



Tarpon Springs Elementary School

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Dear Tarpon Springs Elementary Parents and Families,

As Spring Break approaches, we encourage you to take this time to relax and recharge before we enter the final stretch of the school year. Upon returning from break, students will be preparing for upcoming state assessments. These next few months are crucial to your child's academic success, and we kindly ask for your support in ensuring they attend school daily and arrive on time to maximize their learning opportunities.

We are incredibly proud of our students and all they have accomplished so far. Please continue to encourage your child to stay focused, work hard, and believe in themselves as they strive to reach their full potential.

Thank you for your ongoing support. We hope you and your family have a restful and safe Spring Break, which begins Monday March 17th, and we look forward to welcoming everyone back on Monday, March 24th.

Sincerely,
Kimberly Cook
Principal



To report a safety concern, please go to the website above or download the app and enter the information.



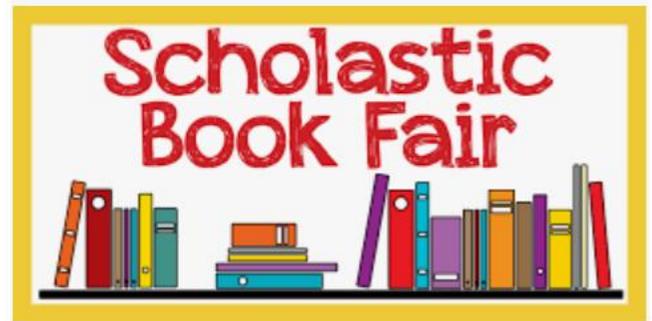
**YOU ARE INVITED!
Reading Under the Stars**

March 4th, 6:00-7:30

Help us celebrate Dr. Seuss's birthday by joining us *in your pajamas* for our fun family event, **READING UNDER THE STARS**

on March 4th here at the school. We will have two sessions of story reading, a STAR PARTY and refreshments in the café. Students can even take home free books at the end of the evening!

The St. Petersburg Astronomers Club will be here with telescopes set up on the PE field for sunset and stargazing!!



Join us for the Scholastic Book Fair at school from March 31st to April 4th! Explore a wonderful selection of books to inspire young minds and spark a love for reading. You can browse the Book Fair on our special STEM Night on April 3rd, where families can enjoy hands-on activities and discover the exciting world of science, technology, engineering, and math. We can't wait to see you there!



FAST Testing Schedule

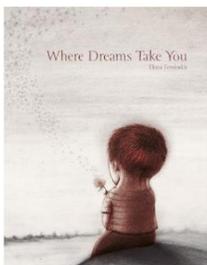
State FAST testing (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking) begins with grades 4&5 taking the FAST Writing assessment during the weeks of March 31-April 11. Grades K-2 will take Reading and Math during the weeks of April 14-May 30, and grades 3-5 will take Reading and Math during the weeks of May 1-May30. Fifth grade only will take Science the week of May 12th.



Bucs Vision Van

The Tampa Bay Buccaneer's mobile vision van will be visiting TSES March 25, providing vision screening, treatment and referrals. Students who have vision problems detected will be given additional exams aboard the Vision Mobile and potentially given either glasses or a referral to a more specialized ophthalmologist. Certified doctors will provide comprehensive vision exams and prescription glasses to children at **no charge**. Permission forms have been sent home with qualifying students. Please return this as soon as possible.

BOOK OF THE MONTH



Where Dreams Take You by Elena Ferrandiz

Where Dreams Take You by Elena Ferrandiz is a beautifully illustrated picture book that encourages readers to follow their dreams, embrace imagination, and overcome fears. It follows a young girl carrying a suitcase filled with dreams as she journeys through real and imaginary landscapes, learning about courage, hope, and self-belief. The story explores themes of creativity, bravery, self-discovery, and positivity, inspiring children to dream big and adults to reconnect with their aspirations. With vibrant artwork and a heartwarming message, it's a perfect read for families who enjoy inspiring, imaginative adventures.

Congratulations!



Our **BOYS READ CLUB** representatives, Louis Tsaboukos, Josiah Nicholson, Matthew Bautista and Zechariah Zimmer, recently won a regional county competition and participated in the district finals in Largo, answering some challenging questions regarding books they all read together. Thank you to our sponsors Mrs Chagaris, Mrs. Harper and Coach Braxton for coaching these boys and leading the literacy charge in this program!

CALENDAR EVENTS

- Mar. 4: Reading Under the Stars 6:00-7:30 pm
- Mar. 14: End of third quarter
- Mar. 17-21: **Spring Break: School Closed**
- Apr. 3: STEM Night Family Event 6:00-7:30 pm
- Mar. 31-Apr.11: State Writing Test Gr. 4&5
- Apr. 11: Astro Skate 3:00-5:00 pm
- Apr. 18: **No School for Students**
- Apr. 21: **No School for Students**



SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

We welcome and encourage parents to join SAC to gain knowledge of what Tarpon Springs Elementary is striving to do to help each and every child succeed. If you would like an invitation to the first SAC meeting or want to know more about SAC, contact the office at 727-943-5500.

SICK KIDS — When to Stay Home from School:					
HEAD LICE Itchy head, active head lice	EYE INFECTION Eye is red and oozing a yellow or green discharge	FEVER A temperature of 100° or higher	RASH Body rash with itching and/or fever	COUGHING THAT WON'T STOP Or other problems with breathing	DIARRHEA OR VOMITING Within the past 24 hours
When to Return to School:					
After first head lice treatment	24 hours after starting antibiotic eye drops or ointment	Fever-free for 24 hours without the use of ibuprofen or acetaminophen	Free from rash, itching or fever and evaluated by doctor if needed	Cough is mild and infrequent and evaluated by doctor if needed	Free from diarrhea and/or vomiting for at least 24 hours and evaluated by doctor if needed

With the changing weather, we can expect an increase in cold and flu cases. We kindly ask parents to monitor their children's health closely. If your child develops a fever, please keep them at home. According to school board policy, students may return to school only after being fever-free for 24 hours without medication.



USF Leadership Summit Participants

Four Tarpon Springs Elementary Top Scholars visited the University of South Florida in St. Petersburg for a Leadership Summit recently. Melissa Romero Tellez, Jaysen Grullon, Jae 'anna Solomon and Xavier Ford served as student representatives, participating in leadership activities, including planning on-campus events for our **Say Something** week, March 4-7. We are so proud of these student leaders!



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Logging Volunteer Hours

Your help is needed!
Please log your volunteer

hours every time you visit with your student as a mentor or classroom assistant; even assisting with the PTA or a First Mate. To record hours, use the Chrome browser on a computer here at TSES, work or home. Log in to: <https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer> Sign on to the volunteer system using your v.account. This was sent to you after you became an approved volunteer. If you have difficulties logging in, please contact Carmen, Family & Community Relations Liaison, x2045, for assistance.



School Uniform Update

With winter wrapping up as we move into spring, students should resume wearing appropriate uniforms. While we made exceptions for long clothing during cold weather, warm weather is upon us and students should wear the following to meet dress code requirements: khaki/navy shorts, pants; burgundy/navy/white short/long sleeved shirts, sweaters, jackets. We are accepting donations of new or gently used uniform clothing and shoes. Please send in clean items only to the school office.

Attendance Matters!



As you know, regular attendance at school is important for your children to learn. Please have your child at school every day unless they are sick. After an illness, please write a note explaining the illness so the absence will be excused. Excessive

illnesses may require a doctor's note. Remember students should **not** arrive before 8:15, when breakfast service begins. School starts at 8:45. Please be aware that 3 tardies is the same as 1 absence.



Kindergarten Registration is Underway!

If you or someone you know has a child who will be 5 by September 1, it's time to register for Kindergarten for the 2025-2026 school year! Please come into the office with necessary papers including: two proofs of address, birth certificate, immunization record, current physical, social security number. Please contact the office with any questions you may have at 727-943-5500.



PTA VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!

Want to get involved with your child's school? The TSES PTA is searching for new officers for the 25-26

school year. Please email PTA at TSESPTA@outlook.com if interested.



Opt-In to receive text messages from PCS!

Please text "Y" or "Yes" to 67587 to receive updates via text message from Tarpon Springs Elementary and PCS.



Please "like" our Facebook page. You should see the profile below (There are others that are NOT our official page).

Title I News

Tarpon Springs Elementary is designated a Title I school. Title I schools receive funding from the federal government to enhance the learning experience for students. This includes funding intervention teachers, events, providing supplies and assuring that our students have everything we can offer to enable them to achieve success!



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