

# Pinellas Park Elementary



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**NEWS for September/October 2016**

**Behave kindly. Engage in learning. Act responsibly. Respect others. Strive for success.**

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## Mission Statement

All stakeholders will work together in a cooperative partnership, which will enable our students to become contributing citizens and lifelong learners. Together we will provide a balanced curriculum, which is based on individual needs.

## Vision

As a community we will provide the necessary support to all students so that they will succeed and reach the highest level of student achievement.

## A Message From Ms. Freeman

Dear Pinellas Park Elementary Families,

We are rolling through September already! It has now been a little over a month since our Bears made the transition into their new classrooms. We are very excited to see how everyone has adjusted so well. Evidence of Learning is everywhere, the children are exploring new things and the teachers are enjoying their new classes.

Thank you to everyone who attended our Teacher Meet & Greet, Annual Title I Meeting and Back to School Night. We are looking forward to your continued participation in our school events.

You have an opportunity for active participation in our Parent Teacher Association (PTA). Membership forms are available in the front office. Parental Involvement is vital to our school's success. Together as partners, we can make a positive difference in the lives and education of each Pinellas Park Elementary student. We ask you to join us as partners in our efforts, because we can't do it without you!

Our Community Liaison is Kat Amann and she will reach out to you regarding volunteer activities, if you sent in your form indicating your interest. I encourage you to join in our school programs and activities. No effort is too small, as everything we do for our students counts!

Additionally, you can support your student by checking FOCUS frequently to make sure that assignments are completed, stay in contact with teachers via the agenda or email and joining PTA or SAC. Our PTA is a strong organization that needs parent volunteers to support various programs and activities. The consistent support and encouragement of parents result in greater success for all students.

Remember to check our school website often. Mrs. Reeves does a fantastic job of posting regularly, so that you will be aware of what is happening at school. We also have a social media presence on Facebook through our PPE PTA. Please stay involved. **Your child's teacher is your first and best contact.** Our counselor, Mrs. Parrish, myself and Mrs. Vargus are also available to provide any assistance that you may need during the year.

Go Bears!

Lisa Freeman



# Bear Notes and New September/October 2016



## Important Bear Dates for September

9/5	Labor Day No School
9/9	Mid Term Progress Reports
9/12	Grandparents Day: Join us for lunch!
9/13	Student Individual Fall Picture Day
9/19	Chick-fil-A Spirit Night
9/28	Dad's Day 8:00-8:20 presentation followed by breakfast
9/29	Dr. Grego & JWB's Attendance Awareness Assembly

## Important Bear Dates for October

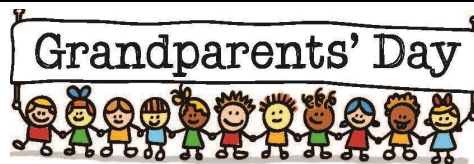
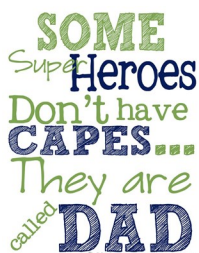
October is Bullying Prevention Month	
10/ 13-10/20	Book Fair
10/12	No School for Students
10/16-10/22	National Character Counts week
10/20	Truck and Treat (evening)
10/23-10/31	Red Ribbon week

### Dads to School Day!

Calling all dads, stepdads, uncles, grandpas, male role models. Please join us on the morning of **Sept. 28th for our 2nd annual Dads to School Day.**

Sign in at 7:45 AM for a presentation on the PE court starting at 8 AM. Then join your child(ren) for breakfast in the Café at 8:20 AM. Adult breakfast can be purchased for \$2.25.

Research states school aged children of involved fathers are better academic achievers. They are more likely to get A's, have better quantitative and verbal skills, have higher grade point averages, get better achievement test scores, receive superior grades, perform a year above their expected age level on academic tests, obtain higher scores on reading achievement, or learn more and perform better in school.



Grandparents,

Please join your grandchild(ren) for lunch on **Monday, Sept. 12 as we celebrate & honor our grandparents.** You may purchase a nutritious lunch for \$3.50 or choose to bring lunch for you & your grandchild.

All grandparents will receive a "take away" and learn about how you can be engaged in student learning!

### VPK Family News

VPK parents please keep papers in the "return to school" pocket of your child's folders. We have been missing quite a few papers that need to be reviewed by teachers daily. We appreciate your continual support.

Thank you,  
Sara Aldrich  
VPK Teacher

### Parent Adopt-a-Class

As a parent/guardian you can adopt your child's class by making a cash donation of any size. School budgets have been slashed. Your donation will help your child's teacher buy items the school does not supply. Items may include printer ink, PC memory sticks, and other supplies that support learning. If you are interested in adopting your child's class, please contact Wendy Barto, school secretary, at 547-7888.

### Title I Information

We missed you at our Annual Title I meeting that was held on August 11, 2016. Here is some information that we shared:

- Title I Budget
- Parent's Right to Know
- Compacts
- Our School's Parent Involvement Plan (PIP)
- Assessments & Curriculum

The PowerPoint from the presentation is available on our school webpage at [www.pcsb.org/pp-es](http://www.pcsb.org/pp-es) under the Resource tab. If you would like the opportunity to receive this information in person, please call the school to make arrangements.



# More Bear Notes & News



## Thank You!

Walker Ford  
Mr. Gary Boesch

PINELLAS PARK ELEMENTARY & PINELLAS PARK  
ELEMENTARY PTA WOULD LIKE TO SAY.....  
THANK YOU TO THE FOLLOWING COMMUNITY  
PARTNERS:

Pinellas Park Police  
City of Pinellas Park  
Olive Garden of Pinellas Park on US 19  
Chick-fil - of Pinellas Park on US 19  
Fraternal Order of Police #6358  
American Legion Auxiliary unit #104  
Kiwanis of Pinellas Park  
Pinellas Sheriff's Police Athletic League  
Channel 10 News

## Counselor's Corner, Mrs. Parrish

### **Commitment to Character (C2C)**

- What is the C2C student?  
Teachers will choose a Student of the Month.
- How do you become a "STAR STUDENT"?  
You have to show your teachers and friends that you have that Character trait for that month.
- How would you show character traits for COOPERATION?  
Think about it... You cooperate when you share things in class like your crayons or books. Maybe at PE you show it by helping friends cooperate when you are playing a new game.
- Your teacher can only choose one student for each month. One student from each class will get a Star Student certificate, bracelet, decal sticker, and announce his/her name on the Morning News!

**September's Character Word: Responsibility "Doing your best and taking ownership for your words and actions"**

**October's Character Word: Cooperation "Getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal."**

Mrs. Parrish, Guidance Counselor, will teach a guidance lesson each month which includes the Character Word, Social Skills, and Bullying Prevention. **For the next 6 weeks, the Student Support Team will be teaching Social Skills with kindergarten.** The other grades will start their lessons in September.

Please check our school website <http://www.pcsb.org/pp-es>.

On our website, you can find the Character Word for the Month and Discussion Dinner Topics.

- Go to Tab > Resources
- Drop down menu > Guidance
- Click C2C for word of the month and click Dinner Topic for topics to discuss with your child.

Thanks for your dedication in your child's success!!!

## **5517.01 Policy against Bullying/Harassment (Grades K-12 and Adults)**

**5517.01 LA POLÍTICA CONTRA LA INTIMIDACIÓN Y EL ACOSO (K-12 grados y adultos)**

## **5517.03 Teen Dating Violence and Abuse Policy (Grades 7-12)**

**5517.03 – CITAS DE ADOLESCENTES VIOLENTAS Y ABUSIVAS (7-12 grados)**

**In response to the state law, *the Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act*, the School Board adopted a policy that prohibits bullying and harassment. The policy ensures that all students, employees, and volunteers learn and work in an environment that is safe, secure, and free from harassment and bullying of any kind. Florida is now one of 49 states with a law regarding bullying in schools.**

*The Policy defines Bullying and Cyber Bullying as systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees and may involve but is not limited to: teasing, social exclusion, threat, intimidation, stalking, including cyberstalking, physical violence, theft, sexual, religious, or racial harassment, public humiliation, and destruction of property.*

*The policy defines harassment as any threatening, insulting, or dehumanizing gesture, use of data or computer software, or written, verbal or physical conduct directed against a student or employee that: Places a student or employee in reasonable fear of harm to his or her person or damage to his or her property, has the effect of substantially interfering with a student's educational performance, opportunities, or benefits, has the effect of substantially disrupting the orderly operation of a school.*

**La Junta Escolar ha adoptado una política que prohíbe la intimidación y el acoso respondiendo a una ley estatal: En respuesta a la ley estatal, *Jeffrey Johnston Stand Up for all Students Act*. Esta política asegura que todos los estudiantes, empleados y voluntarios aprendan y trabajen en una ambiente que sea seguro, sin peligros y libre de cualquier clase de intimidación y acoso. Florida es ahora uno de los 47 estados que tiene una ley referente a la intimidación en las escuelas.**

*La política define la intimidación como infligir dolor físico o angustia psicológica de manera sistemática y crónica a uno (1) o más estudiantes o empleados y pueden incluir entre otras: bromas, exclusión social, amenaza, hostigamiento, acoso, incluyendo acoso cibernético, violencia física, robo, acoso sexual, religioso o racial, humillación pública y destrucción de la propiedad.*

*La política define el acoso como cualquier gesto amenazante, insultante o deshumanizante; uso de datos o programas computarizados; o conducta escrita, verbal o física dirigida contra un estudiante o empleado, que: Coloque al estudiante o empleado en temor razonable de daño a su persona o a su propiedad; tenga el efecto de interferir sustancialmente con el desempeño, oportunidades o beneficios educativos de un estudiante; tenga el efecto de perturbar sustancialmente la operación ordenada de la escuela.*

## **Volunteers ~ Field Trip Facts**

### **Want to make a difference? Volunteer!**

If you have five minutes or five hours YOU can make a difference at Pinellas Park Elementary. Volunteering is the easiest way to encourage your child's educational success. We have volunteer opportunities that you can do at home or here on campus. The opportunities are endless. Becoming a volunteer is easy. Simply complete a blue volunteer registration form (available in the front office) and provide a copy of your legal government issued photo id. We will take care of the rest!

### **Field Trip Fact**

All field trip chaperones must be registered volunteers. Any person wishing to provide transportation to a field trip location must also have a Level II volunteer clearance and proof of insurance. The approval process to be a field trip driver can take as many as 13 business days. Don't wait! If you want to experience a class field trip with your child start your paperwork today. Complete a blue volunteer registration form (available in the front office) and provide a copy of your legal government issued photo id. If you have any questions, please contact the office.

Kat Amann 727-547-7888 x 2319

## **School Health Services for 2016-17**

School nurses identify and assist students with health-care needs during the school day. Every school has a school nurse assigned either full or part time. A clinic card is sent home with each student at the beginning of every school year. Please complete the cards promptly with the important health and contact information and update the information as often as needed.

Medications should be taken at home whenever possible. If medications (both prescription and over the counter) are required at school, a medication card (available from your school) must be completed each year. No student may transport medications to or from school.



**Small things make a  
BIG difference...**

Save Campbell's labels and box tops...earn money for our school!

Box Tops can be turned into the front office.