

Reptile Review

October 2019

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Important Dates

Sept. 30- Oct.11
Quarterly Check Window

October 1
5th Grade Crystal Springs
Field Trip- Jones &
Dobbins

October 2
Walk to School Day
5th Grade Crystal Springs
Field Trip- Lane & Robb

October 3
5th Grade Crystal Springs
Field Trip- Blicker &
Legnini

October 8
PTA Exec Meeting

October 9
Early Release
Girl Scouts Info Night
@ 7:00pm

October 11
End of Quarter 1

October 14
Teacher Planning
Day- No School for
Students

October 16
SAC Mtg 8:00am

October 18
5 Sunshine State
Books Due

October 21-25
Bus Safety Week

October 22
Report Cards Available
on myPascoConnect

October 23
Fall Picture Retakes

October 25
5 Sunshine State Book
Celebration
Remarkable Reptile K-2
Collaboration

October 28
Remarkable Reptile 3-5
Collaboration

Oct. 28-Nov. 1
Red Ribbon Week

October 31
Character Parade 10:00am

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 join us as we work to improve attendance, tardy, and check out rates at NRES this year!

Principal's Message

October will be a busy month at our school as we end quarter one and begin quarter two! There are many upcoming events such as Family Fun Nights, Walk to School Day, our Sunshine State Book party for the students who have read and passed 5 Sunshine State Books, Trunk or Treat, Character Parade, Yankee Candle Fundraiser, Red Ribbon Week and our Remarkable Reptile Celebration! Please make sure you check our Newsletter or Facebook page for dates and times!

Report cards will be available to parents on the Parent Portal! Please make sure you have access to your child's report card. If you need assistance, please feel free to stop by or call the front office.

Please remember that in the morning, students should not be getting out of cars in the car line or dropped off at the front gate prior to 9:15 am. It is at 9:15 am when we have adult supervision at stations throughout the campus for the safety of our students.

Sarah Judd
sbordner@pasco.k12.fl.us



NRES Family Events!



Trunk or Treat Festival

Games~Food~Fun~Treats
Friday, Nov. 1st 6:00-8:00 pm at the
Bus Loop

Students may walk the New River Elementary Bus Loop for free candy. In addition to trunk or treat, there will be a fall festival. Watch for the flyer to sign up to help at this event.

Good Character Parade

Thursday, Oct.31st, 10:00 am in the Bus Loop
Students may dress up like a super hero or a good/positive 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

Presidential Fitness pretesting has concluded. Our 3-5 grade students will be working on muscular strength, muscular endurance, cardiorespiratory endurance, flexibility, speed, and agility this year. They have set goals to improve the number of sit ups and pushups they can do. Also, they will be working on their mile time and flexibility!

Reptile Run is in full swing for K-3. 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 two hundred Reptile Run shirts!!

We have over 200 Morning Fun Run Club members! Running Club begins October 3rd at 9:00 AM.



Report Cards

To access your child's grades and attendance, it is important for you as the parent to establish an account. To establish a parent portal account online, you must have a valid email address and the student's birthday date must be on record with Pasco County Schools.

Log onto the following site: <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents> and select Check Grades/Attendance under the PARENT LINK menu located on the left hand side of the screen. Then you will register for an account.

Art News

Students in art class have been busy finishing their line pictures while using different kinds of materials. We have also started our project on the famous artist, Vincent van Gogh, while we learn about his life and accomplishments. Students have had an opportunity to explore his most famous works, such as "The Starry Night" and the "The Twelve Sun Flowers."

During the month of October, students will be working on the second element of art, shape. We are learning about different kinds of shapes such as organic and geometric shapes and making a real or imaginary picture while using a variety of tools. We will show our learning about shapes by making a collage and combining all the concepts previously learned. Students will have the chance to choose different color construction paper, use glue and scissors to make their shapes overlap.

Keep up the amazing art work and thank you for your continued support!

Music News

Please return all musical permission forms for our 12/4 musical field trip "Kid Flix". You can still turn it in if you haven't yet. The transportation fee is \$3.00. If you are an approved Pasco County volunteer and are available for this trip, please contact Mr. Wohl at rwohl@pasco.k12.fl.us and let him know you can be a chaperone for this trip. We will meet at the front gate of the school at 9:30a.m. and we should return back by noon or 12:15p.m.

Box Tops

Box Top is all about the difference I can make. This year, our goal is to raise 2,000.00 for student incentives. Here is one easy ways you can help:

Clip - Clip the Box Top from hundreds of participating products and send them to school. Each one is worth 10 cents when our school redeems them from Box Tops for Education.

Be on the look out for an October Challenge. Box tops for October are due by October 28th.



Lost and Found

New River Elementary has a lost and found located in the cafeteria. It is important to label your child's items including all jackets, sweaters, hats, lunch boxes, etc. that your child brings to school! If an item ends up in the lost and found we will be able to return it to your child if it is labeled with your child's full name.

Picture Retakes

When: October 23rd

If you have already purchased a packet, then you will need to return the packet on that day. Students that were absent will have their picture taken on that day too.



**Oct. 28 - Nov 1, 2019
is Red Ribbon Week**



The **Red Ribbon Campaign** is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the Nation and a fun and effective way for communities to show support for healthy lifestyles. This year's theme is "**Send a Message.**" This is meant to encourage community members to speak out in support of healthy choices. It is also a reminder that by staying drug free, you are sending a message to yourself and others about how much you value yourself, your overall health, your community, and your future. Show your commitment to live drug free by following each days task or wearing red.

Mon. Oct 28 – Rally against Red, Be Drug Free!
Wear RED to show your support.

Tues. Oct 29 – Dare to be a HERO! Be Drug Free!
Wear a superhero shirt to show your safe choices.

Wed. Oct 30 – Shout out a Positive Message to others! Wear a shirt with a positive message.

Thurs. Oct 31 – “My Character Counts”
Dress as a super hero, book character, or a good/ positive character. (Students may dress up like a character that shows good character traits. There will be a character parade at 10:00 a.m. in the bus loop. Families are invited to come and watch in the bus loop area. No scary costumes or any types of weapons allowed.)

Fri. Nov 1– You’re too Smart for Drugs!
Wear a college shirt or favorite sports team shirt!



Counselor's Corner

October is National Bullying Awareness Month. In order to help keep the students here at NRES safe, I will be going into each of the classrooms this month to do a lesson around the definition of bullying. For Kindergarten – 2nd grade, I will be reading the book, "Bully Beans" by Julia Cook. The students will then work together to figure out the difference between friendship problems and bullying. For 3rd grade – 5th grade, I will be doing a jeopardy learning experience. The students in the class will have to work together to recognize the situation as either a friendship problem or bullying and then they will have to explain how they will refuse and report the situation.

In order to support students in and out of school, it is important that you know the definition of bullying as well. Bullying is defined as the repetition of aggressive behavior involving an imbalance of power between the students. This means that the behavior must happen more than once. The behavior has to be done aggressively and on purpose to assert power over another student.

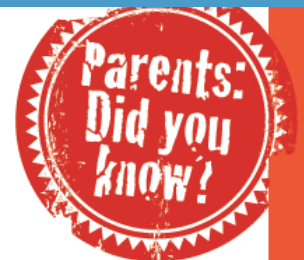
As always, if you have any questions feel free to contact me at any time!

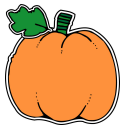
Sincerely,

Elise Clerkin, Certified School Counselor



**National
School Lunch Week
October 14-18, 2019**





Trunk or Treat Festival



What: Trunk or Treat Festival
Games * Food * Fun * Treats

When: Friday, November 1, 2019 -6:00 - 8:00 pm

Where: New River Elementary Bus Loop

What is Trunk or Treat? - Volunteer families will decorate their car and park it in the bus loop by 5:30 p.m. As children walk the loop, they will trunk or treat for candy that is being given. There is no charge. If you would like to volunteer, please complete the form sent home and return it to school ASAP. (Those distributing candy, must be a registered volunteer. You can register on our website - nres.pasco.k12.fl.us.)

In addition, you may use money to play games, do the cakewalk, food, prizes, sno-cones and more! It will be an evening of fun for the whole family.

We also have volunteer opportunities available at the cake walk, and food booths.



Walk and Ride to School Day

On October 2nd, New River Elementary, the Suncoast Safe Kids Coalition, and All Children's Hospital, are joining together with Safe Kids WORLDWIDE to walk or ride to school. Please join us by walking or riding a bike to school.

There will be 2 meeting points. Be sure to join us after the walk/bike to school on the covered court to learn more about safe ways to walk to school.

Meeting Point #1 - Neighborhood side of Bridge - 8:50 am

Meeting Point #2 - River Glen Blvd & Little River Way - 8:50 am

Any questions, please call the front office at (813)-346-0500

PTA News

Thank you to the families that have joined PTA. If you are interested in joining please see us at Trunk or Treat.

We look forward to seeing you at our Trunk or Treat on November 1st.

New River Families: 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. 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!

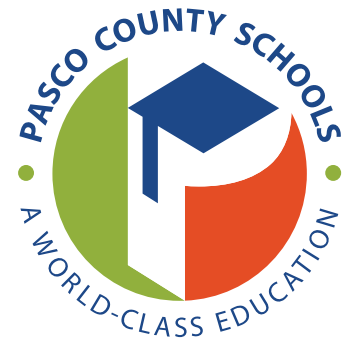
Parent Notification Reptile Review October 1, 2019 New River Elementary Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments

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 an 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: Colleen Dobbins, Courtney Emmanuel, Caleb Gates, Emily Keys, Michelle Loo, Karen Marshall, Nicole Raines, Heather Sheely, and Jade Vaca.

The following teacher has agreed to work toward Exceptional Student Education Certification: Jocelyn Kelley.

The following teacher has agreed to work toward Autism endorsement: Caleb Gates and Jade Vaca



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Kurt S. Browning,
Superintendent

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