

Bardmoor Bullhorn



October 2015

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



Dates to Remember

10/1 PTA Spirit Night Treasure Island Fun Center 5:30-7:30

10/2 BEST Assembly

10/7 International Walk to School Day

10/14 Astro Skate Party 3:30-5:30

10/19 No school for students

10/28 Report Cards distributed

10/29 1st grade Nature in the Classroom

10/29 Fall Festival 5:00-7:00

Need to report bullying? Go to pcsb.org, click on the "students" tab, then click on "policies", then click on "bullying and harassment", then click on "report online by clicking here."

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A Message from Our Principal:

Dear Bardmoor Families,

We have had another busy month at Bardmoor. We had Open House and Goodies with Grandparents. We had a great turn out for both events and I love seeing all of the families.

We are monitoring attendance closely this year. At Bardmoor we have bell to bell instruction, so if your child comes in late or goes home early, they are missing instruction in the classroom. It is important that you don't check your child out of school unless it is for something very important. If a child goes home early, even 5 minutes, they will miss out of perfect attendance at the end of the month.

We will have our first BEST assembly this week to recognize students for all of the hard work that they have been doing so far this year. We will do these monthly to recognize perfect attendance (here all day, every day, no tardies or early releases), Top Dog (student of the month) and other academic accomplishments.

I want to thank everyone for participating in the school fundraiser. The funds will be raised to buy more technology for classrooms.

Thanks for all that you do!

Ms. Owens





EARLY SIGN OUT POLICY

As you know your child’s school day is filled with instruction from morning bell to dismissal bell. While we recognize that picking up your child before the end of the school day is sometimes unavoidable we ask that you make every effort to schedule doctor’s visits and other appointments for after school hours. Pinellas County Schools’ policy on attendance (including early sign out) is summarized below. It can be found in the Code of Student Conduct. Please take particular notice that: **“Every three (3) unexcused early sign outs within a grading period will count as one unexcused absence”** (5500.05 IV B.) Thank you for your cooperation!

Excused Early Sign Out: (5500.05 IV,V)

Student is ill

There is a major illness in the student’s immediate family (this means parents, brothers, sister, grandparents, or others living in the home)

There is a death in the immediate family

The student attends religious instruction or there is a religious holiday in the student’s own faith

The student is required by summons, subpoena or court order to appear in court. A copy of the subpoena or court order must be given to the principal.

Special event. Examples of special events include important public functions, conference, state/national competitions, as well as exceptional cases of family need. The student must get permission from the principal at least five days prior to the absence.

The student has a scheduled medical or dental appointment

Students having, or suspected of having, a communicable disease or infestation which can be transmitted are to be excluded from school and are not allowed to return to school until they no longer present a health hazard (F.S.1003.22).

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The **Character Word** of the Month for the **Month of October** is **Cooperation**.

Cooperation is getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal. Home, School, Work and Community need our ability to cooperate. Think of ways children can have opportunities to provide cooperation so this will be developed in their character.

Model cooperation in the home, school, workplace, and in the community because parents and teachers have the greatest influence on children every-day.

How to be a Cooperative Person:

LISTEN carefully to others and be sure you understand what they are saying.

SHARE when you have something that others would like to have.

TAKE TURNS when there is something that no-body wants to do, or when more than one person wants to do the same thing.

COMPROMISE when you have a serious conflict.

DO YOUR PART the very best that you possibly can. This will in-spire others to do the same.

SHOW APPRECIATION to people for what they contribute.

ENCOURAGE PEOPLE to do their best.

MAKE PEOPLE FEEL NEEDED. Working together is a lot more fun that way.

DON’T ISOLATE OR EXCLUDE ANYONE. Everybody has some-thing valuable to offer, and nobody likes being left out.

Parents, here are some things you can do to support the idea that cooperation is an important life skill and that the rewards outweigh the sacrifices.

* Schedule household chores at a time when all members of the family can work together to finish them.

* Initiate a fun project that involves all family members (a garden, jigsaw puzzle, homemade pizza, etc.)

* “Catch” your child cooperating (or attempting to cooperate) and offer your encouragement by verbally showing your appreciation; material rewards are *not* necessary.

Title 1 Updates



We are off to a great start in Title I. We have hired 2 part time hourlies to help support instruction. In addition, we have a full time reading coach, Mrs. Glass, this year. Promise Time, our after school extended learning sessions are beginning with a focus on Language Arts and Math instruction for identified students. The focus may change throughout the year. Be watching for additional opportunities.

Our Annual Title I Open House was a success. After our general meeting parents were dismissed to classrooms to hear grade level presentations. PTA and several community businesses were available for after school offerings. Compacts will be distributed by teachers at future conferences. A compact is to show agreement that when we; students, parents and teachers work together, success levels are increased. If you missed Open House, you may view the agenda and PowerPoint by visiting the school website. Handouts are also available in our Parent Resource Center located just outside the office. There are many pamphlets there to help your student be successful.

Connect for Success, our take home laptop initiative, has had a slower start than we desire. Round 1 the computers were offered to 3-5 graders. The forms are being returned. We have limited laptops still available. Any issues with computers, Jan Ottinger is your point of contact. Each student brought home a website resource list that explains just a few of the online opportunities available for home use.

TICKET TO READ is not available for use this year.

ISTATION and ST Math are up and running. Have questions or problems view district parent links at <http://pcsb.schoolwires.net/Page/691>. Other questions, contact Jan Ottinger at 547-7824 or ottingerj@pcsb.org

Connect2Compete/Bright House Networks update

PCS is continuing its Connect2Compete partnership this year. Through the national nonprofit program, students qualify for low-cost Internet Service at \$9.95 per month plus tax. Eligible PCS families will be able to apply for the offer from Oct. 1 through Dec. 31, 2015. All Bardmoor families will receive a letter explaining the process. The code is PCSC2C for Pinellas County and the opportunity will be available from October 1st through December 31st, 2015



Great American Teach-In

Come and celebrate with us! Join the Great American Teach-In November 18, 2015. Share your work experience or hobby with students. Opportunities are available from 9:00 am to 1:00 pm in all classes. The amount of time you volunteer is determined by your schedule. If you are interested, please call the office at 547-7824 and ask to speak with Mrs. Garrett, our assistant principal.

Pack A Snack

We want to respond to everyone who requested to participate in the Pack-A Snack program. The Pack-A-Snack program is designed to target the population of students who are chronically hungry. These are students that receive school breakfast and lunch but may be food insufficient on the weekends. Statistically, the number is found to be about 17% of free lunch recipients. I know this formula is complicated as we provide free lunch for all students, but not all of those students run out of food over the weekend. This is a supplemental food program and not intended to feed all. We are deeply sorry for any confusion. Please contact Ms. Mercier, School Social Worker or Ms. Dillender, School Counselor for any assistance with community supports. If you find your family is in need, Dial 2-1-1 from any phone 24 hours a day.



PCS Mentor Recruitment Fair:

Do you have 30 min. a week to make a difference in the life of a child? Attend one of these sessions:

+October 15, 2015 SPC Downtown St. Pete Campus 244 Second Ave. N. 2nd floor

+November 2, 2015 SPC Clearwater Campus
2465 Drew St. Rm ES127 Clearwater

Doors open at 11:00 a.m. for background screenings. Attend one of the 3 following mentor workshops:

12-1, 1:30-2:30, 4-5.

Please RSVP to 727-588-5050 or email robergem@pcsb.org.

The Fourth & Fifth Grade Choruses began their rehearsals during the month of September. They are learning new music for their upcoming Winter Concert at 6:30 P.M. on Thursday, December 17, 2015, in the Bardmoor Bulldog Café.



The Fifth Grade Chorus is also preparing for the 15th Annual Veteran's Day Patriotic Community Concert at the Osceola Fundamental High School auditorium on Tuesday, November 10, 2015. The concert will begin at 7:00 P.M.

The Bardmoor ES Fifth Grade Chorus will be joined by the Fifth Grade Choruses from Starkey ES and Walsingham ES, in addition to the Osceola Middle & Fundamental High School Combined Choruses.



Our website has been redesigned. Check it out at <http://www.pcsb.org/bardmoor-es>. Check back often to see our new links and information. Something you wish was on our site? Feel free to send comments to Jan Ottinger at ottingerj@pcsb.org.



A VPK spot became available here at Bardmoor. If you know anyone who is interested please call with questions 727-547-7824. The spot is first come first serve for a student who's parent can supply the following information:

- \$91.00 non-refundable registration fee
- \$65.00/week tuition due the Friday before the week starts
- VPK Child Eligibility Certificate (voucher) from the state of Florida
- Up to date Florida Immunization Record
- Physical from your child's physician (within the last 12 months)
- 2 proofs of residency (does not have to be in Bardmoor's zone)
- Social Security Card is recommended not required

A Big Bardmoor Thank You!



Recent class adoptions:

- Champion Tae Kwon Do – PE Department
7590 Starkey Rd., Largo, FL 33777 – 727-399-2999
- Frank Cinnella Tax—Mrs. Eells and Ms. Talley Pre-K
- Laura Larson— Mrs. Eells and Ms. Talley Pre-K
- Jerimy Mock and Haoy Nguyen –Miss Mazur's K Class
- Cara's Automotive Co 3661 63rd Avenue N, P.P. also adopted— Miss Mazur's K Class
- Al and Nancy Mille—Mrs. Tinnerello
- The Balagot Family-Miss Wood's 5th grade class
- Loi Nguyen -Ms. Murphy's 4th grade class
- Rancho Village donated a trunk load of school supplies so when our students are in need, we have resources available. THANK YOU to the residents at Rancho Village 7100 Ulmerton Road Largo for your CONTINUED support
- Aldersgate United Methodist Church donated multiple bags and boxes of school supplies. We so appreciate how the community steps up to assure all students have needed supplies.
- Thank you to Shirley Hoel for going in to numerous business and getting their remaining supplies to add to our supply closet.
- If your child has supply needs, ask them to let their teacher know.
- **Tiffany Sabiel**
Community Educator-Safe Routes to School
Pinellas County **All Children's Hospital** came out in late August and fit over 50 students with new bike helmets. It is a law that all elementary students wear a helmet when traveling on a bike. We appreciate this incredible community service to assure our students are



Do you have a Parent Access login and password for PCS Focus?

If yes, please log in and assure all of the contact information is accurate. We have had a few incidents where we had a difficult time reaching parent contacts when needed. Notify office, in writing, if you find errors.

If no, please complete the request below and send to school with your student. We will set up your account and send information home through your student.

Through Focus you can see announcements, view daily attendance and in grades 3-5 you may access grade updates. This access is also used for registration each year. If you have multiple students in PCS list their name, grade and school and we can attach them to one profile.

FOCUS Login Request

Parent Name: _____

Driver's License # _____

Expiration date: _____

Contact number # _____

Email address: _____

For Bardmoor student(s):

Student name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

Student name: _____

Grade: _____ Homeroom: _____

For other PCS school student(s):

Student name: _____

Grade: _____ School _____

Date of birth: _____

ONLY available to parent/legal guardian listed on Focus database.



STEM Academy

Bardmoor's STEM Academy will begin next week! This year we are hosting two STEM Academies for Bardmoor 4th and 5th grade students. There will be an all-female Tuesday club and an all-male Wednesday club.

This after-school club is focused on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics for 4th and 5th grade students. This 30-week club is starting off with clearing out and replanting our garden. We will be building robotic cars, doing computer coding, and completing several hands-on science investigations.

Any questions about the STEM Academy or the school garden can be directed to Miss Donley at donleym@pcsb.org.

Bardmoor's Annual Food Drive!

We are beginning to collect non-perishable food for our annual food drive to benefit families in our community. Our food drive will run from Oct 1st thru Nov. 21st.

Suggested non-perishable Food Items: canned meats, fruits, vegetables, and juices, baking goods, canned or instant soups, dressings, gravy, powdered drinks, dry box meals, boxed dessert, snack items, pastas, sauces and seasonings.





Art News: The Art Department at Bardmoor has gotten off to a busy start!! We will have our Art iPad lab until October 23rd. Students in all grade levels are learning 21st century skills in a variety of applications on their iPads! Secondly, the 3rd graders are participating in "Kid's Tag Art". This project involves students designing vanity plates in the style of the Florida Highwaymen and women. Their designs will be available for purchase as a vanity plate for the front of your car beginning November 1, 2015. This project is to bring greater awareness about the importance of the arts in our community! Funds raised will be used to supplement our art budget and also the St Petersburg College Foundation. In addition I am gathering parent/guardian emails so that Bardmoor can again participate in Artsonia, this is also a fundraiser for the art department here at Bardmoor. Families can have their child's artwork printed on a variety of items such as T shirts, mugs, keychains, etc. Check out their site at Artsonia.com! Please provide Ms. van Ingen with your email address if you would like your child to participate in this online gallery!! vaningenk@pcsb.org. (If you have time to volunteer an hour or two, I could use help to input info for Artsonia!). Our Word and Image show's theme this year is: "Imagine That.....". 5th grade will be participating in this project. Finally, for those chosen to be in our annual District-Wide Show, the opening will be on October 14, from 5-7 p.m. at the Pinellas County Schools Administration Building in Largo. We are off to a great start this year. Thanks for your support!

"When we teach a child to sing or play an instrument, we teach her to listen. When we teach a child to draw we teach her to see. When we teach a child to dance, we teach him about his body & space & balance. When we teach a child to design, we reveal the geometry of the world. When we teach a child to act on the stage, we discover character & motivation. When we teach children about folk & traditional arts & the great masterpieces, we teach them to celebrate their roots & find their place in history.
(Jane Alexander, former chair, National Endowment for the Arts)

PCS Visual Arts website:

<http://www.arts.pinellas.k12.fl.us/art/artindex.html>

PCS Visual Arts eLearning Moodle site:

<http://moodle.pcsb.org/course/view.php?id=133>

PCS Arts Channel - streaming on the web:

<http://www.wpds.tv/WatchOnWeb/PinellasCountySchoolsArts>

Genius Hour (formerly called School Enrichment)

Beginning Wednesday, September 30, all students grades 1 through 5 will be participating in Genius hour where each student is in an enrichment club. These one-hour enrichment clubs cover a variety of topics. Students were presented with a catalog of choices and picked based on their interest. In these clubs, students will have the opportunity to explore the topic and create a project. We will be holding a Genius Hour Expo in December where each Genius Hour club will exhibit what they have created.

Genius Hour is each Wednesday from 1:15—2:15 so please try to not schedule pick up during this time.

After school this Wednesday, talk to your student about their Genius Hour club. Encourage them to explore the topic and find out all they can. Push them to create something based on this new or expanding interest. When students are engaged and pushed to take their knowledge further, it is amazing what they can create.

Stop and Think!

You may have seen signs around the school or heard your students talk about our Stop and Think program. It is a school-wide social skills program that we have implemented at Bardmoor Elementary, to teach our students how to stop and think before acting. Our teachers are working with their students on how to decide if they are going to make a Good Choice over a Bad Choice, and the steps they need to follow to carry out the Good Choice behavior. Every two weeks we are introducing a new skill, so ask your students what skill they are working on, or have been working on in the classroom. For more information on the Stop and Think process or to see what skill your student is working on that week, please check out the link on the Bardmoor website. Help us reinforce Good Choice behaviors in our school!!