



# Lealman Lions News Flash

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**Lealman Avenue Elementary School**

## SCHOOL HOURS : 8:35 AM TO 3:05 PM

- Breakfast is served from 8:00 AM—8:15 AM for walkers, bike riders and car riders. 8:20 AM breakfast is served to students riding the bus only.
- Classrooms open at 8:15 AM, Announcements begin at 8:25 AM, Magic Reading Hour begins at 8:35 AM. Please try not to have your students miss this very important learning hour.
- R'Club opens in the cafeteria at 6:30 AM—8:15 AM then again at 3:05 PM—6:00 PM. The Early Learning Coalition can help with payment depending on income. Please call the R'Club at 521-4852 for more information.
- Classes start promptly at 8:35 AM. Every 3 tardies counts as 1 unexcused absence.
- Students may not be signed out of school after 2:30 PM unless the office has been notified about an appointment before 2:30 PM .

## Administrator's Message

Lealman Families;

It is hard to believe that our students have been in school for 7 weeks already. If you have not had the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher, please take the time to request a conference. Home/school communication is a very important aspect of your child's success.

We have a few events taking place during the month of October that are perfect opportunities for you to participate with your child. First, on October 7<sup>th</sup> we will have the annual walk to school. Parents, students and staff members will meet at the Lealman Asian Family Center at 7:30 a.m. and walk together along with members of the community, back to Lealman. Our annual Fall Festival is another fun, family event. It takes place on October 30<sup>th</sup> from 5:00-7:00 p.m.

Educationally yours,

**Mrs. Paquette, Principal**  
**Mrs. Mavres, Assistant Principal**

### ATTENTION PARENTS/GUARDIANS



Lealman is a uniform school.  
 Please make sure your student is in proper uniform when they come to school.

Uniform donations of boys pants and/or shorts would be Greatly appreciated.

### October Calendar

- 10/1 Character Assembly - non Uniform Day
- 10/7 International Walk to School Day
- 10/9 School Picture Day; non Uniform Day
- 10/15 Mentor Recruitment Fair @ SPC downtown St. Pete Campus
- 10/19 Professional Development Day; No school for students
- 10/28 Report Cards go home
- 10/30 PTA Fall Festival
- November 23 - November 27th; Thanksgiving Holidays

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**Please do not bring your child to school before 8:00 AM if not in R'Club, there is no adult supervision, staff is preparing for the day. Thank You.**

**Student drop off at classrooms ends at 8:15 AM**

### Lealman Avenue Elementary Vision Statement

Lealman Avenue Elementary students will meet academic expectations in a literacy rich environment.

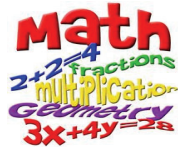
### Lealman Avenue Elementary Mission Statement

Engage, educate and nurture academic success for all students and prepare them for a successful future.



### ART NEWS

Lealman's 5th Grade class went on a field trip to the Dali Museum. From their learning experience at the Dali, they are excited to be learning how to create visual illusions using mathematics in art.  
Way to go 5th Grade!!



### Music News.....



4th and 5th Grade are beginning their recorder units in Music Class! Please be sure your student brings in their \$8 so they are able to take home their recorder, book, and CD. 4th/5th Grade Recorder Club is an after school enrichment club that will begin on Oct 1st. It is from 3:15-4:15pm. Your child will receive a permission form that needs to be signed and returned prior to them attending. If you have any questions regarding purchasing recorders or having your child attend Recorder Club, please call the school or email me directly at ryanter@pcsb.org. All 4th and 5th graders are asked to purchase a recorder, book, and cd regardless of their involvement in Recorder Club.

### PARENT NOTIFICATION

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 are qualified to teach the core academic subjects they are assigned. In addition, they attend professional development designed to keep them current with the best strategies to help our students achieve. The following teachers are considered out of field for ESOL while working towards this endorsement: Jean Brennan, Mary Denicola, Mary Niemeyer and Fred Roemer.



### Lealman PTA Fall Festival

Friday, October 30th, 2015  
5 PM—7 PM

Come join the fun.....Activities include pumpkin painting, potato sack races, line dancing and a scarecrow making contest.



Tickets can be purchased at the festival for 25 cents apiece.

Prepaid tickets ( 5 for \$1) will be sold starting Wednesday, October 22nd until Wednesday, October 28th.



Also, a special visit from Raymond, our very own Tampa Bay Rays mascot. Come have your picture taken with him.

Hope to see you here!!!!!!



### VISITING PROCEDURES

For our students' safety, we require all visitors to show identification and receive a visitors pass at the front office. Our fence will permit visitors to enter through the front office only.

**Identification must be presented from 7:30 AM—4:00 PM for every visit to our campus.**

Visitors must wear school issued identification at all times, including conferences and lunch.

Furthermore, while we welcome your participation in your child's education, we ask that visits with our teachers be scheduled in advance to avoid disruption of instruction and scheduling issues. Thank you for your cooperation in making Lealman a safe place to learn.

### DISMISSAL SAFETY



**Car riders must be picked up in the car circle only. Students that are car riders will be dismissed at exactly 3:05 PM in the car circle. The children's safety is our top priority. Please, be patient and pick up your student in the car circle.**



School zone is 15 MPH.

### Safety Concerns

**If driving a vehicle, please use the car circle located at the back of the school to pick up your student.**



Please check out the Pinellas County Schools website:  
[www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org)  
Click on quick links, there you can find many types of Information such as school info, enrollment, PK, VPK, etc.

## Spot Light Class of the Week



Families, we are promoting a program here at Lealman that will give you the opportunity to have lunch with your child in the school patio area on a designated Friday and learn the exciting things that are going on in your child's classroom. You may bring your lunch or purchase a lunch in the cafeteria. Please see below for the class of the week date. Please remember that you must check in at the front office with your ID and receive a visitors pass.

<b>September 28th thru October 2nd -</b>	<b>Ms. Kiedrowski</b>
<b>October 5th thru October 9th -</b>	<b>Ms. Howard</b>
<b>October 12th thru October 16th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Collins</b>
<b>October 26th thru October 30th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Miller</b>
<b>November 2nd thru November 6th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Perillo</b>
<b>November 9th thru November 13th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Hayduke</b>
<b>November 16th thru November 20th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Stryker</b>
<b>November 30th thru December 4th -</b>	<b>Mr. Ateek</b>
<b>December 7th thru December 11th -</b>	<b>Mrs. James</b>
<b>December 14th thru December 18th -</b>	<b>Ms. Sandoval</b>
<b>January 11th thru January 15th -</b>	<b>Mrs. King</b>
<b>January 25th thru January 29th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Cargill</b>
<b>February 1st thru February 5th -</b>	<b>Mrs. R. Williams</b>
<b>February 8th thru February 12th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Nimphius</b>
<b>February 22nd thru February 26th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Jenkins</b>
<b>February 29th thru March 4th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Young</b>
<b>March 7th thru March 11th -</b>	<b>Mrs. C. Williams</b>
<b>March 14th thru March 18th -</b>	<b>Mr. Lamothe</b>
<b>March 28th thru April 1st -</b>	<b>Mrs. Read</b>
<b>April 4th thru April 8th -</b>	<b>Ms. Johnson</b>
<b>April 11th thru April 15th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Clark</b>
<b>April 18th thru April 22nd -</b>	<b>Mrs. Schuler</b>
<b>April 25th thru April 29th -</b>	<b>Ms. Pardo</b>
<b>May 2nd thru May 6th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Westbrook</b>
<b>May 9th thru May 13th -</b>	<b>Mrs. Brennan</b>
<b>May 16th thru May 20th -</b>	<b>Mrs. White</b>
<b>May 23rd thru May 27th -</b>	<b>Mr. Roemer</b>

## **Federal Guidelines for Food/Snacks**

All snacks must comply with the District's nutrition standards and may not contain any low nutrition candy or dessert type items (cookies, cupcakes, cakes, pudding, ice cream or frozen desserts, etc.).

**Please do not send cupcakes, cookies, etc. to school for your child's birthday.**

According to Federal Guidelines, teachers are not permitted to distribute these items to students.



*Student Cell Phones must be signed in at the front office every day to avoid accidental loss of their phones.*



*Please make sure that you notify the front office of a phone number change and/or emergency contact change. We would like to be able to contact you if your child is sick and/or hurt.*



*Please Remember: There is no smoking on school board property.*



## **School Picture Day Friday, October 9th Non—Uniform Day,**

Pinellas County Student Code of Conduct Dress Policy must be followed. Shirts and dresses must have sleeves and must cover the shoulders.

**Please do not send picture envelopes back to school until Friday, October 9th.**

**Strawbridge Studio Photographers and their volunteers will collect the money.**

## Commitment to Character Word of the Month

Lealman is proud to be a part of Commitment to Character. Every month a character word will be featured; each teacher in the school picks one student that month who best exemplifies the character word in their actions for that month. Each student recognized by their teacher every month will receive their Commitment to Character certificate at the monthly Character Assembly.

Our character word for the month of October is **cooperation**. Cooperation means getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal. Please talk to your child about what it means to cooperate with one another. See if they can give you an example of what it looks like to show cooperation. Give them examples of how they can cooperate with others.



## **Code of Student Conduct Tardies and Early Sign out**

*Numerous incidents of tardiness or early release are unacceptable and unfair to the other students whose instruction is interrupted each time a student comes in late or leaves early. Every three (3) unexcused tardies and/or early sign outs within a MONTH count as one unexcused absence. Unexcused tardies or early sign out include:*

- Oversleeping
- Missing the school bus
- Car problems
- Heavy traffic
- Return for forgotten items
- Shopping trips
- Pleasure trips and/or family vacation
- Transportation

When a student accumulates 5 unexcused absences during a one month period or 10 unexcused absences during a 90 day period, the parent/guardian will receive a letter from the school's child study team. If the absences continue, the child study team will pursue truancy with the States Attorneys office. *A doctors or dentists note will excuse an early release, tardiness or absence.*

## Policy against Bullying and Harassment

# Pinellas County Schools Mentor Recruitment Fair



**Do you have 30 minutes once a week to encourage a student?**

Become a mentor and help a student discover their endless potential.

The fair will be a one-stop shop event for all attendees! You can register to volunteer, obtain a background screening and a level 2 screening. Attend one of the three one-hour mentor workshops offered and be matched with a student at the school of your choice!

- **October 15, 2015** SPC Downtown St. Pete Campus  
244 Second Ave., N, Second Floor, St. Pete
- **November 2, 2015** Clearwater Campus  
2465 Drew St., Rm. ES127, Clearwater  
Doors Open at 11:00 a.m. for background screenings  
Attend one of the three mentor workshops offered  
**12:00 to 1:00 p.m. – 1:30 to 2:30 p.m. – 4:00 to 5:00 p.m.**
- Please R.S.V.P. Call 727-588-5050 or email: [robergem@pcsb.org](mailto:robergem@pcsb.org)



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In response to the following state law, the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act, the School Board have a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Florida is now one of 32 states with a law regarding bullying in schools.

Lealman Avenue Elementary is committed to providing a safe learning environment and will not tolerate bullying or harassment of any kind. We have processes in place for students to report incidents on campus. However, should you need to report an incident; you may take the following steps:

- Contact administration through the front office- 570-3020  
Enter issues on the county web site at [http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/SDFS/bullying\\_report.html](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/SDFS/bullying_report.html).  
Call the Campus Crime Stoppers Hotline at 1-800-873-8477.

For more information about the policy or bullying prevention and intervention visit the Safe and Drug Free Schools' website at [www.pcsb.org/sdfs/bully.html](http://www.pcsb.org/sdfs/bully.html). To learn more about bullying and find out what adults can do to help prevent it, visit the Stop Bullying Now website at [www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov](http://www.stopbullyingnow.hrsa.gov).

## Student Planner

Every student has received a "Student Planner" from their teachers. This planner is Lealman's communication tool. Please check the planner every day. You, as the parent/guardian can use the handbook to report absences, change of the "way home", and any other information concerning your student that you feel the teacher and/or school should know. Please remember that if your child has been sick and/or has an appointment; a copy of the doctors note or copy of the appointment card should be given to excuse the absence/tardiness or early release. *Please send note with student after any absence. A phone call is no longer necessary.*



**Lealman Walk and Roll to School Day**  
Help us celebrate "International Walk to School Day"

**Wednesday October 7th, 2015**

**Where? Lealman Asian Family Center**  
**4255 56th Avenue North**

**Time? 7:00 AM**

**To? Lealman Elementary School**



# BUS TRANSPORTATION

## Parents,

**We need your assistance in keeping our children safe!**

**Please take a moment to review the family and student responsibilities for our bus riders.**

**Please note, parents are responsible for their child's behavior at bus stops.**

**Violation of these rules can result in the suspension or loss of transportation services.**

### **PINELLAS COUNTY SCHOOLS POLICY FOR CONDUCT ON SCHOOL BUSES**

- By riding a school bus the student consents to his/her being videotaped and audio recorded while s/he is riding the bus.
- Parents are responsible for their child's behavior at the bus stop prior to the arrival of the bus in the morning and after the departure of the bus at the end of the day. However, if a student is at the bus stop and violates the school rules, the school can still discipline the student for his/her behavior. Students are to be on time and stand off the roadway.
- The District seeks to ensure the safety of all students who ride District buses and staff who operate them. Unauthorized individuals including, but not limited to: parents, students, and siblings may not board a school bus or attempt to conference with a bus driver or authorized rider, while en route to or from school. Any concerns related to transportation should be communicated to the school or the transportation department.
- Individuals who do not adhere to this expectation may face criminal prosecution for trespassing, in addition to other charges which may be brought pursuant to local and State law.
- If a student causes any damage to the bus or another vehicle, the student's parent shall be responsible to pay for the damage.
- A student can be disciplined for doing anything at the bus stop that s/he can be disciplined for if they did that same thing at school.
- If a student must cross a roadway to board a bus, s/he must wait for the bus to come to a stop and then walk in front of the bus in order to board

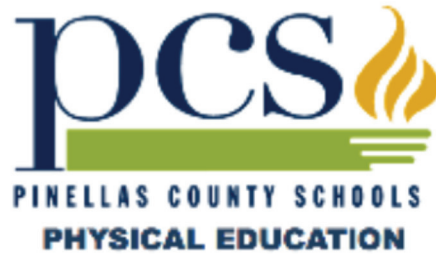
### **Pinellas County Rules While on the Bus:**

The bus driver is in charge and the student must obey the driver at all times. The student must tell the bus driver his/her correct name when asked. The bus driver and school will keep a seating chart. The student can be disciplined if s/he does not follow all District and school rules and the following special rules:

- A. sit in the student's assigned seat and use the seat belt if available
- B. stay seated at all times while the bus is in motion
- C. do not put any part of a student's body outside the bus windows
- D. do not distract the driver with loud conversation or noises
- E. do not eat or drink on the bus
- F. maintain absolute silence at all times when the overhead dome lights are on for railroad crossings
- G. do not throw any items on the bus or out of the bus windows
- H. do not mark, cut or damage bus seats or the bus itself
- I. do not display signs from the bus
- J. do not use obscene language or gestures

### **Things a Student Cannot Bring on a Bus:**

- A. glass containers of any kind
- B. sharp objects
- C. balls
- D. bats
- E. roller skates
- F. skateboards
- G. cutting instruments of any kind
- H. any large or bulky item that interferes with proper seating of students (examples: large musical instruments or athletic equipment)
- I. any animal
- J. batons, drum sticks, tennis rackets (unless in proper carrying case)
- K. or any other item prohibited elsewhere in the Code of Student Conduct



**Parents of Physical Education Students:**

As part of our Pinellas County Schools Physical Education program we will be testing your child on the health components of fitness. We strive to help students understand the health components of fitness, how they are being assessed, and then how to use their personal information to develop a lifelong fitness program that they enjoy.

Pinellas County Schools uses Being Fit Matters/Fitnessgram protocols to test the five health components of fitness: aerobic capacity, body composition, muscular strength, muscular endurance, and flexibility.

- Aerobic capacity/cardiovascular endurance test includes the Progressive Aerobic Cardiovascular Endurance Run (PACER) test.
- Body composition is determined by Body Mass Index (BMI). The BMI is a calculation of the ratio of weight to height. Pinellas County Schools will use this method. Weighing and measuring will be done discreetly during class.
- Muscular endurance is measured by using the curl up which measures abdominal strength and endurance, and the trunk lift which measures strength and flexibility. Muscular strength is tested by push-ups.
- Flexibility is measured by the sit and reach test.

Each test measures minimal fitness and compares the student's score to the healthy fitness zone for their age and gender. The test also gives the student pointers on how to either improve or maintain their fitness level. It is our goal to help students make good choices in their fitness activities so that they can live a long, healthy life.

Students' fitness results will be made available for all parents. Resources to assist parents with additional information may be found on the PCS website under: Families / Safety and Wellness / Wellness / Being Fit Matters.

If, for any reason you prefer that your child not have a BMI assessment, or have any questions/concerns on any assessments, please contact your child's physical education teacher.

Sincerely,

Physical Education Department  
Pinellas County Schools