

# Reptile Review

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## Important Dates



October 5

Walk to School Day  
Flu Clinic

October 7  
School Mall

October 11  
SAC Meeting

October 14  
STEAM

October 17  
NO SCHOOL-  
Teacher Planning

October 21  
All Pro Dads

October 24  
Report Cards Go Home

October 27  
McDonald's Night 5-7

October 28  
STEAM  
Trunk or Treat

October 24-28  
Red Ribbon Week

October 31  
Book Character  
Parade 10:00 a.m.



## Attendance

School attendance is extremely important to success in school. Regular and consistent attendance is one of the most important factors in making good grades.

Please remember that the tardy bell rings at 9:30 am and parents can pick up their students early until 3:15 pm. After this time, parents will need to wait till the end of school bell rings!

## Principal's Message

Pumpkins are appearing, the air is a little cooler, and it is October! October will be a busy month at our school. Please be sure to keep the newsletter and check our website weekly for important dates and events.

We have some exciting news to share, River Glen Blvd is getting a traffic light. It should be operational in March 2017, but poles have already started to be delivered. Be sure to watch for the progress. We recognize that we have grown in our student population, but as always our three expectations are still the same: Be Respectful, Be Responsible, Be Safe. Being safe has been a big focus in our parking lot at dismissal and we thank you for being patient and following all traffic flow patterns. Please remember that once the line up for cars has started, please do not try to get ahead of the line by going the opposite direction. We are finished with our dismissal procedures by 4:00 on most days, except for rain delays.

Thank you for your continued support and I look forward to seeing you at school this month.

Lynn Pabst  
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## Trunk or Treat

Games \* Food \* Fun \* Treats  
Friday, October 28, 2016 -6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
New River Elementary Bus Loop

### What is Trunk or Treat?

Volunteer families will decorate their car and park it in the bus loop by 6:00 p.m. As children walk the loop they will trunk or treat for candy that is being given, there is no charge.

In addition, tickets may be purchased for 50 cents each, tickets are used to play games, do the cakewalk, food, prizes, tattoos, sno-cones and more!

It will be an evening of fun for the whole family. Tickets will be sold the week of October 24th with an early bonus ( 12 tickets for \$5.00).

We also have volunteer opportunities available at the ticket sales, cake walk, and food booth. We look forward to seeing you at this great family event!





## Good Character Parade

Monday, Oct. 31st

10:00 a.m. at the Bus Loop

Students may dress up like a character that shows good character traits. Families are invited to come and watch. Please, remember, no scary costumes or any type of weapons are allowed.



## P.E. News

We are off to a great start! Reptiles have already experienced their first two PE-Activities for the year- fun, fun, fun!!! Don't forget to fill out those exercise logs so that we can see that our reptiles are getting plenty of exercise at home too.

We are again thankful for a Fuel up to play 60 grant that has allowed us to buy equipment this year. Remember to get online at FuelUpToPlay60.com to show your support and gain important information in a fun way. At the upcoming mall, we will be having our first taste test. This table will be run by our new Fuel Up To Play 60 Team: Alexis Gattuso, Brice Mullins, Amber Villanueva, Kaitlin Council, Dayla Christopher, Kiara Torres, Eden Jennings, Zy'Ryan Blay, Epiphany Allen, Avani Dwarka, Briana Oneil, Ava Sizemore, Abrianna Traver, and Emma Rinaldi.

Reptile Run is in full swing and our reptiles are already earning a chain for the first three miles and toe tokens for every three miles they run. At the end of the year we expect to give away more than three hundred Reptile Run shirts!! We have over 150 Fun Run Club members! Morning Fun Run Club begins October 6<sup>th</sup> at 9:00 AM.

## Student Advisory Council

The Student Advisory Council (S.A.C.) is a group of parents, staff, and community members that meet monthly to discuss the school improvement plan and other important issues to the school. S.A.C. meets on the second Tuesday of every month from 7:30 a.m. - 8:30 a.m. This is the perfect opportunity to stay informed of all school and district wide programs and goals and to voice your opinion! Our next meeting is October 11th in the media center.

We greatly appreciate our current members, and we would love to have more parents and community members attend! If you are interested, please contact Ms. Kruza at [kkruza@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:kkruza@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Mr. Wohl at [rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us)

## Music News

The intermediate musical "Jazz" will be held on 11/29. We will travel to WCHS to perform in the Performing Arts Center (PAC) on the big stage as we have such a large group performing. All 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students who turned in a permission form should be to WCHS located at 30651 Wells Rd. Wesley Chapel, FL 33545 by 6:30p.m. Families are encouraged to attend this free performance. Chorus and Orff ensemble are off to a great start. Choir practice is Tuesday morning at 8:30a.m. Orff ensemble practices



Wednesday morning at 8:30 a.m. Please turn in all polo shirt money asap so we can order and make the shirts for the concerts in December.



## All Pro Dad

What does your kid need for breakfast? You! All Pro Dad Day is a simple idea with a profound impact that can really strengthen a dad's relationship with his children. All Pro Dad was launched in 1997 by Mark Merrill with the help of Tony Dungy, former head coach of the 2006 Super Bowl champion Indianapolis Colts. All Pro Dad is built on a football theme and features more than 50 NFL players, coaches and alumni who speak out on the importance of being a good father. NRES started a chapter in 2010 and has been getting together ever since. All Pro Dad morning is Friday, October 21, 2016 at 8:45 a.m. in the Media Center. To RSVP for the event please go to the website: <http://www.allprodad.com/2228>. If you have any questions please contact Mrs. Carlson at 346-0500. We hope to see you there!





**Oct. 24–28, 2016  
is Red Ribbon Week**



**“RESPECT Yourself- Be Drug Free”**

**Monday –“Too Smart to Start”**  
Nerd Day

**Tuesday –“Pledge to Be Drug Free”**  
Red, White, and Blue Day

**Wednesday- “Give Drugs the Boot”**  
Western Day

**Thursday – “Peace Out to Drugs”**  
Wear tie dye

**Friday – “Team Up Against Drugs”**  
Sports Day- Wear the jersey or shirt of your favorite team

**Student Council News!**

We are very proud of all of our third, fourth, and fifth graders that are participating in Student Council elections this month! Below is the election schedule:

Monday 10/3  
Primary Election

Tuesday 10/4 -  
Announce final four candidates

Wednesday 10/5 - Tuesday 10/11  
posters hung and displayed

Wednesday 10/12  
General Election for officers

Thursday 10/13  
Officers announced and class vote for class representatives

**All 2nd - 5th grade classrooms will then select two class representatives!**

**Walk-To-School Day**

October 5th is “Bike/Walk” to school day. With the support of Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition and All Children’s Hospital, and Safe Kids WORLDWIDE we will be meeting our students throughout the New River neighborhood to walk/bike to school.

Walking and bicycling to school is a great way for kids to get exercise, and it means there are fewer cars on the road and less pollution. The long-term goal of the program is to increase walking and bicycling to make neighborhoods safer for walking and bicycling to school.

We would love to have your family join us that morning. If you don't live in the New River Neighborhood, you can park your car up the street and walk joining the group at meeting point #3.

Meeting Point #1- Riverside Crossing & New Savannah Cr- 8:40 a.m.

Meeting Point #2- Riverside Crossing & Fish Hook Lp- 8:45 a.m.

Meeting Point #3- River Glen Blvd & Little River Way- 8:50 a.m.

**NRES Garden News**



Our annual Dig Day was a success this year thanks to the many wonderful students, staff, and family members who participated and those who made donations. Thank you to Home Depot for donating the seeds. We were able to plant seedlings, sow seeds, and prune the butterfly garden. New mulch was laid in the butterfly garden too. Some of the 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders came out on Friday mornings to help pull weeds to get the garden ready for Dig Day. The Garden Guru STEAM group helped fertilize the existing Butterfly Garden plants by raking away the mulch, then placing compost at the base of the plant. Our garden is Blooming, Growing, and Thriving!





**PTA News**



**Trunk or Treat- October 28<sup>th</sup>**



\*PTA is off to a great start this year! With over 80 members, we are able to make great strides for our school. We would like to thank everyone who was able to attend our PTA meeting and spaghetti dinner. Not a member? No worries! If you would still like to join PTA please feel free to contact Lee Spadaro at [fspa824@verizon.net](mailto:fspa824@verizon.net) or Lindsay Meszaros at [linsnjoe2@yahoo.com](mailto:linsnjoe2@yahoo.com).

\*Volunteers will be needed to help with the PTA booths and gaming.

**Goal for the Year:**

Our goal for this year is to raise money for misters to be installed in our car rider line. The teachers and students get hot waiting in the pick-up line, misters would help keep them cool while they wait.

\*October is going to a fun month with exciting things for our school. Thank you for all who participated in the Cookie Dough/ Magazine fundraiser. Delivery will be in November, and the exact date will be announced in the November newsletter!

Thank you for all you do to help our school! If you have any questions or would like to help volunteer, please contact Lindsay Meszaros at [linsnjoe2@yahoo.com](mailto:linsnjoe2@yahoo.com).

Like us on Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/#!/New-River-Elementary-PTA-173613739381468/timeline/>



**Volunteer Information** Remember to apply online to be a school volunteer. You can also apply online to determine if your child can receive free or reduced lunch and breakfast. Go to the Pasco District website: [www.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us) . Then click on the Parent tab at the top of the web page. Please feel free to come to NRES to access these online applications. Thank you!



**Parent Notification  
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New River Elementary  
Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments**

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards and English to Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Aimee Ensign, Jolene Furman, Caleb Gates, Colleen Giorgetti, Elizabeth Jenkins, Emily Keys, Joe Maloney, Madison Oliver, Jenna Reynolds, and Ayleen Gallahue.

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Superintendent**

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