

Back to  
School



## Oldsmar Elementary School

### Principal's Message

We are so happy to have our students back on campus. We are 10% complete with our school year and already we are seeing amazing things from our students.

Please continue to keep up communication with your child's teacher as our partnership ensures their success.

We are looking forward to another successful year of learning and we truly appreciate all our amazing families.

As always, please reach out to me if you have any questions or concerns.

Best, Mr. Logan

### Important Dates:

#### September 6TH:

Fall Fundraiser kick-off

#### September 10TH

Grandparents Dinner

#### September 18:

Fall Pictures

#### September 18:

After school ASTRO SKATE party

#### September 12:

Spirit night @ 3  
Brothers Pizza

#### September 20 :

Fundraiser money due

#### September 26-

General PTA board meeting

September 23- no school

# SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER

## FAMILY & COMMUNITY LIAISON

Welcome back families! I am so excited to begin a great new school year with you!

Please remember to re-activate your volunteer profile, see the QR CODE

BELOW! This is your v. login

example: v.jonesj

password is your lastname and year of birth jones2024

If you do not reactivate your account, you will show inactive, even the LEVEL 2 volunteers.

Mentors- we are looking for level 2 active volunteers for mentoring. 30 minutes once a week is all we are looking for.

Please see this link for more information.

<https://www.pcsb.org/mentor>

## MEMBERSHIP



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## VOLUNTEER REGISTRATION



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[www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern](http://www.pcsb.org/safetyconcern)

# PTA NEWS...

## Welcome back families!

Please congratulate your 2024/2025 PTA Board

President: Alisha Reith

Vice President: Courtney Vandenberg

Treasurer: Stephanie Walls

Recording Secretary: Samantha Shinn

VP membership: Elizabeth Cale

VP Volunteers: Shana Wolff

VP Ways and Mean: Samantha Bosker

We have many events planned for this year so please watch for those flyers! Keep in mind that for us to keep doing events we need HELP! please register to be a volunteer and come support!

## Media Center

The Back to School Book Fair was a huge success! Thanks to all families who came out on Open House night and stopped by the fair. The money earned will be spent on new items for the library for our students to use and enjoy.

Want to grow a good reader? One of the best ways to foster a love of books and reading in your child is to model reading in your home. Set aside your phone and turn off the TV. Make your child aware that reading is an enjoyable way to spend free time. It's not something you have to do, it's something you get to do! Talk with your family about the books you all are reading, or the book you can't wait to read next.

## Lunch Room Scoop!

Starting 9/13 we will start selling ice cream. Prices range from \$.75-1.25. We will accept money all day, every day, up until Friday morning. We will not accept any money during Friday lunch service. Please send your kids to school with water bottles especially as it stays superhot out. Lunch and breakfast are free. However, we do charge the kids money for wanting to buy just one milk or juice by itself.

If your student has an allergy or intolerance you MUST file with the nurse for proper documentation.

## Gifted

Hello, Oldsmar Families! My name is Francine Campogni, and I am delighted to be a new member of your outstanding school community. I am so excited to work with our learners this year. Our gifted program aims to provide an enriched and challenging educational experience that fosters intellectual growth, creativity, and personal development. The gifted coursework for this year is centered around the concept of "transformations". Students will ponder what transformations are, how they are evident in our world, and how the concept is related to ancient civilizations. The Talent Development program at our school is designed to nurture and develop the unique abilities of our talented students. This program aims to provide an enriched educational experience that challenges and inspires students to reach their full potential. Students will ponder the question, "Should we focus our innovations on solving current problems or preventing problems in the future?" I am looking forward to a great year!

# COUNSELOR CORNER



**SAVE Club – 4th and 5th grade**  
**Mrs. Manning is still accepting applications for SAVE Club. SAVE stands for Students Against Violence Everywhere. The SAVE Club is dedicated to promoting inclusion, friendship for all and discouraging bullying. SAVE Club is open to all 4th and 5th grade students. SAVE Club meets on the 1st Tuesday of each month at 7:50 am at Oldsmar Elementary. If you have a student who is interested in joining, have them request an application from Mrs. Manning or contact at [manningde@pcsb.org](mailto:manningde@pcsb.org) or 813-855-7316.**

## Donated School Supplies

We have been very fortunate at Oldsmar Elementary this year. Several community groups have donated school supplies to our school. These supplies are for students who might not otherwise have the items to support highest student achievement. We would like to thank all of our community sponsors for their generous donations. We have been able to supply many students and teachers with the necessary supplies they have needed. We still have lots of backpacks, notebook paper, pencils, folders, spirals, scissors, glue, markers, crayons, and colored pencils available. If your student(s) or someone you know still needs school supplies, please call Debbie Manning or Alisha Reith at 813-855-7316 or send in a note to your child's teacher. Thank you again to all the wonderful people who donated to our students.

## Commitment to Character - Month by Month

**Throughout Pinellas County Schools we will be celebrating a character quality each month. During each month the students will hear morning announcements, have classroom discussions, read books and be involved in classroom guidance lessons that address the character quality for that particular month. We will begin recognizing our Students of the Month in September. The following is the list of the character qualities for each month of the year:**

**August – Character Education**  
**October – Tolerance**  
**December – Charity/Generosity**  
**February – Cooperation**  
**April – Honesty**

**September – Citizenship**  
**November – Patriotism**  
**January – Kindness/Caring**  
**March – Responsibility**  
**May – Respect**



The staff and students at Oldsmar Elementary will be participating in the Start with Hello program by promoting kindness at our school and in our community throughout the week of September 16th – 20th, 2024. The Start with Hello program enables students to make a difference with their peers in a simple, fun, and impactful way by encouraging them to take small but powerful actions to promote connectedness and inclusion, and to identify and help others who are showing signs of social isolation. Throughout the month of September, Mrs. Manning will be visiting all classrooms K-5th to do a lesson on Social Inclusion. We are asking all of our students, faculty and volunteers to participate in the events of the week:

Monday- It's COOL to be Kind - wear your coolest hairstyle (messy, spiked, braided...)

Tuesday- Kindness is my superpower - wear your favorite superhero shirt

Wednesday- Mix it Up and make new friends- wear mismatched socks

Thursday- Don't be Mean, Just Wear Green – wear green clothing

Friday- Kindness always wins - wear your favorite winning team jersey/or school t-shirt



## Student Attendance Policy

Oldsmar Elementary School follows the Pinellas County School Board's student attendance policy as described in the current Code of Student Conduct (pg. 33-36) distributed at the beginning of the school year. An absence will be considered excused if the office receives a phone call on the day of the absence, an email is sent to the teacher, notification of absence on school website, or a note is received by the teacher explaining a child's absence within two days. The following are the only excused reasons for missing school:

- The student is ill or injured.
  - There is a major illness in the student's immediate family.
    - Student is quarantined.
    - There is a death in the immediate family.
  - The student is attending religious education or there is a religious holiday in the student's own faith.
    - The student is required by summons, subpoena, or court order to appear in court.
  - Special Event such as public function, conferences, or state/national competitions. The student must get permission from the principal at least 5 days prior to the absence.
    - The student has a scheduled medical or dental appointment (documentation should be provided).
  - Students having, or suspected of having, a communicable disease or infestation which can be transmitted are to be excluded from school and are not allowed to return to school until they no longer present a health hazard.
- Absences not reported by phone call, email, online notification, or note to the teacher will be considered unexcused. Vacation, travel and family visits are considered an unexcused absence. Every three unexcused extreme tardies or early sign outs in a grading period are also considered an unexcused absent. Tardies and early sign outs are considered excused for the same reasons listed above. Classwork/homework is required to be made up during or after an absence. Upon return to school following an absence, the student is given as many days to make up work as days absent. Students who demonstrate a consistent pattern of non-attendance may be referred to the school's Child Study Team. A student who has been absence for five days or more in a grading period may, upon request of the administration, be required to present a certificate of illness from a licensed physician.



## **TOYS FOR TOTS – Registration is open from September 1 – November 10**

Pinellas County Schools is partnering with the “TOYS FOR TOTS” program in Pinellas County to meet the needs of our students and their families. “TOYS FOR TOTS” is able to provide low income families with gifts for up to five children, ages infant-12 years old. The number of gifts provided is based on availability at the time of your scheduled appointment. TOYS FOR TOTS strives to provide each child with at least one chosen toy, a stuffed animal, one game (maximum of 3 per family,) one coloring book, and stocking stuffers. Bicycles may also be available (one bike per family) and must be requested at the start of your appointment, if you would like one.

### **Eligibility Criteria**

1. Resident of and children living in Pinellas County
2. Children ages 12 and under as of 12/25/24
3. Financial need (i.e., receiving financial assistance of some type, homeless, or has recently had life changing event such as unemployment, fire, hurricane damage, etc.)

### **How to Request Toys from Toys for Tots**

1. Go to <https://t4tpinellas.ptaptsa.org/pre-registration> between September 1 - November 10th to register.  
Registration will close once all appointments are full.
2. Enter your e-mail address. You will receive an email from Toys for Tots with a link to the registration page.
3. Fill out the form entering your family name, address, and your preferred date and time for toy pickup as well as information for each child (ages 12 and under) by adding their name, age and school they attend. Submit the registration request after confirming all information is correct. The screen should now tell you that you have an application pending. You can check the status of any application at any time by going to <https://t4tpinellas.ptaptsa.org/pre-registration> and re-entering the email address you used at registration.
4. You will receive an e-mail acknowledging your request and another email when you have been approved by December 10th.
  5. You will receive a confirmation e-mail.
    - You MUST acknowledge this email and confirm your appointment by December 15th.
    - Failure to respond will remove you from the approved list.
    - Upon acknowledgement of this email you will receive your bar code.
6. Toy pick up will be held on 12/20/24 and 12/21/24. Toys for Tots will send you an e-mail with the pick-up location. Please arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment. You must bring your bar code with you to distribution (either on your phone or a printed copy).

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Debbie Manning, School Counselor at 813-855-7316 or [manningde@pcsb.org](mailto:manningde@pcsb.org)