

Pinellas Central Mustang Round-Up



September 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 and positive learning environment where all individuals feel valued and challenged to reach their highest potential.

Dear Parents:

What better way to show your children that you support education than to become *engaged* in their education!

Now, more than ever, your involvement and support for Pinellas Central Elementary is needed. There are so many ways that you can be *engaged* in your child's education – regardless of whether they are in elementary or high school! Here are some ideas:

- Make it known that *you* value education and it is a priority.
- Talk with your child daily about their school day, homework assignments, and activities.
- Attend parent/teacher conferences and address concerns early.
- *Help* with homework.
- Remind your child to complete their homework.
- Find volunteer opportunities at our school – in the classroom, media center, office, mentoring, tutoring, field trip chaperone, etc.
- Check Portal consistently to get an update on your child's grades and progress.
- Join our school's PTA or become a SAC member.
- Visit our school's website for school activities and events.

What I want you to know is that “parents *do* make a difference!” When you are engaged the benefits are great:

improved academic performance
improved behavior
higher attendance rates
graduates who are prepared to succeed
teachers who are able to focus on education
increased community respect
successful schools/students = successful communities

We ask for your hand in this partnership. Can we count on your commitment in supporting your child's education at **Pinellas Central Elementary** as a Partner in Education? I look forward to an engaging partnership!

Sincerely,

Dr. Cara A. Walsh, Principal



Pinellas Central Elementary
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Dr. Cara Walsh
Pinellas County Schools
Parent's Right to Know

Date: 9/1/17

Dear Parent/Guardian

As a parent of a student attending a Title I Pinellas County Public School, you have the right to know the professional qualifications of the classroom teachers who instruct your child. Federal law allows you to ask for certain information about your child's classroom teachers and requires us to give you this information in a timely manner if you ask for it. Specifically, you have the right to ask for the following information about each of your child's teachers:

- *Whether the Florida Department of Education has licensed or qualified the teacher for the grades and subjects he or she teaches.
- *Whether the Florida Department of Education has decided that the teacher can teach in a classroom without being licensed or qualified under state regulations because of circumstances.
- *The teacher's college of major, and any advanced degrees, if so, the subjects and degrees.
- *Whether any teachers' aides or similar paraprofessionals provide services to your child, and if they do, their qualifications.
- *Review Principal's Attestations (in the Principal's office and LEA office)

In addition you have the right to be provided information on your child's level of achievement on assessments like End of Course Exams, FSA in reading/language arts, writing, mathematics and FCAT science. This information will be available at your child's school.

If you would like to receive any of this information, please contact your child's school at 727-547-7853. You may call the school between 8:00am and 4:00pm, Monday through Friday and ask to speak to an administrator, regarding this request. An appointment will be made for you to come to the school to view this information.

Dr. Cara Walsh
Principal

Mustang Round Up Announcements and Reminders

Volunteering

In getting settled into our new school year we have plenty of volunteer opportunities available. We can use extra hands in our Mustang Café, assistance with clerical work, upcoming field trips, and more. We'd love to have you. Stop by the front office for a volunteer registration form or e-mail Jami Carpenter, our PCE Family & Community Liaison at carpenterjam@pcsb.org.

Parents, in the coming months our "Mustang Round Up" newsletter will be emailed to students who have a email address listed in portal. This will save on printing costs and allow us to communicate important information to you quicker. If your student doesn't have an address listed, please submit one to your child's teacher.

PCE collects
Box Tops &
Labels for
Education !



Adopt-A-Class

Adopt-A-Class is a program at Pinellas Central Elementary that encourages local businesses, organizations or individuals in our community to become an involved and proud supporter of our scholars and their dedicated teachers and school by making a tax-deductible donation in the amount of your choice.

One hundred percent of your donation goes directly to the class or program of your choice, enhancing the teacher's limited classroom budget and enabling the teacher to purchase educational items that will enhance the classroom and the student's education. Our goal is to get every teacher adopted! For more information on the Adopt-A-Class Program please call Jami Carpenter, Family & Community Liaison, at (727)547-7853 ext. 2101, or stop by the front office for a form. **Thank you to Mr. & Mrs. Osmancevic for adopting Mrs. Borhnsen's 1st grade class!**



Do you want to be a part of a parent and school partnership? Then join SAC today, a school advisory committee that meets monthly. Together we will help students reach for the stars! Meetings are held on the second Monday of the month at 5:30PM. If you are interested in participating on our School Advisory Committee, please contact Dr. Walsh at 547-7853 or walshca@pcsb.org.

Calling all volunteers! Our fifth graders will be attending Enterprise Village on September 27th and we need many volunteers for this exciting field trip. Enterprise Village allows the students to try on "real jobs" for a day. They train for this and really take pride in their work. It is truly amazing to see the children take on such responsibility! If you are already a processed volunteer for this year, you just need to fill out the Enterprise Village paper we sent home. If you have not registered, fill out both the registration and the Enterprise Village paper and send in with a photo copy of your driver's license attached. This needs to be done as soon as possible because it can take up to 3 weeks for registrations to clear. The fifth grade team is looking forward to sharing this event with you!

PTA

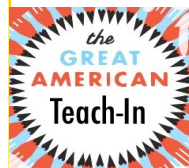
Your PCE PTA is so excited for the year ahead! Join us for our first General meeting of the year on 9/5 at 5:45 p.m. in the cafeteria before Open House to see how you can get involved this year! Then stop by our PTA table where you can join our awesome PTA! Additionally we will have t-shirts and tumblers for sale. If you have any questions feel free to e-mail us at PinellasCentralPTA@gmail.com, and find us on Facebook ([facebook.com/mustangsPTA](https://www.facebook.com/mustangsPTA)) to stay up to date with all of our events!



Lunch Pals

Do you have 30 minutes a week to have lunch with one of our students? That is how simple our Pals mentoring program is. 30 minutes, once a week can make a world of difference in a child's life.

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 Great American Teach-In! To be a part of either one or both of these wonderful opportunities or to find out more information please contact our Family & Community Jami Carpenter at (727)547-7853 ext. 2101 or via e-mail at carpenterjam@pcsb.org.

Mustang Round Up Announcements & Department News

Pinellas County Schools believes that students should have healthy snack choices to provide them the best opportunity for learning and growth. The list of healthy snacks below are suggested to families that wish to provide classroom snacks or have arranged with their child's teacher to bring in birthday snacks. A reminder that we do not have birthday parties in class and do not allow cake, cookies or cupcakes. However, if approved by your child's teacher, healthy snacks from the list below may be shared with students.



Fresh fruits (bananas, apples, pears, grapes)

Canned fruits (in natural or light juices), Fresh vegetables (baby carrots, broccoli, celery sticks)

100 % Vegetable or fruit juice boxes or unsweetened vegetable or fruit juice, Water, Low-fat milk flavored or unflavored

Dried fruit (raisins, craisins, banana chips), Applesauce cups, Unsweetened cereal, Pretzels, Nuts or seeds (almonds, walnuts sunflower seeds), Low-fat cheese, Crackers (graham, goldfish, teddy grahams, and animal crackers)

Baked chips, (tortilla, plain, or veggie), Cereal bars, Granola bars, Oatmeal bars, Mini muffins, Bagels or English muffins, Yogurt, Mild salsa, Peanut butter, Sugar free gelatin cups, Individually wrapped rice krispie treats

Patrols of the Month



Princess Ferguson

Mrs. Heather can't say enough about how much of a help Princess is with the pre-k students on the bus. She helps gets students on the bus and even sits with students to help them make positive choices on the bus! Way to go Princess keep up the great work!

Kaylen Padavong

She is a pleasure to see in the car circle. Kaylen not only makes sure students are staying safe but she is always friendly to both the students and parents in the car line. Way to go Kaylen!

Selma Adulovic

Selma is a great help to Mrs. Harmon in the pre-k room. She not only helps to get their breakfast but does a great job of playing and helping greet our pre-k scholars into the classroom. Way to go Selma!

Patrol Captains

Sophie Sokolowski & Eva LaTorre

ESOL News



Our Principal's Multicultural Advisory Committee will begin on September 8th with students selected by their teachers in grades 3-5. We are excited to meet all of our new members and get to learn about different cultures.

Occupational and Physical Therapy Corner



How heavy is your backpack? The weight of a backpack should be no more than 15% of your total body weight. Weigh your child then weigh the backpack. (Body weight) x .15= the maximum weight the backpack should be. For example, if your child weighs 75 pounds you would multiply 75 x .15=11.25. Your child's backpack should weigh no more than 11 pounds.

How are you wearing your backpack? Is it slung way down low on you back or up high? It's important for your back to wear a backpack up high on your back. Heavier items should be placed closest to your back in the backpack. The shoulder straps should be nice and wide, snug but not tight, and it is important to wear both of them. To protect yourself from injury, you should not sling your backpack on one shoulder as this will cause you to lean to one side curving your spine.

Please, help protect your child's back by using these tips. Here's to your back's health!!

Mustang Café News

If your student would like to buy snacks such as chips or ice cream during his/her lunch, please send in a note stating that they have your permission to make these types of purchases.



Mustangs Round Up Department News



- 9/4 Labor Day School Closed
- 9/5 Open House 6pm - 7:30pm
- 9/8 Grandparents Breakfast 8:05am-8:35pm
- 9/11 PTA Board Meeting 6pm
- 9/12 Mid-Term Reports Go Home
- 9/12 McDonald's Family Fun Night 4pm-9pm, 102nd Ave & 66th St. Pinellas Park & PTA Astro Skate Party sponsored by Kindergarten 6pm-8pm \$6 cash only. Mark the date, you don't want to be late for Astro Skate!
- 9/22 PCE Spirit Night at Twistee Treat 2pm-10pm located at 4556 Mainlands Blvd. W. Pinellas Park, FL 33782

Art News



Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year. I am glad to be working with all my new and returning art students. Already students are creating great works of art! This year we will be learning about drawing, painting, mixed media, sculpture, ceramics, printmaking, and digital art. We will also be discussing the elements and principle of art and how to successfully use them in our work. During the year I will be displaying student art throughout the school, so be sure to stop by, as the artwork will change frequently.

Let's have a fun and creative school year!

Thanks,
Judith Woodward

Music News



Dear Parents,

Welcome to music class at Pinellas Central Elementary school. I am excited and privileged to be the person responsible for your child's music education this year. Below, you will find the criteria for how I determine student grades. Because I only see your child approximately twelve times each grading term, I will always take a grade. This may be in the form of a formal assessment, teacher observation, or an overall project grade. Grading criteria is as follows:

In music class I will:

- Participate in all activities
- Sing and play instruments correctly
- Stay focused and on task
- Do my best work

Volunteer to answer questions and demonstrate my skills (beat/rhythm, singing, movement, music reading, playing instruments)

I have enjoyed meeting all the students over the first weeks of school and am excited about their enthusiasm and talent. I look forward to showcasing these qualities through a variety of performance opportunities throughout the coming year.

Musically,
Blair Duffy



Girls on the Run is more than running... it's life-changing!

Girls on the Run is more than a running club! We inspire girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using fun experience-based curriculum which creatively integrates running. Over the course of the program, girls will develop and improve competence, feel confidence in who they are, develop strength of character, respond to others and oneself with care and compassion, create positive connections with peers and adults, and make a meaningful contribution to community and society.

Information will be coming home soon with all girls in 3rd - 5th grade. If you are interested in supporting our team financially, sponsorship opportunities are available. For more information contact either Mrs. Woodward or Mrs. Bohrsen at 727-547-7853

SAVE THE DATE: 5K Celebration on
December 9, 2017 at Poynter Park in
St. Petersburg, Florida



Mustangs Round Up P. E. News



OVERVIEW

Students in grades K-5th have PE 3 days a week for 50 minutes, and Pre-K will have PE daily for 30 minutes. Our goals are to improve motor skills and raise fitness levels while promoting an active and healthy lifestyle. Our curriculum is based on skills as in the Florida Sunshine State Standards. Activities are sequenced with your child's abilities and interests in mind.

Your child's fitness levels are assessed throughout the year, and the data collected will be shared with you via our Being Fit Matters Report Card.

DRESS

We ask that your child dress for safety and success. Shoes need to cover your child's toes and heels and they need to fit securely. High heeled shoes, platform tennis shoes, shoes with wheels, sandals, or flip-flops are not acceptable as they are not safe. Students wearing skirts should wear shorts underneath. Students will not be permitted to participate in class activities if their attire poses a safety risk.

PE EXPECTATIONS

We expect your child to be prepared to actively participate every day. Our class rules are simple:

- **Respect yourself-** I will always do my best.
- **Respect others-** I will treat others the same way I want to be treated.
- **Respect the equipment-** I will take care of the equipment and use it safely.

Students who demonstrate exemplary behavior can be rewarded in a number of ways. These include line leader, equipment helper, skill demonstrator, and positive phone calls.

Students who choose not to follow class rules earn consequences that include verbal warnings, time in a thinking area, a note or phone call home, or an office referral.

WATER, WATER, WATER



Please send a water bottle to school with your child for PE. It is important to stay hydrated in the Florida heat!

INJURY NOTIFICATION

Safety is our top priority. Your child has been instructed to notify a teacher if he or she is injured. If your child is hurt, we will send home an injury report if it is something more than a scrape. Please sign and return the form. We will make a phone call if we feel the injury is more severe. Sometimes a child will feel fine at the time of injury but may feel pain later. Please inform us if that happens.

FINAL THOUGHTS

We take pride in the special way that we care for your child/children. Please contact us if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to working with your family this school year!

DID YOU KNOW?

THE CENTER FOR DISEASE CONTROL RECOMMENDS 1 HOUR OF PHYSICAL ACTIVITY MOST DAYS OF THE WEEK FOR YOUR CHILDREN. PLEASE HELP THEM GET ACTIVE AND STAY ACTIVE BY ENCOURAGING THEM TO PARTICIPATE IN PHYSICAL ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE OF SCHOOL.

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WE'RE ON THE WEB!

WWW.PINCEN-ES.PINELLAS.K12.FL.US

CLICK ON THE PHYSICAL EDUCATION LINK TO READ ABOUT OUR STAFF AND PROGRAM

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

Counselor's Corral

Welcome to a brand new school year at PCE!!! We're very excited to work with your child! Thank you for making sure your scholar is here at school every day and on time!! I want to tell you about the Character program at PCE. Each month we concentrate on a word from our Commitment to Character Poster. For the month of August, the Character Word is **RESPECT**. Respect is treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration. In each class, a Student of the Month will be named for practicing the character trait. These students will receive a Student of the Month brag tag, pencil, and star magnet. They will also be introduced on PCE Kids TV - our morning news show! We appreciate your support of the Character Education Program at PCE!

Warm regards,
Mrs. Rosen, Guidance Counselor



AUGUST 2017 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH RESPECT

Kindergarten

Colby Adams - Bodell
Madison Morris - Brennan
Josh Serrano - Gantz
Amy Nguyen - Gross
Caleb Anderson - Nault
Chloe Moon - Reitz

First Grade

Jaire George - Bohrnsen
Caleb Criner - McHale
Makenzie Bell - Pruden
Ashton Mack - Robinson
Zyria Jones - Walko
Tessa Tiedemann - Williams
Giovanni Escalara Carlos - Wylie

Second Grade

Lily Diep - Georgia
Lily Roath - Herman
Cora Hernandez - Ristoff
Sarah Alexander - Thigpen
Anvi Dobhal - B. Johnson



Third Grade

Rebecca Thuai - Gasky
Julia Boyd - Hevia
Aiden Moore - McConnell
Sekhlem Goodloe - Robertson
Andy Kuen - Sweiss
Daevon Martin - Quinn

Fourth Grade

Brian Nguyen - Brnada
Diana Phan - Harmon
Amerie Akuffo - Hoylman
Zenmarie Barnachea - Johnson
Julian Sanchez - Nichols

Fifth Grade

Jeffrey Stewart - Avolt
Dalton Gillispie - Hallenbeck
Dominyk Carter - Pizzi
Riley Childs - Redington
Makyla Wallace - Sturz