



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,

It is hard to believe it is February already! This year is just flying by and your child continues to grow and learn each and every day. We celebrated our 100th day of learning on Jan. 24th.

It is amazing the depth of knowledge and the high expectations your child is learning on a daily basis.

It is important to continue learning at home with reading books nightly and completing lessons in iStation, Dreambox, and MyOn.

Students had a blast celebrating Literacy Week during the week of January 24th. Our Book Fair was also a wonderful success - thank you to all the families who supported these events. ACCESS testing for our K - 5th Grade ESOL students is also underway. As students move into the months ahead, they will continue to work hard learning and follow our school-wide behavior expectations.

Students continue working on our Leader In Me Program. February's focus Habit #5 is "Seek first to understand, then to be understood." February is the month of Valentines and LOVE, and I want to share how much we, at Skycrest, LOVE being part of your child's life. Thank you for allowing us to be part of your child's learning.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Pier

Assistant Principal

Skycrest Elementary

Dates to Remember

02/05-12 Jump Rope for Heart

02/06 Mid Term Reports go home

02/07 Ready Set Kindergarten, 5:00pm

02/15 Bingo Night Fundraiser

02/16 No School for Students

02/19 No School for Students

02/22 Class Picture Day, uniform only

02/29 Parent Lunch Day, KG-5th

03/01 Parent Lunch Day, Pre-K, 11:15-11:45am

School Guidelines

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

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

Ready, Set...Kindergarten

Mark your calendar for Wednesday,

February 7, 2024 at 5:00pm in the Media Center.

If you have a child who will be five years old prior to September 1, 2024, you can register your child at your zoned PCS elementary school or join us on February 7th.

- Your child must be 5 years old by 9/1/24
- Be able to show proof of residency (2 recent and different utilities with home address)
- Have an original Birth Certificate
- Have a Florida Certificate of Immunization
- Have a physical examination certificate, within a year of starting Kindergarten.



www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern

Stay Informed

Parents, please take a few minutes to sign into your parent account through the Student Reservation System to update your phone number, and/or address. Important Skycrest and Pinellas County updates are automatically sent to the phone number listed in Focus. Calls made, include: when school closes due to weather, events, and student absences. Text messages are now being sent to all mobile phone numbers.

- Website: <http://reservation.pcsb.org>
- Username: p. last name first initial (i.e. John Smith = p.smithj)
- Select "Change phone and email address only"

Have you moved? If you have updated your address in the Student Reservation System, it has to be verified at your child's school. Please come to the office and submit the required two documents. Acceptable documents include; a lease, closing document, tax statement, or a utility bill for power, water, cable, sewer or land-based telephone, (not a cell phone).

Jump Rope for Heart Fundraiser



We are excited to kick off our schools' Annual Jump Rope for Heart Program. This program teaches heart-healthy habits and helps the American Heart

Association raise money for research and education that saves lives. Our school will be participating in this event February 5th-12th during your child's Physical Education classes. Jump Rope for Heart is a fun event that helps children understand the importance of community service and physical activity, while helping to save lives. Our efforts truly make a difference. Students will be receiving a fundraiser envelope to invite families and friends to donate. Thank you for your support.

Congratulations



We would like to congratulate one of our 5th graders, Dayana G., for her accepted artwork that will be on display at the Morean Arts Center for their annual Word & Image Exhibition! This is not her first time being accepted to a show! Yay Dayana!

Leader in Me

Habit 5: Seek First to Understand, Then to be Understood

Purpose: seeking first to understand, then to understand means it is better to listen first and then talk.

Family Activity: Practice with this habit by introducing listening to others speak first. Then we can take our turn to talk or explain ourselves. When having conflict with your child, model this skill by asking "Tell me your point of view". After listening to your child paraphrase what they said and respond in a respectful manner.

Bingo Night-PTA Sponsored

Skycrest's "Nacho Average" Bingo night will be held on Thursday, February 15th from 4:30-6:00pm. From 4:30-5:00 you will be able to create your own delicious nachos and from 5-6pm students will be able to play a fun game of Bingo! All proceeds will benefit students and staff through the PTA.

Tickets will cost \$5, which will get you nachos and a bingo board! Hope to see you there!

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.

International Café

Attention All Skycrest Families,

Please join us for our last International Café on **Wednesday, March 27th at 8:45am in the Media Center and Room #7**. This parent meeting is held in English and Spanish throughout the year. It's a great way to meet other parents, learn what is going on at Skycrest Elementary and hear about many 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!

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