison Crumbley - District 4
- Steve Luikart - District 5

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 Addison Jones and Cameron Keehn. Third Place winners were Maryam Abu Khalid, Alex Bennett, and Taylor Hackett. Chloe Poulimonos and James Sanders earned Second Place.

Congratulations to all our winners!