

# Reptile Review

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## Important Dates

### December 3-6

Snow Globe Gift Shop-  
Shopping is for students  
only

### December 4

3rd, 4th, 5th Grade Field  
Trip WCPAC

"Kid Flix" Musical @  
6:45pm WCPAC

### December 9-20

Quarter 2 Quarterly  
Check Window

### December 11

Early Release Day

### December 14

Avalon Aglow @ 5:00pm

### December 18

SAC Meeting @ 8:00am

### December 19

Reading Counts Celebration



### Holiday Spirit Days

Join in the excitement of the season

**Monday Dec. 17** - Holiday Hat Day-  
Wear a holiday hat

**Tuesday Dec. 18** - Holiday Shirt Day-  
Wear your favorite holiday shirt

**Wednesday Dec. 19** - Elf Day- Wear  
green

**Thursday Dec. 20** - Candy Cane Day-  
Wear red and white

**Friday Dec. 21** - Pajama Day- Wear  
school appropriate pajamas



**Dec. 23-Jan. 6**  
No School  
Winter Break  
Students Return on  
January 7th

## Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that we are almost half way through the school year! This year at NRES has been a great one, with lots of accomplishments and successes to celebrate!

In November, we had a busy month with our Veterans Day Celebration and Great American Teach-In! A special thanks to those who came to share their career with our Reptiles! We also had a successful Scholastic Book Fair thanks to our volunteers, again! We appreciate you all!

On December 19<sup>th</sup>, we will be having our mid-year Reading Counts Celebration. This celebration recognizes the students who follow through with their reading goals through their independent reading. On Saturday, December 14<sup>th</sup>, our NRES ORFF will perform at Avalon Aglow in Avalon Park West. Our Snow Globe Gift Shop is off to a great start thanks to our NRES PTA! We've had lots of volunteers and we appreciate you all!

During Winter Break please take time to enjoy your family, remember to read, and we will see you ready to learn in 2020!

Sarah Judd  
Principal  
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### Mid-Year Reading Celebration

**December 19, 2019**

At New River, reading is a priority for student success! All students need to read books at their independent level, complete reading logs, and respond as their teacher assigns. All students who fulfill independent reading requirements will attend the reading celebration events based on the amount of books they have read independently. Students will have a picnic lunch with their class that day. They may purchase their lunch from the cafeteria or bring a lunch from home.

#### Reading Celebration Events:

- Level 1 - Reindeer Games
- Level 2 - Candy Cane & Karaoke
- Level 3 - Blizzard Bingo
- Level 4 - Penguin Play
- Level 5 - Snowman Melt
- Level 6 - A Very Merry Minute to Win It

\*\*Be sure to ask your child about his/her IRLA level and power goal!

## Music News



December 4th is our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> grade musical "Kid Flix". Students who have returned their permission forms before 12/2, will travel with us to Wesley Chapel High School for a rehearsal in the morning. Families should arrive at WCHS at 6:45p.m. for our concert. We will begin at 7p.m. The show will last around 30 minutes and families are encouraged to come watch this free program.

Chorus and Orff will make a performance video recording at NRES on Friday 12/6. Students in chorus and Orff will need to come to school dressed in black pants, black socks, black shoes, and black belt with their polo shirts tucked in. Polo shirts will be distributed before 12/6.

Chorus and Orff will perform their seasonal presentation at Avalon Aglow on December 14th located at Avalon Park West which is located on the road just behind New River Elementary. The address of the clubhouse is Avalon Clubhouse is 5227 Autumn Ridge Dr. This is where the stage is located. Please arrive by 5:15pm. to prepare for our 5:30pm rehearsal. The dress for this concert is black pants, black socks, black shoes, and black belt with their polo shirts tucked in. Holiday hats, scarves, or gloves (if the weather is cool) are acceptable. When choosing a hat, please remember that students with large decorative hats will block the performers singing behind them. Jackets may be worn as well. If it is a warm day we will not use jackets, hats, or scarves.

### PE News

Field Day shirts will be on sale when we get back from the holiday break. The proceeds from the shirts support our Reptile Run program. Most of our reptiles have already finished 10 miles!! We expect to have the largest number ever earn 30, 40, or 50 mile shirts by May. Way to go, Reptiles!

The Fun Run Club is in full swing, with over 250 members running before school on Thursdays.

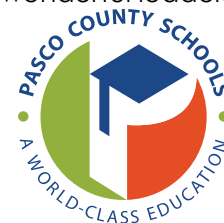
The Johns Hopkins All Children's Hospital bike trailer will be here in January. Kindergarten through second grade students will be learning pedestrian safety. Third through fifth grade students will be learning the proper way to fit a helmet, and will get to practice how to safely ride bikes.

Enjoy your holidays and remember to encourage your child to be active!



### National Beta Club

National Beta has a chapter at New River this year. The National Beta Club is the largest independent, non-profit, educational youth organization in America. For more than 80 years, it has prepared today's students to be tomorrow's leaders. To be asked to be a member of this club, a student must be an honor roll student who upholds high standards of honesty and good citizenship. A member must have a worthy, moral and ethical character and a commendable attitude. Students who are either in 4<sup>th</sup> grade or 5<sup>th</sup> grade were nominated by their teachers to become a member of this club. On Thursday, November 14<sup>th</sup> we inducted 32 new members to join this club. We look forward to seeing many wonderful leaders come from this group!



### \*Self-Care During the Holidays\*

The holiday season can be quite a difficult and stressful time for many. That's why it's so important to **stop** and **listen** to your own needs, too! Here are some self-care ideas for December and beyond:

#### #SeasonOfSelfCare

- Take a walk outside
- Write a love letter to yourself
- Write about something you are grateful for in your life (it can be a person, place, or thing)
- Create a happy playlist and a coping playlist
- Treat yourself to a favorite snack
  - Watch your favorite movie Forgive someone
- Forgive yourself
- Say thank you to someone who has helped you recently

- Create a DIY self-care kit of things that make you feel better
- Take your medication on time
- Take a new fitness class at the gym (yoga, Zumba, etc.)
- Plan a lunch date with someone you haven't seen in a while
- Pamper yourself with an at-home spa day
- Take a day off from social media and the Internet
- Reach out to your support system
- Cuddle with your pets or a friend's pet
- Take the time to stop, stand, and stretch for 2 minutes
- Wake up a little earlier and enjoy quiet time before the morning rush

**\*\*Wishing everyone a Happy Holiday Season!!\*\***



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