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Calendar of Events:

Oct. 2nd – International Walk to School Day

Oct. 2nd – Fall Picture Make Up Day

Oct. 11th – End of Report Period

Oct. 14th – No School – Teacher Planning Day

Oct. 21st – PTA Meeting 4:30

Oct. 21st – SAC Meeting 3:30

Oct. 23rd – Florida Orchestra Field Trip 4th & 5th Gr.

Oct. 25th – PTA Fall Festival

Oct. 29th – Report Cards Go Home

Nov. 25th – 29th School Closed - Thanksgiving

 Holiday

School Hours: 8:45 – 2:55

Address: 6400 54th Ave. N.

 St. Petersburg, FL. 33709

Phone Numbers:

Front Office 547-7820

Alpha Office 547-7508

Cafeteria 545-6448

FAX # 545-6562

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Blanton Website:

 <http://www.blanton-es.pinellas.k12.fl.us>

Blanton Elementary is a Title 1 School.

 **Blanton Elementary**

 **SCHOOL NEWSLETTER**

 October/November 2019

**Message From The Principal….**

Greetings Blanton Families,

Welcome to your October newsletter!

I am enjoying being a part of the Blanton family. Now that we are about a month into school, it is wonderful to see the students and teachers interacting as Blanton’s BEST. I am enjoying getting to know everyone and have set myself a personal challenge to learn the student’s names. The students are monitoring my progress with a chart which is displayed in the mornings before school at the car circle gate and then again on the morning news. Be sure to ask your son or daughter how many names I am up to!

I want to remind everyone that we need to make every minute of school count. Students need to be seated in class, every day when the tardy bell rings at 8:45 a.m. They also need to remain at school until the final bell dismisses them at 2:55 p.m. This allows our teachers and staff to fully implement the lessons that they spend hours planning and preparing for our boys and girls. Working together, our staff, parents and community, can help each scholar to achieve their personal best.

Before I close this greeting, I want to ask that families make sure that your email addresses and phone numbers are up to date in FOCUS. In this way, you can receive important reminders and information about our school. Please don’t hesitate to call, email or stop in if you have questions or comments.

Sincerely,

Lisa K. Roth Email: rothli@pcsb.org

Breakfast is served daily from 8:15a.m. to 8:40a.m. in the cafeteria. Breakfast is free for all students.

 **News from Our Guidance Counselor:**

 **National Red Ribbon Week 2019**

 **October 21-October 25**

Red Ribbon Week is an alcohol, tobacco and other drug and violence prevention awareness campaign observed annually in October in the United States. It is an opportunity for schools and parents to teach children to say “NO” to these things and commit to a drug-free lifestyle! We will be celebrating Red Ribbon Week with daily themes. Information regarding these themes will be sent home with students soon as well as reminders via Parent Connect Call.

**District Application Programs**

Pinellas County Schools offer nearly 80 programs focused on students’ interests, talents and learning styles. Find the right fit for your child!

**Important Dates:**

**Application Period: January 8-17, 2020**

**Acceptance Period: February 10-21, 2020**

For more information go to [www.pcsb.org/choice](http://www.pcsb.org/choice) or questions call 727-588-6210

**WHY JOIN SAC (School Advisory Council)**

Learn more about what is happening at Blanton Elementary, especially our progress toward meeting our School Improvement goals.

Learn about the best strategies we use for teaching and learning as well as providing a safe school environment!

Keep up with the changes made by the state that directly impact your child – Common Core, State Assessments, and more!

Meetings are once a month and last approximately one hour. Our next meeting will be **Monday, Oct. 21st at 3:30 pm.**

**From Our Family & Community Liaison:**

October 2, 2019 is our International Walk to School Day. If you would like to participate, please turn in the pink participant form that was sent home with your child. Everyone participating will meet at Walgreens on 66th St. and 54th Ave. at 7:20 a.m. and begin walking to Blanton at 7:55. Water, coffee and fruit will be provided in the parking lot.

The Great American Teach In (GATI) is Wednesday, November 13, 2019. Please stop by school and speak to Michele Killam or call (727) 547-7820 if you would like to participate in this rewarding event.

**Music News:**

Our 4th ad 5th grade students have the wonderful opportunity to attend the Florida Orchestra concert Wednesday, October 23rd . The students will be picked up at school around 10:50 a.m. and the concert will begin at 11:45 a.m. More information to follow.

**From the Transportation Dept.:**

Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department is implementing a new system to inform you when your child’s bus is going to be delayed. Our school is part of a pilot effort to use a system called Bus Bulletin.

The Bus Bulletin notification system will notify schools, parents and students when there are bus delays and schedule changes. If you would like to receive instant notifications when delays or incidents affect your student’s bus, please register with Bus Bulletin.

* There is no cost to you for this service.
* Registration is simple and fast.
* You can choose to receive either text messages, phone calls, and e-mails or all these options.
* All contact information is stored securely and will not be shared or sold. Your privacy is protected.
* **Please note:** this system is not related to Pinellas County Schools new emergency text message communications through School Messenger.

For more information, or to sign-up and start receiving notifications, please visit: [www.BusBulletin.com/parents](http://www.BusBulletin.com/parents).

If you need assistance with registration, call Pinellas County Schools Transportation Department at 727-587-2020.