



EAGLE'S EYE



SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Mission

"Inspiring Greatness through Academics, Culture, and Leadership"

A Message from Administration

Skycrest Families,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am thrilled to be back for my second year as the proud principal of Skycrest Elementary. Our students made tremendous growth last year and we are going to continue this upward trend.

We have refreshed our logo and our mission statement to align with The Leader In Me and the 7 Habits of Healthy Kids. Our mission is "Inspiring Greatness through Academics, Culture and Leadership." We believe strongly that when students develop personal leadership skills and qualities, they will find success in and out of the classroom. It is our hope that you will partner with us by utilizing the 7 Habits in your home as they are great life skills for us all. We will be offering monthly meetings for all parents this year where you can learn more about The Leader In Me and other valuable information.

Our first International Café will be September 27th. Your involvement in your child's education is especially important, and we appreciate the support you provide. Please check your child's planner daily for communication with the teacher and if there is ever an issue, please contact the school so we can help. It is going to be a wonderful year, and I am so grateful to serve the amazing Skycrest Elementary community.

Together We Soar!

Mrs. Caparaso
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Dates to Remember

- 09/01 Picture Day, Uniforms only
- 09/04 No School, Labor Day
- 09/12 Mid-reports go home
- 09/20 Spirit Night, Culver's
- 09/25 No School for Students
- 09/27 International Café, 8:45AM, Media Center - ALL Welcome!
- 09/28 Parent Lunch Day

School Guidelines

Remember Skycrest school-wide expectations are S.O.A.R.

- Be Safe
- Be on Task
- Be Accountable
- Be Respectful

Check out our website-

<https://www.pcsb.org/skycrest-es>

There are continuous updates and information you do not want to miss!



Early Releases

Early student release must occur before 2:00p.m. with prior notice to the teacher and front office.

Students will be dismissed at 2:55p.m. to their designated pick-up areas.

Between 2:00p.m. and 2:55p.m., teachers are still instructing students. It disrupts end of day procedures for the teachers and front office when students leave early.

What is a Title I School?

Title I schools receive federal dollars to fund the following:

- **Personnel** to help students succeed. At Skycrest, we have two reading interventionists, a full-time Social Worker, and a full-time multi-tiered systems support coach.
- **Academic workshops/family nights**
- **Materials for students** - Title I provides students with **planners and compacts**.
- **Professional Development** for staff members including a stipend to be paid to all staff who participate in school-based trainings after school.
- Provides **intervention kits** to remediate and enhance reading skills for all students.
- **Promise Time program/ELP program**
- **Supports Leader In Me** - leadership for students.

Title I News

Our 2023-2024 Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) has been approved and published. You may view this document in our school's Title I Resource Notebook located in the in the front office of our school, as well as Skycrest website.

Every Title I school must have a parent volunteer to be a member of the Parent Advisory Council (PAC). This only requires attending two meetings a year and then reporting back to our SAC meetings. Please contact Amber Molinaro at 727-469-5987, if you are interested.

Skycrest Student Services

Did you know Skycrest Elementary has a school social worker, a school psychologist, and a school counselor?

We are here to support your child's academic, social emotional/behavioral, and attendance needs. You can reach us by calling Skycrest Elementary School at (727) 469-5987.

We look forward to an amazing year!
Ms. Molinaro, Ms. Nemeth, and Ms. Diaz

School Forms

Please Complete your Back-to-School forms online through Focus by using your Username and password.

Parents are now able to create or reset the password on Focus.

Uniform Policy

Shirts may be

- Polo style, crew neck T-shirts, or Skycrest t-shirts
- **Colors:** red, forest green, navy, light blue or white

***Hoodies allowed but no graphics on shirts-only solid colors listed above. Students cannot wear hood while on campus.**

Bottoms may be

- pants, shorts, skirts or skorts (must be mid-thigh length or longer)
- **Colors:** khaki, black or navy blue. Neat dark blue denim jeans (no holes) are allowed
- No denim shorts, skirts or skorts
- No leggings

***Closed-toe footwear is HIGHLY recommended due to recess and PE.**

***Crocs are not allowed to be worn to school.**

Attention 5th Grade Parents

The students in 5th Grade will be attending an all-day field trip to Enterprise Village on Wednesday, October 25th.

We need parent volunteers to help work the different businesses with the students at Enterprise Village. We need at least 20 volunteers. You must register online to become a volunteer.

Even if you volunteered last year, you still need to reactivate your account for this year. Go to <https://www.pcsb.org> and click on the Community tab and look for Volunteering under the Get Engaged heading to complete the form online. Please note, it takes 10-14 business days to be approved. If you have any questions, contact the front office at 727-469-5987.

International Café

Attention All Skycrest Families

Please join us for our first **International Café on Wednesday, September 27th at 8:45am in the Media Center**. This meeting is held in English and Spanish throughout the year. We discuss different topics such as academics and community resources. It's a great way to meet other parents, learn what is going on at Skycrest Elementary, and hear about resources available in our Skycrest/Clearwater neighborhood. The meeting takes place while your student is in class, but younger children are welcome. Join us for some coffee/snacks and helpful information. Hope to see you there! **For planning, below are the dates for the rest of the school year (all meetings begin at 8:45am).**

October 25th, November 29th, January 31st, and March 27th.

*In the past this meeting was open to Spanish speaking families, this year we are opening it up to ALL Skycrest families. Everyone is welcome!

Leader In Me

We continue to be a Leader In Me school this year. Each month, the students will learn about the Healthy Habits by Stephen Covey. The first Habit is - Be Proactive.

Ways to support at home:

WEEK	MENU OPTION #1	OR	MENU OPTION #2
1	Habit 1: Be Proactive[®] List ideas of things you can do when you are bored. Keep the list in a visible spot and add to it as you have new ideas.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Habit 6: Synergize[®] Complete a family project or chore together.
2	Habit 2: Begin With the End in Mind[®] Set a family goal for the week. Make a plan for achieving this short-term goal.	<input type="checkbox"/>	Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw[®] Go outside. Take a walk, visit a park, or play a game.
3	Habit 3: Put First Things First[®] Talk about what's most important to your family. Make a list of your family's top three Big Rocks (most important priorities).	<input type="checkbox"/>	Habit 4: Think Win-Win[®] Make a "wish poster." Start by drawing a line down the middle of the poster. On one side, record the child's hopes, dreams, and wishes. On the other side, record the parents' hopes, dreams, and wishes. Together, look at your wish poster. How can your family work together to make both sets of wishes a reality?
4	Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to Be Understood[®] Think of someone in your family who is a great listener. What makes them a great listener?	<input type="checkbox"/>	Habit 7: Sharpen the Saw Read a book together as a family.

Parent Lunch Day

Lunch with your child is back again this year. The last Thursday of the month is open for one family member (due to space) to come sit with their child at lunch.

Stop at the front office to sign in - don't forget your I.D.

Celebrations

Student birthdays can be celebrated but without any food - parents can send in goodie bags or a small pencil/trinket in place of cupcakes. No balloons or food are to be delivered to the front office for a student. We support a healthy school with healthy snacks. Two class parties are allowed during the school year, usually Winter Break and Valentine's Day.



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