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# Midtown Academy

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October 2019

Midtown Academy

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## ***At A Glance***

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School Hours  
Mon-Fri: 8:45am. - 3:25pm

Office Hours  
Mon-Fri: 8:15am. - 3:55pm

### School Vision:

**100% student success.**

**“Every student learning,  
every day, at every  
opportunity.”**

## **Dear Mustang Families,**

I can't believe we are six weeks into the school year. Time is flying! We had a wonderful event a few weeks ago. Tacos, Tie Dye and Tunes was a huge success! We had nearly 100 families to attend the event. Thanks to our outstanding PTA for organizing and hosting the event.

I am certain that together we will create a year of excellence for our children. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she: 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school through hard work, effective and creative teaching, and a strong school community partnership, we will reach our goal to provide a quality educational program that meets the needs of all of our students at Midtown. Thank you for your continued commitment and dedication to your child's education.

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**Dates to Remember**

**October:**

*(National Arts & Humanities Month)*

10/14: Mon: Non-Student Day

10/15 Tue: PTA Meeting (6pm)

10/23 Wed: Reflections Art Exhibit  
(6pm – 8pm)

10/28-11/1 Mon-Fri: Book Fair (times vary)

10/30 Wed: Treat Festival (6pm – 7:30pm)



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Car line is moving along. Car line is empty in about nine minutes after dismissal. I highly encourage you all to use the car line. It is becoming faster with each passing day. Please make sure you are using a name tag daily. Please place the name tag on the passenger side. The car line is a sure way to stay cool while waiting for your children. It is also the safest way to exit campus. Students may not be on campus prior to 8:15a.m. or after 3:55p.m. Students may report to the café for breakfast at 8:15a.m. Students are dismissed at 8:30a.m. to walk to class. The official school day begins at 8:45a.m. and students will be marked tardy if they arrive to their classroom after this time.

Finally, please encourage students to bring their water bottles to school. It is important for them to hydrate. It is hot out at PE and recess.

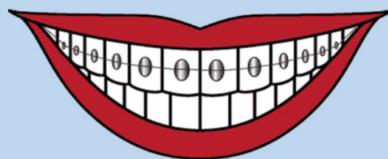
Keila Victor,  
Principal

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**School Vision: 100% student success**

School Mission: The mission of Midtown Academy is to develop the academic and social emotional skills of every scholar, every day, at every opportunity by committing to academic excellence through a rigorous instructional program and developing the leadership qualities needed for college, career and life.

**Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year**

It is that time of the year to nominate Teacher of the Year and Support Employee of the Year. Please send me the names of a teacher and/or support employee that you believe would be a great candidate for this prestigious award. Please tell me the reason why you are nominating this employee.

**Fundraiser**

Thank you for your supporting our fundraiser. We raised over 13,000.00. The funds will be dedicated to all our students for Makerspace, Positive Behavior Supports, School wide Enrichment Model, etc.

The Florida Aquarium Show is scheduled for October 29<sup>th</sup> at 9am. Students who sold six or more items will receive an invitation. Students who sold 20 items or more will receive dress down passes for the week of October 14<sup>th</sup>. If you sold 16 items or more, you receive a free limo ride on October 23<sup>rd</sup>



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<b>School House Rock</b> Lesson Plans Available!	SCHOOL: FEB. 13, 2019 - 10:45AM SCHOOL: FEB. 15, 2019 - 10:45AM
<b>The Pi Factory</b> Lesson Plans Available!	SCHOOL: MAR. 21, 2019 - 10:45AM SCHOOL: MAR. 22, 2019 - 10:45AM
<b>Carrots</b> Lesson Plans Available!	SCHOOL: APR. 11, 2019 - 10:45AM SCHOOL: APR. 12, 2019 - 10:45AM



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## Upcoming Events

OCT: *(NATIONAL ARTS & HUMANITIES MONTH)*

10/14: Non-Student Day

10/15 TUE: PTA MEETING (6pm)

10/23 WED: REFLECTIONS ART EXHIBIT (6pm – 8pm)

10/28-11/1 MON-FRI: BOOK FAIR (times vary)

10/30 WED: TREAT FESTIVAL (6pm – 7:30pm)

**NOV: 10/28-11/1 MON-FRI: BOOK FAIR (times vary)**

11/1 FRI: BOX TOPS DUE

11/6 WED: SAC Meeting 6pm

11/13 WED: GREAT AMERICAN TEACH IN (ALL DAY) *(PTA PROVIDE CONTINENTAL BREAKFAST)*

11/20 WED: TEACHER HOLIDAY LUNCHEON (10am – 1pm)

**DEC: 12/4: WED. SAC meeting (6pm)**

12/6 FRI: REFLECTIONS SUBMISSIONS DUE!!

12/19 THUR: PTA MEETING (6pm)

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## **Help our School and Make a Difference!**

Become a either a Lunch Pal or Taking Stock in Children (TSIC) mentor and meet once a week for 30 minutes with one of our students who will greatly benefit from your support and encouragement.

You will be surprised to see the difference you can make in a child's life. Please also consider asking family and friends who might be able to lend their time as a Lunch Pal or Mentor to Midtown Academy.

For more information about the Lunch Pal or Taking Stock in Children programs, please read the brochures included in this newsletter.

To become either a Lunch Pal or a Mentor, please contact our Family and Community Liaison, Cassandra Jackson: (727) 893-1358, or email [jacksoncas@pcsb.org](mailto:jacksoncas@pcsb.org).

Thank you to all of our current Lunch Pals, Mentors and Volunteers. Our students and staff greatly appreciate your time and support!

## **Great American Teach In**

You are invited to participate in the upcoming Great American Teach In on Wednesday November 13th. We welcome parents and members of our community to share information with students about their career or hobby, to organize an activity, to read a story or to teach a class. You can choose to spend an hour, a few class periods or an entire school day.

Previous Teach In participants have found the experience truly rewarding. For more information, please contact Cassandra Jackson at (727) 893-1358, or email [jacksoncas@pcsb.org](mailto:jacksoncas@pcsb.org)



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## Great American Teach-In



### Join us!

Nov. 13 in Pinellas County

#### Sign up today!

To register for the 2019 Duke Energy Great American Teach-In, please contact your local school by Nov. 6, 2019.

Please plan to join us. The kids will love you for it!



Return the registration form by Nov. 6, 2019, to any Pinellas County school, or mail to:

Dr. Valerie Brimm  
 Pinellas County Schools  
 301 Fourth St. SW  
 P.O. Box 2942  
 Largo, FL 33779-2942

You may also register online at [www.pcsb.org/gatiregistration](http://www.pcsb.org/gatiregistration).

If you'd like more information, please contact the Teach-In coordinator at any Pinellas County school.

[duke-energy.com](http://duke-energy.com)

You have the power to enrich a child's life – in as little as an hour.

The Duke Energy Great American Teach-In is part of Pinellas County Schools' annual American Education Week celebration. Sponsored by our company since 1994, it's a special opportunity for you to visit the public school of your choice and share what you know with a new generation.

This year's event is scheduled for Wednesday, Nov. 13, 2019. Opportunities are available from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. You may choose to stay for an hour or for the whole day! The amount of time you volunteer is determined strictly by what your schedule permits and what the teacher wants to accomplish.

Whatever the length of your visit, you can make a difference. Thousands of previous Teach-In participants have discovered the experience is truly rewarding.

#### Teach-In tips:

- Plan for 20-35 students per classroom.
- Consider wearing attire appropriate to the occupation, hobby or topic you plan to discuss.
- Keep the students' average attention span in mind: 10-20 minutes for elementary grades and 20-45 minutes for secondary grades.
- When you arrive at the school, please check in at the office to pick up your nametag. Someone will greet you and accompany or direct you to your classroom.
- If you plan to bring printed or audiovisual materials, please check with the teacher or school Teach-In coordinator in advance.
- Do not ask students for personal information, including their telephone numbers or addresses.

#### Registration Form

NAME: \_\_\_\_\_

PHONE (DAY): \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE (NIGHT): \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

CITY \_\_\_\_\_ STATE: \_\_\_\_\_ ZIP: \_\_\_\_\_

CHOICE OF SCHOOL (OPTIONAL): \_\_\_\_\_

SUBJECT MATTER: \_\_\_\_\_ GRADE PREFERENCE: \_\_\_\_\_

LENGTH OF STAY:  1-2 HRS  3-4 HRS  ALL DAY TIME OF DAY TO ATTEND: \_\_\_\_\_

EQUIPMENT NEEDED: \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_

**What is Lunch Pals?**

Lunch Pals is a lunch time mentoring program where businesses, community organizations and individuals are paired with a school to provide students with the additional presence of caring adults.

Please let us know your individual volunteer or partnership interests. We will be happy to connect with you about getting involved!



**3 locations:**

 <p><i>The Frog Pond</i></p> <p>Hours: Mon-Sat 7am-2pm Lunch 11am; Breakfast all day Sun 8am-2pm Breakfast only</p>	<p>890 3rd Avenue South Downtown St. Pete 33701 <b>(727) 592-4977</b></p>
	<p>7390 Gulf Blvd. St. Pete Beach 33706 <b>(727) 363-7205</b></p>
	<p>16909 Gulf Blvd. N. Redington Bch 33708 <b>(727) 392-4117</b></p>



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## College Scholarship Opportunity for 6-9 grade students!

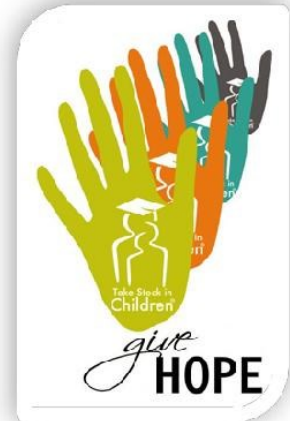
### *Pinellas Education Foundation's Take Stock in Children Scholarship Program*

Candidates must be on Free/Reduced Lunch, attend a Pinellas County public middle or high school, and have the aspiration to attend college or technical school but not the financial means.

*To learn more about this life-changing program,  
please visit [www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic](http://www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic)*

Foundation Take Stock in Children scholars receive:

- A Scholarship** - A tuition-only Florida Prepaid College Scholarship, which can be used at any university, college, or vocational/technical school that accepts financial aid. (Value – up to 120 state college credit hours)
- A Mentor** - A volunteer mentor who will meet with your child bi-weekly at school, to assist and encourage your child to achieve their highest potential.
- A College Success Coach** - A Take Stock staff person who will help your child design a college success plan and guide them through middle and high school, and transition into college.



### **How to Apply**

If you would like to **complete an application for your student** (who must be in grades 6 - 9) to become part of the Take Stock in Children scholarship program, go to the link below and complete the online application between **Aug. 12 to Dec. 6, 2019**

***Make sure to have an electronic copy of your 1040 tax return for 2018\*  
when you start the application.***

**<https://www.pinellaseducation.org/tsic>**

*\*If you do not file taxes, email [tsic@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:tsic@pinellaseducation.org) for possible alternative options*





**INCOME ELIGIBILITY GUIDELINES**

Effective from July 1, 2019 to June 30, 2020

HOUSEHOLD SIZE	ANNUALLY	MONTHLY	TWICE PER MONTH	EVERY TWO WEEKS	WEEKLY
1	23,107	1,926	963	889	445
2	31,284	2,607	1,304	1,204	602
3	39,461	3,289	1,645	1,518	759
4	47,638	3,970	1,985	1,833	917
5	55,815	4,652	2,326	2,147	1,074
6	63,992	5,333	2,667	2,462	1,231
7	72,169	6,015	3,008	2,776	1,388
8	80,346	6,696	3,348	3,091	1,546
For each additional family member, add	8,177	682	341	315	158

*Income guidelines provided by USDA.gov*

**Qualified financial document REQUIRED with the online scholarship application:**

**1040 tax return for 2018\* (pages 1 and 2, must show student applicant as a dependent)**

*\*If you do not file taxes, email [tsic@pinellaseducation.org](mailto:tsic@pinellaseducation.org) for possible alternative options*

*Finalists will be notified in February - March of 2020. All finalists will need to attend a scholarship signing event in the spring to officially join the Take Stock in Children program.*

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