

Reptile Review



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Important Dates

April 26 Progress Reports Kindness Run Exceptional Student Extravaganza 5:00-7:45 pm Book Fair Night 5:00-7:00 pm Art Show 5:00-6:30 pm PTA General Assembly 6:45 pm Chorus/ ORFF Concert 7:00 pm Reptile Kindness Run Awards 7:45 pm Silent Auction Ends 7:45 pm May 1 4th/5th FSA Reading	May 2 4th/5th FSA Reading May 4 TEDx District Event May 6 3rd/4th/5th FSA Math May 7 3rd/4th/5th FSA Math May 8 SAC Meeting 8:00am May 9 5th SSA Science May 10 5th SSA Science May 13-17 Staff Appreciation Week	May 13 Muffins with Mom 8:45 am Kindergarten Registration 9:45-12:00 or 5:30-6:30 Kindergarten Parent Workshop 6:30-7:30 May 17 All Pro Dad Fun Run May 20-29 District Finals May 20 K-2 Musical 7:00pm WCPAC May 21 National Beta May 22 5th Grade Field Trip EPCOT	May 23 5th Grade Auction May 24 Reading Counts Celebration May 27 No School- Holiday May 28 5th Grade Award Ceremony 10 am 5th Grade Luncheon Picnic Lunch for all students Grades K-4 May 29 Kickball/ Neukom Last day of school for students Clap Out 3:30 pm
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Principal's Message

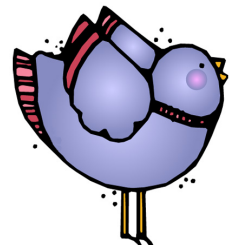
This will be our last newsletter for the 2018 -19 school year. It is hard to believe that the year is almost over. I want to personally thank all of the New River families for their wonderful support throughout the year. You have amazing children and the entire staff is so proud of their many accomplishments.

We are excited about the upcoming Exceptional Student Extravaganza this coming Friday! There will be lots of different events happening all throughout the evening! There are specific details for this event on page 5. We hope you can join us!

Our end of the year celebrations will be a little bit different this year because of the late state testing window. There are only three days in May that will not be state testing or district final tests. Therefore, the classrooms will be having their student celebrations in class with students only for grades K-4th. We will continue our celebration of 5th grade awards with parents and families in the cafeteria on Tuesday, May 28th.

Looking forward to finishing the year strong!

Sarah Bordner
Principal
sbordner@pasco.k12.fl.us





Exceptional Student Extravaganza



New River Elementary
Autism Awareness Celebration

April 26, 2019

Extravaganza Events 5:00-7:45 p.m.

Book Fair 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Reptile Kindness Run Awards 7:45 p.m.

Silent Auction Ends 7:45 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 Carnival Games Cake Walk
Book Fair Silent Auction Kindness Run
Art Show Local Business Vendors
NRES Chorus/ ORFF Performance

Games and Bounce Houses are FREE. Food and drinks will be for sale along with a Silent Auction, Cake Walk, and the conclusion of the Penny Competition.

Interested in showcasing a product, an information booth, or for for monetary donations, please contact Jon Leidy (813) 346-0500.



5th Grade News

NRES 5th grade teachers are collecting fun items for the end-of-year auction for the 5th grade students. If you would like to make a donation, they are asking for donations of gift cards, monetary donations, or any items you would like to purchase on your own. They will also take "gently used" items such as video games, if they are in 100% working condition. All purchases and donations should be age appropriate.

Please contact Mrs. Jones

dljones@pasco.k12.fl.us for ideas and more information.



FSA/SSA Dates

Grade 3	FSA Math	May 6, 7
Grade 4	FSA Reading	May 1, 2
Grade 4	FSA Math	May 6, 7
Grade 5	FSA Reading	May 1, 2
Grade 5	FSA Math	May 6, 7
Grade 5	SSA Science	May 9, 10

Please no visitors/volunteers on campus during these days.

For practice tests and FSA information:
<http://www.fsassessments.org>

Parents, for more information please contact your child's teacher or call Mrs. Wilkinson at (813) 346-0503.



Music News

Chorus and Orff will perform on April 26th at 7p.m. outside the music building during the Exceptional Student Extravaganza. All students must wear school appropriate shorts with their blue Chorus or Orff polo tucked in. Please join us for some fun at the Extravaganza prior to the concert.

All K/1/2 students who have returned permission forms will be attending a rehearsal field trip at WCHS with music classes on May 20th to practice for the "Bada Bing It's Spring" musical. If you have not turned in a form or the \$3 transportation fee, please do so ASAP. Families will be responsible to bring their students to WCHS at 6:45p.m. to perform in the evening. We are looking for more chaperones on 5/20. If you can help and you are an approved volunteer, please let me know asap.



Thank you so much to our Field Day volunteers!! It was super hot and the volunteers worked so hard. We thank you very much.

Our next event is the Running Club's Fun Run, May 17, at 9:45. Our running club will be running one mile, a culminating event, celebrating a successful year of getting fit and having fun. April is also the last month to run Reptile Run. Students will be trying to meet their goal of 25 miles to earn a free t-shirt. Some students are well on their way to earning 30 and 40 mile shirts!! Also, don't forget to encourage your child to exercise at home and fill in the Exercise Logs. Healthy habits, started now, will help with a lifetime of physical fitness!

PE News

Art News

During the month of April, students will be reviewing all the art concepts we have been discussing throughout the year. Elements of art and principles of design will be part of our review along with weekly projects to reinforce students understanding of what has been learned. Intermediate students will be also learning about linear perspective, positive and negative space and some classes will have a chance to work with plaster to make a sculpture. Primary students will be learning about symmetry, space and will make paper sculptures.

We are also excited about having our annual art show during the school's Extravaganza on April 26th. The art show will be in the art room this year from 5:00 - 7:00 p.m. Make sure that you have turned in your student's slip to participate in the art show so that we can make sure and display his/her art.

Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing you during the art show.



Early Release Days are Coming Next Year

Beginning with the 2019-2020 school year, Pasco County Schools is implementing a monthly, two-hour early release schedule. Early release days allow for staff to engage in professional development aligned to student needs and district and school priorities. Early release days will be once a month, on a Wednesday, as follows: **September 11, October 9, November 13, December 11, January 15, February 12, March 11, April 8**

Parents with childcare concerns have options provided by our PLACE program, and we will be working with private daycare facilities to develop a list of other choices. Students already enrolled in PLACE programs will be able to stay the extra two hours without additional charges. Current morning-only PLACE students may attend in the afternoon without charge. A package option for all eight early release days is available for students not currently enrolled in PLACE.

Students registered with this package option will not be required to pay a registration fee. Parents who have a last-minute need for their children to attend PLACE also may register at any time prior to the early release day that care is needed. The daily drop-in fee and registration fee will apply. For more information on the PLACE early release fee schedule, go to the following link: <https://tinyurl.com/y3esf63c>

Bus transportation will be provided two hours earlier than usual for students who are transported on regular school days. The same routes and stops will be used. Please watch for more details in future Pasco Parent Press editions, on the district website, and on social media.

All Pro Dad

The purpose of the organization is just to take the time and continue to build that bond between yourselves and your children. It is a great opportunity for your children to hear you brag about them to all that attend too.

Our next breakfast will be **Friday, May 17** at 8:45 in the media center.

There are several ways you can RSVP for the event: you can send an email

Scott.Carlson@Imppro.com or call the school (813-346-0500), or you can go out to the All Pro Dad site (<https://allprodadsday.com/chapters/2228>).

Please RSVP so we can plan for the amount of food needed for the breakfasts.

School Wide STEM FAIR

This year we will have eight NRES students that qualified to participate in the Pasco County District STEM Fair on April 27th. Good luck to the following students: Brianna Aguay, Kendrick Collins, Justin Dickerson, Sydney Herndon, Tatianna Laezza, Aly O'Dette, Jaxson Pagliuca, Noah Perez

Kindergarten Registration

Monday, May 13, 2019

9:45am - 12:00 noon or 5:30pm - 6:30pm

Media Center at New River Elem.

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 3 Proofs of Residency (deed/property tax or lease agreement; utility bill; and either an auto registration, FL drivers license, FL ID card, or voter registration card). Remember your child must be 5 on or before September 1, 2019.

School Lockdown Procedures

- **Controlled Campus-** A POTENTIAL threat or safety concern exists that requires a greater degree of control.
- **Lockdown-** A direct threat to the school campus, staff, or student body.
- Parent WILL NOT be allowed on campus and will be provided instructions as to a reunification location and time, if necessary. This is to ensure the safety of the students and so a parent is not misidentified as a potential threat to the school.
- Pasco Sheriff's Office and school personnel actively train for such occurrences and work as one cohesive unit to ensure campus safety. Allowing and interruption or unauthorized visitors during these occurrences will only cause confusion and delay the assessment of the potential threat and could jeopardize all students' safety.
- Parents will not be allowed on campus to pick up children for even regular scheduled doctor's appointments until a lockdown is over. Interference or disruption during these occurrences from ANYONE coming on campus could subject them to arrest, as your child's safety is our first priority.
- Official information during these occurrences will be disseminated using our Pasco Sheriff's School Safety social media sites. This information will be vetted from the affected school through collaboration of Sheriff's and school personnel. Other unofficial sources often confuse or add misinformation to situations that have not been confirmed. This includes your child calling you and not having factual information.
- The affected school during the occurrence will receive more phone calls than personnel will be able to answer. Do not call the school during this time as emergency responders will also be calling to acquire information about the alleged incident and additional phone calls to the school could back the phone lines.
- The Pasco Sheriff's Office and school personnel always do their best to ensure every child's safety on campus, and we ask all parents and guardians to have patience and trust during these situations.

Social Media Resources

Facebook: www.facebook.com/pascosheriffsschoolsafety

Twitter: @PSOSchoolSafety

Instagram: [@pascosheriffscholsafety](https://www.instagram.com/pascosheriffscholsafety)

Internet Page: PascoSheriff.com/PascoSheriffSchoolSafety

National Beta Club Service Project

We are the National Beta Club and our goal is to help an animal shelter in need. So we need you to help us. We could use blankets, towels, and beds mostly but any other things you think an animal could use would be amazing! You can drop off your donations in the Media Center. Also the last day to donate is May 17th.

Thank you so much,
National Beta Club at NRES

Odyssey of the Mind

On April 6, a team from New River traveled to the University of Central Florida to compete at the state level. We know they did their very best in representing NRES! This team was coached by Andrea Bahmann and the team

members are:

Team members:

Ethan Bahmann

Joshua Smith

Avier Ortega

Connor Thorn

Carter Johns

Bronx Freeman

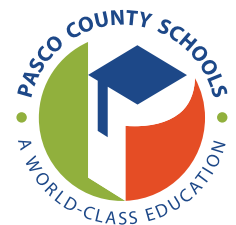
Great job to our OMER to the rescue team!

Reptile Kindness Run

This year NRES PTA will be hosting the school's kindness run on April 26th! This means that 100% of the donations we received will stay in the school. All students will participate in the kindness run during their specials time. They will earn bracelets for each lap they run and the top boy and girl in each grade level will earn a medal. Our goal for this event is \$5,000 and for each student to try and earn \$10.00. Book Fair vouchers will be awarded for the top 3 students that earn the most pledges. The proceeds will go towards improving school grounds and/or playground equipment. Donations of cash or checks made payable to New River Elementary PTA will be accepted. The deadline of April 26, 2019.

PTA April News

Happy April/May everyone! Our year is almost over but we aren't finished yet. I hope everyone that bought cookie dough has received their order(s) and are enjoying them. The Extravaganza will be held on Friday April 26th. Since this is the same day that our school will be having the Reptile Kindness Run, we will need volunteers from 8:30 am until the extravaganza is over at 8:00 pm. You can volunteer to hand out bracelets to the students for their laps that they run. We will also need volunteers at the Book Fair that is going on all week and to set up for the extravaganza. In order to volunteer you must be an approved volunteer through Pasco County Schools. If you are able to help volunteer, please email me with your name and the time that you will be able to help. This is a big event and it is one that the kids have so much fun at. We appreciate any and all volunteers who offer their time to support our school on this day. Thank you for always supporting the PTA and supporting New River Elementary! There is still time to become a member. If you would like to find out more information, please contact Amy Goforth at agoforth@pasco.k12.fl.us.



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Superintendent**

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