

EAGLE'S EYE



SKYCREST ELEMENTARY NEWS

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Mission

"Inspiring Greatness through Academics, Culture, and Leadership"

A Message from Administration

Hello Skycrest Families,

Lisa Pierzchalski, Asst. Principal

As we approach the end of the 2023-2024 school year, we reflect on the incredible journey we've had this year. It has been a year filled with growth, learning and memorable experiences for our students, teachers and families.

We're immensely proud of all our students for their hard work and dedication throughout the year. From academic accomplishments to personal achievements, each child has made progress and contributed to the vibrant spirit of our school community.

While summer break is a time for relaxation and rejuvenation, we encourage students to continue their learning through various activities. Reading, exploring nature, and engaging in educational games are excellent ways to prevent the "summer slide" and maintain academic skills.

We extend our heartfelt gratitude to our dedicated teachers and staff for their unwavering commitment to our students' success. Your support and guidance have made a profound impact on the lives of our children. We also appreciate the ongoing support and involvement of our parents and guardians. Your partnership is invaluable in creating a nurturing and enriching environment for our students.

As we bid farewell to the current school year, we eagerly anticipate the opportunities and adventures that the next academic year will bring. We look forward to welcoming returning students and new faces to our school community.

Please continue to stay connected with us over the summer through our school website and social media channels for updates and important information.

Thank you for entrusting us with your child's education. Wishing you a joyful and restful summer break!

Together We Soar! Mrs. Caparaso

Dates to Remember

- 05/02 5th Grade Parent Transition Meeting, 3:30pm, Media Center
- 05/06-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- 05/08 3rd Grade Parent Transition Meeting, 3:30pm, Media Center
- 05/09 2nd Grade Parent Transition Meeting, 3:30pm, Media Center
- 05/15 1st Grade Parent Transition Meeting, 3:30pm, Media Center
- 05/27 Memorial Day No School
- 05/29 5th Grade Graduation, Trinity Presbyterian, 9:00am
- 05/29 Kindergarten Moving-up Ceremony, 11:00am
- 05/29 Report Cards Go Home
- 05/29 Last Day of School

(Early Release 12:55pm)



School Guidelines

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

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

Medications

The school year is coming to a close. Pinellas County School policy does not allow us to send medication home with students or store it over the summer.

Please arrange to come to school to pick up any medication, including inhalers and Epinephrine Devices. Any medications will be disposed of on Wednesday, May 29th at 12:00 noon without exception.

May State Testing -Very Important

Please make sure your child is on time and well rested for testing. We want to make sure your child shows off everything that was learned this year.

VPK-2nd, STAR Testing 04/16-05/03

4th /5th Grade FAST ELA, 05/02 5th Grade Science Test, 05/07 3rd Grade FAST ELA, 05/08 5th Grade FAST Math, 05/14 3rd/4th Grade FAST Math, 05/14

Testing Tips for Parents

1. Make sure your child gets plenty of rest the night before the test.

2. On the morning of the test, your child needs to get up in plenty of time so he/she will not feel rushed.

3. Feed your child a good breakfast. Research shows that children do better on tests if they have had a good breakfast.

4. Do as much as you can to make your child feel comfortable. Try not to say things to make him/her feel more nervous.

5. Reassure your child that no matter the outcome of the test you will still love him/her. Encourage them to simply do their best.

6. Be on time to school - testing will start at 8:45. If your child comes late, he/she may miss the opportunity to test with his/her teacher and class.

Teacher Appreciation Week

Please help celebrate our wonderful teachers during the week of May 6th- 10th. Our teachers are always working so hard to help your child succeed, and we want them to know it. If you would like to participate, here are some suggestions:

Bring your child's teacher:

Monday: favorite beverage Tuesday: flower Wednesday: school supply such as wipes, sanitizer, or wipes Thursday: snack/ Candy

Friday: special thank you note or appreciate card

<u>Media Center</u>

* Please return all Library Books to the Media Center by Friday, May 3rd. Reminder notices will be sent home weekly.

* 5th Grade Student Library fines for lost and/or damaged books should be paid before the end of the school year. Failure to pay fines could keep students from checking out book and participating in events in Middle School.

All Pinellas County Laptops and chargers will be due back to Skycrest no later than May 22nd. Information was sent home in April regarding summer laptop usage.

<u>Lighthouse Team</u>

Skycrest Elementary takes pride in our Leader in Me program that is incorporated into all activities at our school. Within the Leader in Me program, is a Student Lighthouse Team that takes on the leadership role which is essential to helping our campus thrive and be successful. The Student Lighthouse Team, is a group of students representing most the grade levels in our school who synergize to have a positive impact on students, staff, families, and the community.

As our 5th graders are about to embark on their new journey into Middle School, we welcomed new members to the team. We welcome the following new members to the Student Lighthouse Team: Aitana S., Joarlyn D., Nailah E., Juliana C., Khamari S., Ta'niyah T., Eileen M., Christian Q., Damian H., Bishop S., Aseel H., Kenyon N. and Valentina S. Congratulations!

Parent Thank You!

Thank you to all the families who came out and enjoyed the fun at the Spring Fling. We had an amazing turn out.

We also want to thank all the K-2 parents who supported their child with swim lessons at the Long Center. Our PE team was awesome organizing and making sure all the students were safe and having fun.

Art Exhibits

Please join us in celebrating these students! They are participating in the last two art exhibitions for the PCS 23-24 school year.

K-12 All-County Exhibition @ PCS Admin Building

- Areylia V. (2nd grade, Morrell)
- Allison H. (2nd grade, Sellers)
- Edwin L. (3rd grade, Bates)
- Delilah C. (3rd grade, Auderer)
- Axel M. (3rd grade, Auderer)
- Ayden L. (3rd grade, Detrano)
- Dior E. (4th grade, Foley)
- Nicole M. (4th grade, Axe)
- Daniella V. (5th grade, Weekes)
- Eloy G. (5th grade, Welt)

<u>Mainsail "Young at Art" Pinellas County K-12</u> <u>Exhibition @ Vinoy Park</u>

- Nicia S. (5th grade, Welt)
- Michelle L. (5th grade, Ryckman

