

Pinellas Central Mustang Round-Up



October 2017

VISION: Professional Community of Educators promoting 100% student success

CORE VALUES: Professional – Passionate – Positive

MISSION STATEMENT: The mission of Pinellas Central Elementary is to create a safe



Dear Parents and Scholars,

Happy autumn! October is the month we analyze baseline data of all our scholars and take a good look at the work required to attain our achievement goals for the year.

The School Improvement Plan is where our goals for the year is documented. Our goals are to improve in our academic scores in Reading/Writing, Math and Science. I want to share our major initiatives that will be the focuses this year to support and improve scholar learning. Our four initiatives are:

Number Talks will be implemented daily in all K-5 classrooms and monitored through student data and administrative walkthroughs.

Implement Reading Units of Study school-wide monitored through student data and walkthroughs.

During collaborative planning sessions, teachers will plan lessons and develop formative assessments that match the rigor of the standards covered.

Teachers will provide scholars with meaningful feedback on scholar's work that promotes growth mindset, moving scholars toward mastery of standards. (AVID)

Utilizing learning goals to assess and inform instruction as monitored by administrative walkthrough data.

Our goals also include providing a safe environment that promotes scholar learning. The commitment and dedication of the teachers and staff to all of our scholars' academic success, the significant involvement by parents in their child's success, and the motivation of our scholars to come to school eager to learn each day will promote meeting our goals.

We welcome all families to PCE for breakfast and lunch, to volunteer and for our family nights. A school to home connection has a huge impact on the educational success of children. Parents who attend parent conferences, check the planner daily, support their children with homework, and attend parent educational nights, demonstrate to their children the importance of school and education. Your involvement proves that we are a team working together for their success.

We are committed to providing each scholar with the opportunity to experience new challenges that will result in a rewarding school experience. We plan to continue programs that were successful for scholars in the past few years, as well as implement other research based programs to ensure success for all of our scholars. If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call our school at (727) 547-7853. We look forward to meeting you and working with you to provide your child/children a productive and safe learning environment that supports scholar success. Thank you for all that you do for your children and our school. We could not do it without you. Just a reminder that breakfast is from 8:05-8:30. All scholars must be in class at 8:35. Tardy scholars must go directly to class.

Keeping our scholars and staff safe is a top priority for us. On rainy days with lightning present, scholars who walk or ride bicycles home will be held at Pinellas Central until the weather has cleared and it is safe to walk or ride again. Parents are welcome to pick up their children on these occasions. Please be aware that scholars held back by inclement weather may arrive home up to an hour late.

Cara A. Walsh, Ed.D.
PRINCIPAL



Mustang Round Up Announcements & Thanks

NCLB - Non - Highly Qualified Status

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to our students and to the goal of having them reach their highest level of academic achievement. Our teachers are all certified by the state of Florida and they attend professional development designed to keep them current with the best strategies to help our students achieve.

The No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Highly Qualified Teacher Act requires a teacher to document subject matter competency. Until this is completed, the teacher has not met the highly qualified teacher standards of the NCLB Act.

Our teachers are all certified by the state of Florida and are qualified to teach the core academic subjects they are assigned. In addition, they attend professional development designed to keep them current with best practices in education. To that end, many of our teachers are in the process of obtaining their English as a Second Language (ESOL) endorsement.

This endorsement is designed to give teachers special strategies for working with students whose primary language is not English. This endorsement requires up to 300 hours of additional professional development. The following teachers are considered out of field for ESOL while working towards this ESOL Endorsement:

Kassandra Bodell ESOL

Jocelyn Pizzi ESOL

Donna Sweiss ESOL

Annette Wylie ESOL

I am confident that these teachers are providing effective instruction in a safe learning environment to all of their students.

Our teachers and staff work diligently to meet the needs of every student in our school. Your continued support of your child's education is appreciated. Should you have questions or concerns, please feel free to contact me.

Cara A. Walsh, Ed.D.



Thank you to Tammie Lockwood for adopting Mrs. Harmon & Mrs. Avolt's Class!



If in the event your child is absent, please report it on the Pinellas Central Elementary school website, send in a **parent note or an appointment note explaining the 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.*

Hurricane Irma Make-Up Day



The state has waived two days and based upon the hours of attendance in Pinellas, the district will need to hold a total of three make-up days during the 2017-2018 school year. The first make-up day will be **Monday, October 16, 2017.** This day was previously scheduled to be a Professional Development Day for PCS employees and school was to be closed. Students are expected to attend.



Great American Teach-In is coming!

Do you have an interesting job or hobby that you would love to share with our scholars?

On November 15, 2017 we invite you to be a part of our annual Great American Teach-In! To be a part of this wonderful event or to find out more information please contact our Family & Community Liaison, Jami Carpenter at (727)547-7853 ext. 2101 or via e-mail at carpenterjam@pcsb.org.

Thank you to our wonderful PCE partners and families for their donations!

Mrs. Rose Garris for her donation of clothing to our clinic

Wal-Mart Neighborhood Market, located at 2677 Roosevelt Blvd. Largo & American Legion Post 104 for their school supply donations

Mr. & Mrs. Walko for their donation of backpacks.



Mustang Round Up Recognitions & Department News



October Patrols of the Month

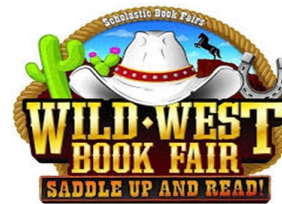
Janey Sagitto- She has made it an effort to learn Kindergarten student's names so that they feel welcomed when they come to class. She is also a big help in the car circle with the kindergarteners when they are going home in the afternoon. Great job Janey!

Dominyk Carter- He is always very friendly to students and parents in the car circle by greeting them and making sure they stay safe. Keep up the amazing work Dominyk!

Ya'khira Vann- She is a great help in Kindergarten. She helps Ms. Nault with lots of tasks in her room but will stop doing anything to help out a kindergarten student in need. Great job Ya'khira!

Library/ Media Center Updates

The Media Center is in full swing and students have been reading a lot! Please encourage your children to continue to visit the library and bring home books. If you still have a take home computer please return it to school ASAP! The Scholastic Book Fair is coming to PCE from October 20th-27th. Students will be able to purchase books during lunch. We will also have the book fair open at our PTA Family Night event on Thursday, October 29th! Please come join us!



Art News

Congratulations PCE Artists!

2017-18 Administration Building Art Exhibit

Blaine Dowdy - 5th Grade

Sofia Kalinina - 1st Grade

Sanay Bell - 3rd Grade

Natalie Pagan - 2nd Grade

Zachariah Gericke - 2nd Grade

Johnathon Jackson - 2nd Grade

Pranav Prajapati - 4th Grade

Amerie Akuffo - 3rd Grade



PE

In the month of October we will begin instructing your child in team sports.

The four sports that we will be covering are basketball, football, soccer, and volleyball. During these lessons we will be teaching your child how to perform various skills the correct way. Some of the skills we will focus on are dribbling a basketball, catching a football, passing a soccer ball, and bumping in volleyball. This will be a fun month outside at PE.



Music News

Concert Dates

Mark Your Calendar:

October 26- 2nd Grade Concert at Trunk or Treat Night

December 14- Chorus Winter Concert

February 23- 1st Grade Performances during Student-Led Conferences

April 26- 3rd Grade Concert at AVID Night



ESOL News

Reading is so important for our ELL students to take part in everyday! Here is one way it can be fun and interactive on the computer. It reads the books in 37 other language besides English! Enjoy reading in both the child's home language and English at the same time.



www.uniteforliteracy.com

Mustang Round Up Department News

Dr. Wohl's Corner

Connecting with our children is so important and rewarding. An early positive relationship will be so helpful when your children become teenagers. It will set the tone for their relying on you and trusting you when all those teenage decisions must be made.

These positive connections also enrich our lives and the lives of our children. Connecting with your child does not have to be an elaborate plan or expensive outing. It can be simple, uncomplicated and cost nothing. Here are some ways to connect with your child;

Morning – Start the morning off right by being organized the night before. Be sure your child has everything ready and packed for school. No one benefits if the day is started with rushing and harsh words. Instead, try to make time to eat breakfast together and use this time to talk about the upcoming day.

During the day – Include a note in your child's lunchbox or school bag. Remind your child of something you will do together that day or include a short note that you are thinking about your child. A note is a loving gesture and very heartwarming for your child.

Afterschool – “What did you like best about your day?” Of course you want to hear about the challenges of the day too, but don't forget to end with the positive. Communicate trust that your child can handle things, and support that you will always be there to help. Let your child know how proud you are of any (even small) accomplishments.

Evening – Take time to relax together. Read a book, play a game, or enjoy a favorite family show together. Your family may sleep better and feel more connected when to each other when you slow down and unwind together.

Weekends – They are a perfect time to share family time. Take a walk, go to a park, visit the library, play outside or make something together. Life is hectic, take time to enjoy



Occupational & Physical Therapy Corner:

October is Physical Therapy Month!

Did you know that Physical Therapy is provided in schools for children with disabilities? Therapist's role for these children is to help them navigate the school as successfully as they possibly can and access their education environment to the best of their ability. All of these children have an IEP - an Individual Education Plan to help them achieve functional goals in the school environment.

We are also a resource for movement activities. I have included some tips to help with homework that I hope you find helpful.



Home Play

Survival Tools
#26
Home Play

BENEFITS

Before there is homework, there is home play. Just like recess, it prepares your body and mind for work.

TO BEGIN

- We know that for children, physical activity has been found to be the key building blocks for growth.
- Have a snack ready for children soon after they arrive home from school.
- After your snack, take a short play break. This will help prepare children for doing any homework they need to complete.
- Rough and tumble play, before sit down activities, provides the rich sensory diet needed to promote attention during work.
- Movement and muscle tools can be used as breaks throughout the homework time to keep the body and mind calm and alert.

Home Play Instructions Before Homework

After choosing the 'just right' movement and muscle tools, prepare the homework environment with the right positioning adjustments, functional writing warm ups, and mouth, hand, eye, ear and nose tools.

Mustang Round Up Counselor's Corral & Students of the Month

Dear PCE Families,

I hope you are all safe and sound from the recent storm! Please let us know if you need any assistance.

SEPTEMBER was our month for practicing **RESPONSIBILITY** – *being in charge of what we say and do*. Students practice responsibility at school by following directions, completing their homework and turning it in, as well as making sure their agenda is signed every day. At home, students can practice responsibility by helping with chores around the house.

Please see the list below of our **Students of the Month for Responsibility!**

OCTOBER we will be practicing **COOPERATION** - *Getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal*. There will be lots of opportunities to practice cooperation at school and work towards being the Student of the Month for October!!

Thank you for all you do to support your child's education!

Mrs. Rosen

SEPTEMBER 2017 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RESPONSIBILITY

Kindergarten

Amir Abouelsenoun - Bodell
Ian Leal - Brennan
Eric Tiedeman - Gantz
Makayla Fulmer -Gross
Amelia Alexander - Nault
Dylan Stevens - Reitz

First Grade

Ayana Mukherjee - Bohrsen
Annabella Doucette - McHale
Leo Ahmetovic -Pruden
Ava Felder - Robinson
Liam Harder - Walko
Elenaya Medina - Williams
Demetrius Roberson - Wylie

Second Grade

Jonathan Jackson - Georgia
Emma Carpenter - Herman
Trevor Johnson - Ristoff
Siede Kelley - Thigpen



Third Grade

Abby Harter - Gasky
April Miller - Hevia
Ana Godinez - McConnell
Daniella Roman - Robertson
Marian Fumero - Sweiss
Dishra Williams - Quinn

Fourth Grade

Lily McConnell - Brnada
Solanna Gaudio-Techo - Harmon
David Bui - Hoylman
Phillip Alexander - Johnson
Annabelle Cruz - Nichols

Fifth Grade

Skyler Rosengrant - Avolt
Sydnie Harmon - Hallenbeck
Mackinzie Higginbotham - Pizzi
Lexi Chaseng - Redington
Miranda Rodriguez -Sturz



10/4 Walk To School Day

10/9 Fall Picture Day

10/10 Astro Skate 6pm-8pm Hosted by
2nd Grade & McDonald's Spirit Night
4pm-9pm

10/13 Student Led Conferences 8:05am-12pm &
All Pro Dad's Donuts with Dad sponsored by PTA

10/26 Trunk or Treat 6pm & 2nd Grade Concert

10/27 Report Cards Go Home

10/31 Kindergarten Fieldtrip to Old Mickey's
Farm 9:15am-2:00pm

Mustang Round Up Clever Log In Information

Logging into Clever from Home (Student Directions)

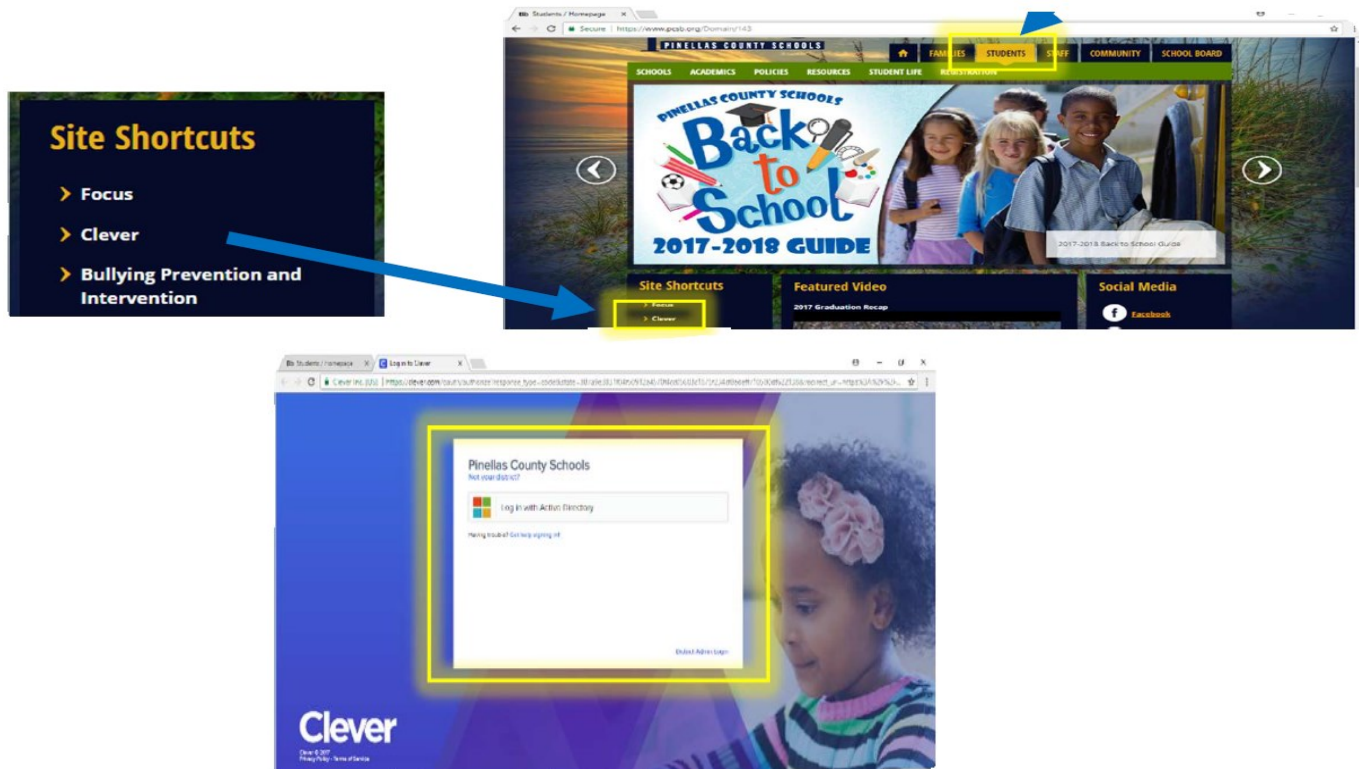
Do I need a special browser to log into Clever?

Yes, the best browser to use with Clever is Google's Chrome browser. You can install it on your computer by going to

<https://www.google.com/chrome/browser/desktop/index.html>

Once you have Google Chrome, follow the directions below to get to all your digital resources!

1. Go to <http://www.pcsb.org>
2. Choose the Student tab then click on the Clever link under Site Shortcuts
3. On the next page, click on the 'Log In with Active Directory' box



4. It will take you to the log in page where you will enter your PCS username and password.



5. If you get to this page, you have successfully logged into Clever and can now access your materials.

Examples:

If you click on Think Central it will take you right to this page:



If you click on ConnectED (McGraw-Hill) it will take you right to this page:



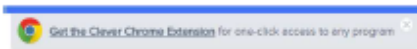
If you click on Holt McDougal Online (My HRW) it will take you right to this page:



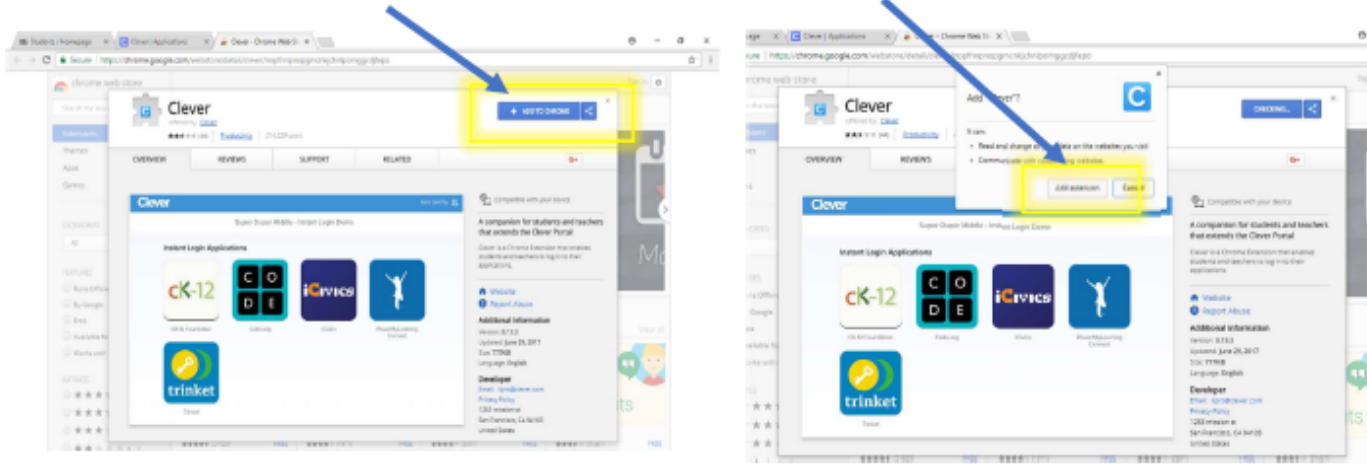
Do you want the system to save your passwords so you don't have to remember them?

Most of the programs you click on won't make you log in again, but there are one or two that might ask you to enter your user name and password the first time you click on them. If you follow the steps below, you can install the Clever Chrome Extension and it will save those passwords for you.

1. Click on the pop-up window that appears in Clever the first time you log in to get the Clever Chrome Extension.



2. Click on the blue + ADD TO CHROME button. When it pops up click the ADD EXTENSION button.



You will know it has been installed when you see a little blue box with a white C in the upper right-hand corner of your Chrome browser.

