



Home of the Hawks

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Vision:

100% student success.

Mission:

To provide an environment that meets the needs of our students through staff development, family involvement, and community resources.

SCHOOL OPENING & DISMISSAL TIMES

Gates open at 8:15 AM,

School starts at 8:45 AM,

Teaching begins at 8:45 AM

Breakfast served until 8:30 AM.

Dismissal at 2:55

Lunch Menu

www.pcsb.org/Page/693



Transportation Call Center

727.587.2020

For more information, consult
Pinellas County School Website

www.pcsb.org

Message from the Office

Thank you for a great start to the school year. We are so excited to see the students excited to learn. We look forward to working with your scholars throughout the year!

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS



- Oct. 9 Picture retakes
- Oct. 11 End of first grading period
- Oct. 14 No school for students
- Oct. 21 FSA Night
- Oct. 25 – Nov. 1 Scholastic Book Fair
- Oct. 25 PTA Fall Festival 5:30-7:00
- Oct. 31 Fall Parade for ASD/PK/K



Happy Fall Y'all

Thank you to all of you who came out to our Open House. We hope to see you at some of our upcoming events.

Please come join us on October 25 for a fun night at our Fall Festival. I hope to see you all there. PTA will be sharing more information about this PTA fun event.

Parents of Third, Fourth, and Fifth graders please mark your calendar for FSA Night. It is on October 21st. Additional information will be sent home about this in the next few weeks.

If you are interested in attending any field trips with your child this year, please complete the steps at the bottom of this article to register to become a volunteer.

Are you, or your place of employment looking for an opportunity to give back to your community? Or to make a difference in a child's life? We are looking for community partnerships. You could Adopt a Classroom and/ or come volunteer with us at NHES. You could come and spend your lunch with a child here. Many children just need a friend, someone they can talk to. You could be that person. Please contact me, Anita LeCain at 727-521-5350, or email me at markolecaina@pcsb.org if you are interested in Adopting a Classroom or volunteering at our school.

If you are interested in becoming a volunteer, the volunteer forms are now done online, so please complete your registration at www.pcsb.org/volunteerregistration

If you were approved to volunteer last year, your membership went inactive over the summer so please reactivate here <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>

Enter your username and password:

User ID: **V. Last name, first initial**

example: Charkm

Password: Your **Last name** (Capitalize the first letter only) followed by the 4-digit **Birth YEAR Example: Chark1990**

Common last names may have additional characters or symbols as part of the user ID.

If your user ID and password has not been confirmed to you by an email, please contact the Family & Community Liaison at the school. Please answer the criminal offense questions and be sure to click I **AGREE** with the confidentiality statement to SAVE your answers. You can update your personal information and log out in the lower right-hand corner of the screen.

Please don't forget to log your volunteer hours.

Do NOT re-activate using any mobile device. To do so may inadvertently answer the criminal offense questions incorrectly, which would delay your clearance.

FIRST GRADE FUN

Dear First Grade Parents,

Here is what we have in store for October! Our field trip to the Pumpkin Patch will be on Wednesday, October 9th. This month, in science we will be exploring the sun, our world, and water. Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Talking with your first grader about how the sun is helpful and harmful.
- Go outside and explore Earth's surface by looking for rocks, water, and living organisms.
- Discuss with your first grader why we need water and how to be safe around water.

In math we will continue with our first unit on numbers within 10. Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Practicing addition
- Discussing how to make ten
- Practicing subtraction
- Using everyday events to have students solve word problems. (For example: If you have 9 pieces of candy and you give me 4 pieces of candy, how many piece of candy do you have now?)

In reading we are working on Module B. This unit is all about nonfiction! Some ways you can support this learning is by:

- Read a story with your first grader and discuss if it is fiction or nonfiction.
- Read a nonfiction book and point out the text features (table of contents, glossary, photographs).
- Read a nonfiction book and discuss the main topic and the key details.

Occupational Therapy Corner

BACKPACK SAFETY AWARENESS

How heavy is your back pack? The weight of your backpack should be no more than 15% of your total body weight. Weigh your child then weigh the back pack. 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 your 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!

Fifth Grade News

Fifth grade is off to a great start this year. We have just completed our first round of MAP testing and Parent-Teacher Conferences will begin occurring. One special request we have for our fifth grade scholars is to leave the toys at home. Recently, there has been a lot of issues with Beyblades, Pokémon cards and the like. Please remind your children before they leave to keep the toys at home. Thank you!

PE Corner

As the weather gets cooler we ask that you please write your child's name in their jackets or sweaters so we can return them if they are left outside during P.E. We also want to remind you that your child must wear proper footwear (preferably sneakers or tennis shoes) to participate in class. For the month of October, we will be finishing our Fitnessgram testing, begin our Chasing and Fleeing Unit which includes various types of tag games, and our Throwing and Catching Unit where we will work on skills from football, baseball and other activities!

Keep up the hard work!

The Garden is Coming:

Students, please look at the garden as you walk by and be sure to tell your teacher what kind of veggies you would like to eat and grow in the New Heights School Garden.

Parents, this garden supports our "Garden to Cafeteria" food program. What you see growing and help take care of is what you will see served in the cafeteria.

Teachers, please ask your students what they like to eat at home with their families and we can do our best to grow it here.

Stars with the Arts:

Happy October New Heights! Ms. Weber wanted to give some stars to 5th grade for rockin' it on our I wonder/Shadow project! You all worked so hard and I am so happy with all your projects!

Quick reminders for the Fall Festival: Grade levels are helping me to create collaborative projects to show at the festival! Be sure to come and see how hard our scholars are working!

Can't wait to see you all there!"



October Book Fair

The book fair is coming!
This will be the first of two
book fairs for the year.



In School Dates:

October 25th – November 1st

Where: Media Center

Night Event: Friday

October 25th 5:30PM-7:00PM

Payment Options: Cash,
Check (payable to New Heights Elementary), Credit
Card or eWallet. Please add 7% tax to all purchases.

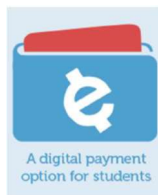
Funds raised by the book fair go to purchase more
books for the library, technology/library needs and
professional development.

Can't find the book you want? Shop online October
23rd – November 5th, 2019 at

www.scholastic.com/bf/newheights

New Book Fair Feature!

Give your student(s) a secure,
cash-free way to shop the fair. Simply
create an eWallet and authorize a
spending limit on your credit card.



- Secure way to give kids money to buy books.
- Pre-authorized amount to control spending.
- Funds immediately available for use.
- Parents will only be charged for what is purchased (up to the spending limit they selected). The preauthorized amount will expire after the last day of the book fair.
- Family members can gift money to students.
- Additional funds can be added to the eWallet at any time.

Visit the book fair website to set up your account!

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MISSED PHOTO DAY?

No problem... the photographers will be back on
Thursday, October 9th.

If you need a do-over, please send back the photo
package from the first photo day.

Office News

Our outstanding teachers are dedicated to our students and to our vision of 100% student success. They are all certified by the state of Florida. In addition, they attend workshops and trainings designed to support them and offer strategies to help our students achieve.

Teacher selection and scheduling can be a challenging process. Occasionally it become necessary to assign a course to a teacher for which he/she is not currently certified. These decisions are made with consideration to teacher competence and with a continual commitment to highest student achievement. Any teacher assigned out of field is chosen carefully, given additional district support, and is expected to work toward appropriate certification in a timely manner.

Kelley Bagwell – ESOL Endorsement
Eric Bausewein– ESOL Endorsement
Lindsay Garvin – ESOL Endorsement
Van Mira Hamadeh – ESOL Endorsement
Emily Henry – ESOL Endorsement
Ashley Knaps – ESOL Endorsement
Desire Meridy – ESOL Endorsement
Sara Rajkovic-ESOL Endorsement
Dawn Uebersetzig-ESOL Endorsement
Ottesha Williams- ESOL Endorsement
Natalie Zolper-ESOL Endorsement

*****Due to a new Educator Certification Application System launched at the Florida Department of Education, it is taking longer for teachers to be issued their teaching certificates. Without a certificate, a teacher must be reported out of field even though he/she will be certified in the area he/she is teaching once the certificate is issued.

Lindsey Proulx – Elementary Education K-6



Eligibility Criteria

1. Resident of and children living in Pinellas County
2. Children ages 12 and under as of 12/25/19
3. Financial need (i.e. receiving financial assistance of some type, homeless, or has recently had life changing event such as unemployment, fire, hurricane damage, etc.)

How to Request Toys from Toys for Tots

1. Go to <https://t4tpinellas.ptaptsa.org/pre-registration> before November 10th to register

If you have any questions or need additional assistance,
please contact Marta Bielicki, School Counselor
727-521-5350 x 2060