

Reptile Review

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August 15
First Day of School



August 15-19
Walk your Child to Class

August 25
Chuck E Cheese's Family
Night 4-9 p.m.

August 30
Cub Scouts visit
Classrooms



September 2
First STEAM Club

September 5
Holiday No School

September 10
Dig Day 9-12 a.m.

September 12-16
Book Fair
in the Media Center
Open 9:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m.

September 15
Spaghetti Dinner
Open House
PTA General Assembly
Book Fair



September 16
Progress Reports
STEAM

September 22
PDQ Family Night 4-8

September 30
STEAM



Our School Hours

9:20 a.m. Breakfast

9:25 a.m. Release to Class

9:30 a.m. Tardy Bell

3:40 p.m. Car Rider/ Walk
Up-Pick Up/ PLACE
Dismissal

3:45 p.m. Bus Rider
Dismissal

Principal's Message

Welcome Back to the 10th Anniversary school year for New River Elementary. Many of you are new to our school, but it is exciting to think that our school community has been building for ten years. Our big celebration will be in February, this was the actual time that we moved into our current buildings. Watch for other signs that we are celebrating a decade of learning.

By the time this newsletter is delivered Mrs. Wilkinson might have given birth to Emmy Grace and started her maternity leave. We wish Mr. and Mrs. Wilkinson the best and we look forward to seeing her back in late November (Hopefully we can see the baby earlier). Ms. Kruza will be our AP Intern for the period of time that Mrs. Wilkinson is on leave.

Welcome to our new staff members: Mrs. Hannah Lane - 1st grade, Mrs. Jamie Streicher - 3rd grade, Ms. Madison Oliver - 5th grade. Mr. Gates has joined the Iguanas team as a classroom teacher and Mr. Hoge has moved to become one of our ESE Support Facilitators.

It is going to be a great year, please do not hesitate to email, call, or come in to meet with me at any time. I look forward to working together with you to provide an excellent, engaging learning environment for your child.

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

Bus Numbers and Colors:

- Silver Z590
- Red Z578
- Orange Z523
- Purple Z571
- Green Z513
- Blue D417
- Black D401
- Purple Striped Z522
- Red Checkerboard C615
- Purple Checkerboard Z533
- Black Checkerboard Z567



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 cgwilkin@pasco.k12.fl.us or Ms. Kruza at kkruza@pasco.k12.fl.us with any bus questions or concerns.



PTA News

Welcome back to school! My name is Lindsay Meszaros and I am president of New River Elementary School PTA. We have a fantastic board that is excited to meet and work with you. You will get the chance to meet with us about membership, upcoming school events to volunteer and participate in, and our goal for this school year at our general assembly meeting. Our meeting will be held at the Spaghetti Dinner before open house at 5:30 in the cafeteria on Thursday September 15th, 2016. We hope to see you all there! Look for us each month in the school newsletter to see what we have planned and how you can be a part of our fantastic school! If you have any questions you can email me at linsnjoe2@yahoo.com and I will gladly answers any questions you have or get you in touch with a board member that can assist in anything you need. It is going to be a great year!

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

Birthday Books

Open House

Thursday, September 15, 2016

PTA Spaghetti Dinner**
5:30 - 7:00 p.m. (see below)

PTA Meeting - 6:15 p.m.

Classroom Visitations
2nd/3rd - 6:00 - 6:45 p.m.
K/1st - 6:45 - 7:30 p.m.
4th/5th - 7:30 - 8:15 p.m.

Book Fair - Media Center
5:30 - 7:30 p.m.

This year thanks to Scholastic Books and the NRES PTA every student will be able to choose a book for their birthday. These books were able to be purchased through our Book Talks, Scholastic Dollars, Book Fairs, and our generous PTA. Together we are creating a school community who recognizes and supports the idea that "Reading is Essential to Success". July birthdays will be celebrated in August and June birthdays will be celebrated in May.

**** Spaghetti Dinner- Thursday, September 15, 2016**

Serving 5:30 - 7:00 p.m.

Spaghetti, salad, breadstick, dessert, and drink

Adults - \$6.00 Children (ages 3 - 10) - \$4.00 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.

American Girl Dolls Checkout Program Returns

Thirteen American Girl dolls will be available for two day checkouts beginning September 2nd. Kaya, Kirsten, Addy, Rebecca, Molly, Emily, Ruthie, Kit, Felicity, Elizabeth, Josefina, Ivy, & Mary Ellen can come to your home. There will be some requirements in order to check them out:

- 1 A signed permission slip
- 2 One of the American Girl books read and the RC quiz passed
- 3 Two day checkout policy, strictly enforced.

Watch for the upcoming American Girl Tea this year.

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.

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. Our reptiles will be setting goals for reptile run each week. After the first three miles, a chain and toe token will be given. Toe tokens are earned every three miles, t-shirts are given to students who run thirty miles or more, a large toe token is given to the boy and girl leaders in each class and trophies are given to the boy and girl leaders of each grade level.

We are looking forward to Fun Run Club, for 2nd-5th 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 10th 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.

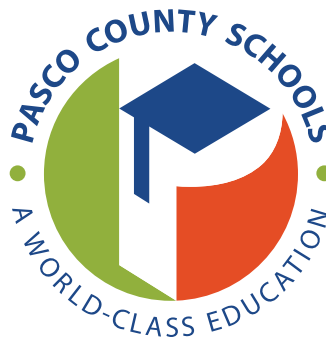
Already have plans on September 10th and can't make it? Send in a donation to help pay for the cost of plants. Place your donation in an envelope with my name (Mrs. Dinwiddie) written on it and send it to school with your child. Donations of plants are also welcome.

We hope to see you Saturday, September 10th for our Annual Dig Day at NRES. Phone 813-346-0500 or email mdinwidd@pasco.k12.fl.us with questions.



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

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



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