

# Bardmoor Bullhorn

February 2017

Website: <http://www.pcsb.org/bardmoor-es>



The Mission of Bardmoor Elementary is to educate and prepare each student for further education, Career and life. Pinellas County School Board is an equal opportunity institution for education and employment.



## Dates to Remember

TH. Feb. 9<sup>th</sup> PTA Movie NIGHT

M Feb. 20<sup>th</sup> NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Week of Feb 27<sup>th</sup> JUMP ROPE for HEART (PE)



Clinic is in need of girls' clothes sizes 10/12 and 14/16

LOST and FOUND is OVERFLOWING with jackets. If your child is missing theirs' tell them to take a look before they are donated.

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A Message from Our Principal:

Dear Bardmoor Families,

Thank you to all of the parents that are using the car circle off of Magnolia for drop off and pick up. We are having a problem with over congestion in the bus circle during drop off and pick up. This causes a problem for the buses because they cannot get in and get out of the bus circle. Cars will be stopped from entering the bus circle during drop off and pick up times. Thank you for your support in this because this is for the safety of our students.

There is a lot of testing that will be occurring over the next couple of months. It is important that your student is here every day and they have had a good night's sleep. Encourage your students to do their very best when taking tests, because these results will follow them throughout their academic career. We appreciate your support!

\*\*\*\*\*There is exciting construction news coming up for Bardmoor! Come to the family night on February 9<sup>th</sup> to hear more about it.

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Brown



A reminder that students, who are not in R'Club should not be on campus until 8:05. Teachers are not on duty until 8:05 to supervise. Parents who use the Portulaca side of the building for drop off and pick up, please remember, the expectation is that you DO NOT allow students to move through the parking lot without adult supervision.

Visit <http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/Page/837> for latest information on 2017-2018 Registration dates.



**2017-2018 K Registration is up and running**

**Items required for K registration 2017:**

- Current Florida immunization record
- Physical within 1 year of start of school
- Original Birth Certification
- 2 Proofs of residency
- Social Security (preferred)
- \*We will make copies
- \*Any questions: Please call Estela Cumba, DMT 547-7824

Parents of current 5<sup>th</sup> grade students

**Pinellas County Schools Application Program Acceptance Period opens Feb. 8**

Parents who applied for a PCS District Application Program must log into the Student Reservation System at [reservation.pcsb.org](http://reservation.pcsb.org) during the Acceptance Period, Feb. 8-15, to view the status of their application for each program. Applicants can accept an invitation or choose to remain on a program's waitlist. If they miss this important step, their child's application will be void. If parents have questions about the application process, they can contact PCS Student Assignment at [StudentAssignment@pcsb.org](mailto:StudentAssignment@pcsb.org) or 727-588-6210.

Middle School Orientation Nights will take place March 6th - 10th (more information to follow)



**Take the Super Bowl Challenge**

The Super Bowl is just around the corner. Get kids involved in game watching activities by inviting them to workout alongside the athletes. Play this game for a healthy night of fun!

<http://www.actionforhealthykids.org/component/content/article/25-step-4/1688-take-the-super-bowl-challenge>

PTA wants you to know that they have a FACEBOOK website at <https://m.facebook.com/BardmoorPTA/>  
With all the latest updates.





RSVP

## Istation Superheroes!



Kindergarten: Armoni Fernandez increased 25 points in January!

1<sup>st</sup> grade: Aleah Rodriquez increased 18 points in January!

Dominque Jones and Jacob Reissman had the most minutes in December!

2<sup>nd</sup> grade: Jordan Lott increased 18 points in January!

Savannah George had the most minutes in December!

3<sup>rd</sup> grade: Elias Barkat increased 28 points in January!

Jessica Ibarra-Tepetate had the most minutes in December!

4<sup>th</sup> grade: Neveah Rising increased by 189 points in January!

Giovanny Morales-Dona had the most minutes in December!

5<sup>th</sup> grade: Damian Shuman increased by 479 points in January!

Pedro Cortes had the most minutes in December!

Ruth Glass  
Reading/Literacy Coach  
Bardmoor Elementary  
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“If **teaching** were the same as **telling**, we'd all be so **smart** we could hardly stand it.” ~ Mark Twain



Does your child have a laptop at home? Are there times when your wireless is not available? We have a solution. Your child can access wireless at school or in a public location and **DOWNLOAD** books while online to read when **OFFLINE**. If you want directions, you can email Jan Ottinger at [ottingerj@pcsb.org](mailto:ottingerj@pcsb.org) or ask student to see Mrs. Ottinger for printed directions. If you need 1:1 assistance, contact Mrs. Ottinger or Ms. Donley



We have a few laptops still available due to student transfers. Contact Jan Ottinger ASAP if you want would like checkout paperwork sent home.



ArtNews: Kristine van Ingen  
Congratulations to the following students for being chosen for the Award for Excellence in the Tag Art Project!! Cody Gross, Breanna Conklin and Jaiden Dao. The awards reception will be on Thursday, January 26th at 6 p.m. at St Pete College Clearwater Campus.  
Congratulations to three elementary art students for being chosen for the annual Creative Start Art Show at the Dunedin Art Center. These students created beautiful coral reef paintings using and showing their understanding of warm and cool colors. The three students are; Morgan Hannah, Adanya Canezo and Ezra Davis, all second grade students! Great Job !!



### **Updates on Attendance and Absences**

The School District has recently changed the way that absences are reported to schools. In an effort to identify trends in absences, the Pinellas County School Board now requires teachers to record the reason for each student absence. This provides us with a better understanding of why our students are missing school and identify trends that will help us to provide better support. The great majority of our Bardmoor parents usually provide teachers with a reason for absences anyway, and we thank you. This change in how absences are recorded by teachers is mandated by the School District in an effort to identify barriers to attendance and to better support parents with overcoming problems that may be inhibiting their child from attending school. This state wide effort is intended to provide greater understanding and support for parents. We thank you for understanding this new process and for your support of your student. Also remember-you can report absences on our Bardmoor website. All parents/guardians are responsible for reporting absences to the school.

### **Attendance Ambassadors**

Did you know that we have a fantastic group of 5<sup>th</sup> grade students who have been chosen by their teachers for the leadership role of enhancing student attendance? Our Attendance Ambassadors provide leadership by promoting regular attendance and assist in Best Assemblies each month as well providing perfect attendance rewards. The following students are the Attendance Ambassadors chosen for this school year:

Isabelle Castillo, Jacob Blackburn, Estella Hagan, Sophia Harris-Nguyen, Camari Woodard, Christina Linstroth, Sheila Huynh, Estela Hagan, Skylar Whistler, Erik Alcazar, Sara England, Kaylee Nguyen, and Jacey Billington. Thank you to these fantastic group who are demonstrating leadership in our school.

### **Reminders**

Please remember how important it is for your child to have regular attendance at school. Some things that you can do to help your child attend regularly are: set an appropriate time for them to go to bed, many parents remove all electronics at bedtime from their child's bedroom at bedtime, have them get up in the morning early enough to get to school on time, feed them a healthy breakfast to start their day, have a backup plan in case their regular way of getting to school falls through, and encourage them to be in their classroom seated before the bell every day. If you have any problems getting your child to school regularly and on-time, please contact our school social worker for support in problem solving.

*Fact-The majority of Bardmoor students miss 5 or less days per school year. The majority of our students are in their desks on time every day. Help your child with these important life-long habits that will directly contribute to their success.*

*Fact: The great majority of our children are NEVER tardy! Do you know how many tardies your child has? Even ten minutes of missed school can lead to missing important instruction and assignments. It also sets up bad habits for life. Punctuality is an important part of creating a successful future. We need to support our children to be on time every day.*

Information provided by

**Joanne Mercier, MSW, RCSWI**

**School Social Worker**

**Bardmoor Elementary 547-7824, (T, W, and Th.)**

**727-547-7824 Ext # 2019**

**Help children to build their self-esteem. When children value and respect themselves,**

## Counselor's Corner

### Mrs. Savino, School Counselor

As we move into the last half of the year, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders are gearing up for standardized testing. Even though the tests are at school, there is lots that can be done at home to help your student be successful during their test. Support your student by helping them get plenty of sleep the night before a test, eat a healthy breakfast and avoid sugary foods that can cause a midday crash, and prepare for the morning by picking out clothes and making their lunch the night before. These simple things can help provide your student a stress-free morning and send them to school ready to do their best!

How to contact Mrs. Savino: Phone: 727-547-7824

Email: [savinos@pcsb.org](mailto:savinos@pcsb.org)

### Character Trait of the Month

**This month's character trait is Tolerance. At home you can help teach tolerance by setting a good example, among other things. *KidsHealth's* article, *Teaching Your Child Tolerance* states that, "Talking together about tolerance and respect helps kids learn more about the values you want them to have. Giving them opportunities to play and work with others is important as well."**

**These opportunities allow children to see that everyone has something special to bring to the table— immersing themselves in the differences and similarities that surround them. Things to try: 1. Show an attitude of respect for others. 2. Be aware of the way you speak about others who are different from yourself. 3. Answer questions children have about differences with honesty and respect. This demonstrates that it is okay to notice and discuss differences as long as it is done in a respectful manner. 4. Recognize and respect differences within your own family. Value the uniqueness of everyone in your family— their individual abilities, interests, etc. 5. Emphasize the GOLDEN RULE — Treating others the way that you want to be treated. 6.**

**they are more likely to treat others with mutual respect. 7. Create opportunities for children to work and play with others who are different from them. From <http://kidshealth.org/parent/positive/talk/tolerance.html#>**



More resources about tolerance:

**It's Okay to Be Different**, by Todd Parr

**The Crayon Box that Talked**, by Shane

DeRolf Elmer, by David McKee

**What I Like About Me!**, by Allia Zobel Nolan

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Articulation

It's hard to believe, but our 5th graders will soon be 6<sup>th</sup> graders! Each middle school will be hosting a 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Orientation Night where you will get to meet the teachers, talk to the school counselor and administrators, and ask any and all of the questions that you or your student may have about middle school. Pinellas Park Middle School's and Osceola Middle School's 6<sup>th</sup> grade counselor will be coming out to our school to do a short presentation for the students going to those schools. For those students attending Pinellas Park Middle, I will be handing out course selection papers that will need to be filled out, signed, and returned to me. Osceola Middle School has decided to have their students fill out their course selection paper at the orientation night, so please do your best to attend. If course selection papers are not filled out for your child, the school will make elective selections for them and they may end up in a class that they don't like. For students going to other schools, I will be handing out course selection papers for those specific schools that will need to be filled out and returned to me. Pinellas Park Middle's Orientation Night is Wednesday, March 7<sup>th</sup> from 6 – 7:30 pm. Osceola Middle's Orientation Night is Thursday, March 9<sup>th</sup> from 5:30 – 7:00 pm. If you need to know a different school's orientation night or have any other questions, please feel free to contact me.