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Calendar of Events:

Nov. 13th Great American Teach-In

Nov. 18th SAC Meeting 3:30

Nov. 18th PTA Meeting 4:30

Nov. 25th – 29th School Closed - Thanksgiving

 Holidays

Dec. 2nd -12th Dental Program

Dec. 12th Winter Festival 5:30 – 8:00

Dec. 16th SAC Meeting 3:30

Dec. 16th PTA Meeting 4:30

Dec. 23rd thru Jan. 3rd School Closed – Winter

 Holidays

Jan. 6th Teacher Planning Day – No School for

 Students

Jan. 7th Students Return

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**

 November/December 2019

**Message from The Principal….**

Greetings! As we face the start of the holiday season, it’s a good time to look back at all that has been accomplished so far. It’s also a good time to reflect on all that we are grateful for. I realize that I am so lucky to be able to lead a school like Blanton Elementary!

My vision for Blanton Elementary is that it shall be a safe place where students are nurtured and encouraged to learn and grow. I see my mission as principal as doing whatever is needed to see that each child has the opportunity to be one of Blanton’s BEST academically, physically and emotionally.

I truly believe that children can receive a world class education in Pinellas County Schools. Moreover, they can receive that education right here at Blanton Elementary School.

I invite each of you to join me this year in helping all our children to be Blanton’s BEST!

Sincerely,

 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:**

 **Character Word of the Month**

**November: “Citizenship”** – Being law abiding and involved in the service to school, community and country.

**December: “Kindness”** - Being nice and considerate toward others.

**Toys for Tots Program**

 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**

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

 8. Enter your e-mail address. You will receive an email from Toys for Tots with a link to the registration page.

 9. Fill out the form entering your family name, address, and your preferred date and time for toy pickup as well as information for each child (ages 12 and under) by adding their name, age and school they attend. Submit the registration request after confirming all information is correct. The screen should now tell you that you have an application until November 1st. You can check the status of registration and re-entering the email address you used at registration.

 10. You will receive and e-mail acknowledging your request and another email when you have been approved.

 11. You will receive a confirmation e-mail in December (around December 12th).

 You **MUST** acknowledge this email and confirm your appointment by December 17th. Failure to respond will remove you from the approved list.

 Upon acknowledgement of this email you will receive your bar code.

 12. Toy pick up will be held on 12/20/19 and 12/21/19. Toys for Tots will send you an e-mail with the pick-up location. Please arrive no earlier than 30 minutes prior to your scheduled appointment. You must bring your bar code with you to distribution (either on your phone or a printed copy).

If you have any questions or need additional assistance, please contact Ms. Holland, School Counselor 727-547-7820 or hollandd@pcsb.org

**School Dental Program:**

Within the next few weeks your child will be coming home with a flyer and consent form for the school dental program that the Department of Health in Pinellas will be providing on December 2nd through December 12th. Licensed dental hygienists from the Health Department will be at Blanton Elementary School providing preventive dental services at no cost to children in grades PK through 5th. The services will include a dental assessment, proper tooth brushing instruction, dental sealants if needed and a fluoride treatment. All children that participate will be given a new toothbrush, toothpaste and floss. Please mark “yes” on the consent form, fill in your child’s information, sign at the bottom and have your child return the form to his or her teacher. We hope that your child will be part of this wonderful opportunity.

**Girlfriends Club:**

The Girlfriends Club are collecting toiletries for the homeless families in Pinellas County from now until Nov. 30th. If you would like to purchase toiletries you may send them to school with your child or drop them by the front office.

**From Our Family & Community Liaison:**

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.

