Pinellas Central

Mustang Round Up

March 2017

VISION -Professional **C**ommunity **E**ducating for 100% student success

MISSION – The mission of **Pinellas Central Elementary** is to create a safe and positive learning environment where individuals feel valued and challenged to reach their highest potential.

CORE VALUES – Professional, Positive, Passionate

Principal's Message

It is hard to believe that March has arrived and this month our students will begin state assessments. We are confident that the teaching and learning at Pinellas Central has prepared our students to successfully complete the Florida State Assessments this year. Our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking Florida Standards Assessm in literacy and math and our 5th grade students will also take the FSA Science assessment. Testing will continue this year in April and into May.

Breakfast is served from 8:05AM-8:35AM. This allows students to leave the café in time to be in class when instruction begins at 8:35AM. Students who eat breakfast at school should arrive no later than 8:15 in order to have time to eat and arrive to class on time. The café staff begin preparation for lunch at 8:35, therefore, breakfast is not availab for tardy students.

Please remember how important it is for students to attend school regularly and to be in class on time. Bell to bell instruction is expected at PCE and students even a few minutes late may miss out on important learning.

Summer Bridge information was sent home last week for many students. All students are welcome to attend. If you are interested in your child attending Summer Bridge, please let their teacher know or look on the school website where registration information is posted. This is an excellent summer program that will facilitate continued learning during the summer break. Although we are not a Summer Bridge site this year, there are several elementary school from which to choose. Register early and apply for the YMCA or RClub for after school care.

Remember to check the calendar for this monthôs eve forward to seeing you.

Dr. Cara Walsh, Principal

http://www.pcsb.org/pincentes

Mustang Round Up Announcements & Reminders

Beginning January 3, 2017 all student absences must be reported in writing directly to the school office. There are 2 ways to complete this requirement.

1. Go to our school website www.pcsb.org/pinecrest and click on the report student absence button in the top right corner of the home page. You will be directed to an email that will be sent directly to the Student Records Office. Please include all information as listed below.

2. Return a written notice form (see back page of newsletter), a hand written explanation from you or proof of a medical appointment to the school front office.

NOTE: Reasons for absences can no longer be reported in agenda books because documents must be filed in the student records office.

Telephone calls will not excuse an absence. Please submit the written note upon the students return to school.

All notes explaining absences must include the following:

Students Full Name

Teacher

Date of Absence

Reason for Absence

Please see the Student Code of Conduct for the list of reasons absences are excused and other expectations (Pages 33-36).

- *Note: A parent may excuse 5 absences per semester (10 per year) that meet Code of Conduct criteria. Further absences after these would require additional documentation.*

We appreciate you following these new district wide procedures as we strive to maintain accurate student attendance records.

MARCH

6th PTA Board Mtg. 5:30

7th Parent University at 6:00, FSA, AVID, & Science Fair Projects on Display

9th K-2 Field Day

10th 3rd-5th Field Day

13th-17th Spring Break school closed

20th . Professional Development & Teacher Planning Day School Closed

21st Spring Picture Day

21st-27th 1st and 2nd Grade SAT 10 Testing

28 & 29th 3rd Grade FSA Reading Test

28th McDonalds Spirit Night 4 p.m.-8 p.m. &

Skating part at Astro Skate hosted by Kindergarten 6 p.m.-8 p.m. $6 cash only

31st Report Cards Go Home

ON SALE SOON!

2016-2017 PCE Yearbook

$10 per book

Watch your child's agenda for information on how to order at school and online.

New online registration for Pinellas County Schools Pre-K 3 and VPK

Pinellas County Schools is implementing a new online application process for Prekindergarten for 3 year olds and Voluntary Prekindergarten. The application period for Pre-K 3 and VPK for the 2017-18 school year will be March 20-April 9, 2017. In the past, parents had to visit elementary schools to apply for a seat. Starting March 20, they will be able to apply online. Families interested in VPK will also need to apply for a Certificate of Eligibility from the Early Learning Coalition at www.vpkpinellas.net For information about Pre-K 3, visit www.pcsb.org/prek3 or call 727-588-6000 ext. 2184. For more information about VPK, visit www.pcsb.org/vpk or call 727-588-6513.

Could your child benefit from extra learning opportunities over the summer?

Registration for Summer Bridge is underway. Summer Bridge is especially important for students who are not performing on grade level or need additional help to stay on track. Summer Bridge provides engaging activities and focused instruction to prepare students for maximum success. Most Summer Bridge programs will run Monday through Thursday from June 6 to July 13. Register and find the latest information at www.pcsb.org/summerbridge Contact the school for additional info or help with the registration process.

Mustang Round-Up Recognitions & Department News

In December we made nominations for Outstanding Volunteer of the year! Alyssa Tuccio as our adult nomination for all of her help in Mrs. Hermanôs class and Edna Mae Root (Mae) was nominated in our Senior category for all of her help throughout the school.

We are proud to announce that Mae has won Outstanding Volunteer in the Senior category for our area and will be recognized at an upcoming Pinellas County School Board meeting as well as a county wide Volunteer Appreciation breakfast. We are so proud to have her here! As always, a big thank you to all of our volunteers for all you do!

Patrols of the Month

Jonathan Ulloa-Delgadillo– He is very helpful on his bus. He makes sure students are wearing their seatbelts and assists the bus driver as needed.

Kaylee Mejia- She came on to patrols with lots of great enthusiasm! She always steps up and looks for other duties she can help with as well as doing an outstanding job on her own post!

Matthias Alvarez-Matias- He is a great student helper to one of our students who needs help getting around and getting breakfast. Matthias is a great friend and helper for him.

MUSIC NEWS

Congratulations to our All County Chorus students!

Andrew Currier

Eva Levi

Keyonna Stokes

Nicholas Williams

These fifth grade students will be representing PCE at the All-County Honors Music Festival at First Baptist Church of St. Petersburg on Saturday, March 4th at 2:00 p.m. Tickets are available at the event

Thank you to our community partners who have generously made donations to our school this month!

Alpha Delta Kappa Sorority for donating brag tags, attendance incentives and clothes to our clinic.

Radius Church for including us in their Love Week by donating underwear to our clinic.

PE

Dear Parents,

Field Day will be on March 9th and 10th. Please have students wear lightweight PE appropriate clothing for field day and appropriate closed toed shoes, preferably tennis shoes. (No flip flops). Students are encouraged to wear a hat or sunglasses and bring a water bottle to school. We highly recommend you apply sunscreen on your child before they arrive at sc at school. There will be mild water activities, so students can bring a towel. A change of clothes is not needed.

Field Day for each class will take place at the following times:

Thursday March 9th, 2017

1st Session: 8:45-11:05 All 2nd Grade, Bohrnsen, McHale, & Wylie

2nd Session: 12:00-2:20 All Kindergarten, Robinson, Walko,& Williams

Friday March 10th, 2017

1st Session: 8:45-11:05 All 3rd Grade, Johnson, Nichols, Diaz & Quinn

2nd Session: 12:00-2:20 All 5th Grade, Hoylman, Avolt, & Pruden

Thank You,

Mr. Tuttle

Mr. Brindley

Mr. Wilson

Mrs. King

Mustang Round-Up Recognitions

ART NEWS

Congratulations PCE Artists:

Clearwater Arts Alliance Youth Art Month

Amerie Akuffo- 3rd Grade

Earlina Guzman- 5th Grade

Ceramic & Sculpture Exhibition

Diana Phan- 3rd Grade

Yoshy Martinez- 3rd Grade

Amerie Akuffo- 3rd Grade

Counselor Corner

Character word for March is Honesty.

Honesty: Using truthful speech and behavior

Dinner Dilemmas

Week 1 Situation: The game is tied in extra innings. Samôs team could win if he can make it to home plate. Sam tagged before he touches home plate. The umpire calls him safe. Dilemma: On one hand Sam knows if he does not say anything his team wins the title. On the other hand Sam knows he should be honest and tell the truth about being tagged. Discussion: What advice do you have for Sam?

Week 2 Situation: Sue finds a five dollar bill in the hallway at school. Dilemma: On the one hand Sue could give it to the fundraiser to help her school. On the other hand Sue could turn it into the office knowing it probably belongs to someone. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

Week 3 Situation: The school principal recognizes a number of students over the intercom for helping in another class. Sueôs name is announced even though she did not participa Dilemma: On the one hand Sue could keep quiet and receive the certificate. On the other hand she knows an honest person would tell the principal she did not earn the recognition. Discussion: What is your advice for Sue?

ESOL

Students are in the process of taking the Florida State WIDA: Access 2.0 assessment for ESOL. This test is given in the areas of listening, speaking, reading and writing. Below is some more information about the test:

Purpose and Use of ACCESS for ELLs 2.0

- Helps students and families understand students' current level of English language proficiency along the developmental continuum.
- Serves as one of multiple measures used to determine whether students are prepared to exit English language support programs.
- Generates information that assists in determining whether ELLs have attained the language proficiency needed to participate meaningfully in content area classrooms without program support.
- Provides teachers with information they can subsequently use to enhance instruction and learning in programs for their English language learners.

Provides districts with information that will help them evaluate the effectiveness of their ESL/bilingual programs.

Meets, and exceeds, federal requirements for the monitoring and reporting of ELLs' progress toward English language proficiency.

How can you help your child succeed?

1. Make sure your child is well rested and attends school regularly.
2. Encourage your childôs every subject he/she studies in school.
3. Encourage your child to eat healthy foods.
4. Make sure your child does his/her homework every night.
5. Meet with your childôs progress.