

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

February 7 Progress Report Released Sweetheart Dance @ 6:30pm	February 12-26 PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser	February 21 Special Olympics Center Ice Family Night @ 6:00pm
February 11 PTA Exec Board Meeting	February 17 President's Day- No School	February 26 Spring Pictures
February 12 Early Release Day	February 19 SAC Meeting 8:00	February 29 All County Chorus OM Competition

Attendance is Key!

We encourage all students to arrive to school on time as learning takes place as soon as school starts each day. Daily attendance is very important to your child's academic achievement. We do understand that your child may become ill from time to time. If your child is out sick, please call the office (813)346-0500 on the day of the absence or send in a note when they return to school. Please include the following when reporting an absence: child's full name, teacher's name, reason for absence, and date of the absence. This will help us in determining if the absence is excused.

Principal's Message

We've had a great start to the 2020 year and we've worked to set realistic and achievable goals with our students. In mid-February, we are looking forward to celebrating Kindness Week because Random Acts of Kindness Day is on Monday, February 17th (which is a "no school" day). Kindness Week at New River Elementary will be from Tuesday, February 18th - Friday, February 21st. We will be challenging our students to complete random acts of kindness into their day! Remember, "In a world where you can be anything, be kind!".

Our students participated in our District Science & Engineering Fair this past weekend and they did a fantastic job representing NRES! We are so proud of you! We are looking forward to some amazing events coming up in February including Special Olympics, All County Chorus Performance, and our Odyssey of the Mind competition. Our third quarter academic skills are perseverance and motivation. We will continue to build these skills with our students during the upcoming months!

Sarah Judd
Principal
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Buddy Bench

A buddy bench is a bench located on our playground. It is a safe spot where a child can sit to signal to other students that they do not have anyone to play with. Student ambassadors are to keep an eye on the buddy bench and invite anyone who sits on it to play.

4 Reasons to sit on the buddy bench:

1. If you are new to the school.
2. If you want to make new friends.
3. If your friends aren't at school that day.
4. If you want to play something different than what your friend is playing.

We are continuing to work with our student leadership team to teach all students how to support students sitting on the buddy bench.



Battery Recycling Contest

All Pasco County schools are entered into a household battery recycling contest. Please send in any household size batteries (AA, AAA, C, D, and Button Cell only). All other batteries are not accepted. We have a bucket located in the front office. If you have any old batteries, please send them in! The top ten schools in Pasco County will share prize money from Pasco Counties Utilities contest sponsors.



Music News

Our K/1/2 students have started practicing their musical, "Pajama Party" in class. This event will take place on Wednesday, April 15th at 7p.m. The musical will be performed at Wesley Chapel High School. If you are an approved Pasco County Volunteer and can attend our rehearsal field trip on April 15th from 9:30 to 12p.m. please notify Mrs. Dunn at Sdunn@pasco.k12.fl.us Please watch for permission slips to come home shortly.

Bravo to our 5th grade student, Zenaya Ruth for performing at the Florida Music Educators Association "All State" ensemble. She was chosen to sing in this amazing 200 piece choir on January 9th. This was no small accomplishment, as 1000 students from across the state auditioned. The group sang immaculately and were given a rousing standing ovation. Congratulations to Zenaya for all her hard work!

Why Can't I Skip My 20 Minutes of Reading Tonight?

Student "A"	Student "B"	Student "C"
reads 20 minutes each day	reads 5 minutes each day	reads 1 minute each day
3600 minutes in a school year	900 minutes in a school year	180 minutes in a school year

1,800,000 words



90th percentile

282,000 words



50th percentile

8,000 words



10th percentile

By the end of 6th grade Student "A" will have read the equivalent of 60 whole school days. Student "B" will have read only 12 school days. Which student would you expect to have a better vocabulary? Which student would you expect to be more successful in school...and in life?

(Nazv & Herman, 1987)

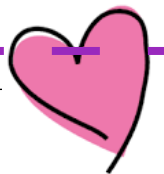
PE News

We currently have our Field Day shirts on sale!! Please help support our Reptile Run program by buying one today!! We are expecting over two hundred students to earn a free shirt in May. Those reptiles have really been running and getting fit. Many have already finished twenty miles! Field Day will be Friday, March 13th. Look for volunteer forms coming home this month.

The Fun Run Club is in full swing, with over 250 members running before school on Thursdays. We will finish our season in May with a mile Fun Run. We have some very dedicated runners that run over two miles every Thursday morning.

"Equip the Thunder" Lightning hockey will be coming to New River for 1st-3rd grade students on Feb. 19th. Look for permission slip coming home.

During field day, we will be participating in the Kids Heart Challenge, formerly known as Jump Rope for Kids. Information will be coming home soon about this event.



PTA News

Our PTA and our school would first like to thank all volunteers who helped make the Snow Globe Shops a success. Please watch out for our Cookie Dough Fundraiser Flyer, coming home later this month. We are always looking for new members if you have questions about how to join PTA please feel free to contact me at agoforth@pasco.k12.fl.us. Have a fantastic month and thank you for your continuous support.



Health News

It's flu season. Make sure you are taking important steps to keep your family healthy. The first step would be to get a flu vaccination.

Secondly, make sure to see a doctor if you do get sick. Finally make sure that you are washing your hands well.

If your child is sick, please make sure to keep them home to prevent the spread to others.

Art News

During this quarter, some of our primary students are creating amazing sculptures using a variety of clay. To begin, students use modeling clay to create four or more animals or things that look 3-D. This clay comes in different colors such as primary and secondary colors. While other primary classes are using self drying clay to make pinch pots, baskets and cups. When the pieces are dry, students are able to paint their sculptures using watercolors.

Intermediate students have been working on creating a painting using watercolors. For this unit, students learned about the American artist, Georgia O'Keeffe and how she created her flower and landscape artworks.

For the month of February, some students will be entered in the 2020 Pasco County Fair exhibit. Other students will have the opportunity to display their beautiful artwork at the District display in building 8.

Counselor Corner

Please help us celebrate our School Counselors Ms. Clerkin and Mrs. Warner during National School Counseling Week, Feb. 3-7, 2020 for all they do! See below for ways to celebrate our school counselors:

Monday, February 3rd-Unity Day!

Show your support to each other by wearing your grade level color!

Kindergarten - Red

1st Grade - Orange

2nd Grade - Yellow

3rd Grade - Green

4th Grade - Blue

5th Grade - Purple

Tuesday, February 4th- "We are helping build better humans by..."

Wear a positive message to show our Growth Mindset

Wednesday, February 5th- "Our students help us be a better human by..."

Career Day! Dress up in a career of your choice!

Thursday, February 6th- "Something my school counselor has taught me is..."

Wear Green for mental health awareness

Friday, February 7th - "Better humans are goal oriented ..."

Wear a College Shirt or NRES t-shirt

Vending Machine

Food and nutrition recently installed a vending machine in our school's cafeteria. It is stocked with snacks and beverages approved by the Smart Snack Standards established by the USDA. Our 3rd-5th grade children are able to access the vending machine during lunch. Any student that attends PLACE can also access the machine. A child may bring in money to purchase from the vending machine or use money from their meal account. To access money through a child's meal account, the child's lunch number and a 4-digit pin must be used. Please reach out to our school cafeteria manager, Robin Ladig rladig@pasco.k12.fl.us, if you would like to have your child's pin or if you have any questions.

Odyssey of the Mind News

New River is proud of the Odyssey of the Mind teams that will compete on February 29 at Cypress Creek High School! They have been working hard and we want to wish them luck at the competition!

Come out and cheer them on! It is a fun event for everyone.

Let's give a big cheer out to the teams:

Primary Team: Fashion Bug

Coach: Mrs. Smith

Team Members:

Sean Bahmann
Joey Goforth
Aleena Ortega
Avery McDowell
Aubrey Fisher
Jace Smith

Problem 1: Longshot Solution

Coach: Ms. Papsidero

Team Members:

Raegan Murray
Morgan Murray
Simon Donnelly
Adam Mesaros
Adrie Jones
Audrey McDowell

Problem 3: Classics The Effective

Detective

Coach: Mrs. Bahmann

Team Members:

Arikson Drullard
Makayla Suarez
Ethan Bahmann
Bronx Freeman
Ayden Tevaga
Alby Jacob

Problem 4 Balsa Limbo

Coaches: Mrs. Bowers and Mrs. Carlson

Team Members:

Joshua Smith
Christian Carlson
Evanee Balido
Jaxson Pagliuca
Avi Ortega
Dezirae Gardner
Matthew Dobbins

Problem 5: Opposites Distract

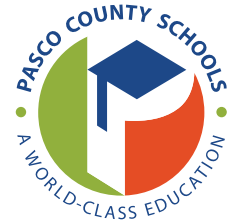
Coaches: Mrs. Raines and Mrs. Carlson

Team Members:

Brooke Bowers
Dezirae Gardner
Lola Gattuso
Harley Johnson
Matt Dobbins
Simon Donnelly
Adrie Jones

Judges for our school:

Mrs. Johns
Ms. Trimble
Mrs. Morton
Mrs. Adams
Mrs. Ohls



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