

# Reptile Review



February 2017

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## Important Dates

**February 3**  
Donuts with Dad  
8:45 a.m.

Crossing Guard  
Appreciation Day

**STEAM**

**February 6**  
IRLA/ FSA Parent  
Night 6:30 p.m.

**February 8**  
PTA Exec Board  
Meeting

**February 10**  
Progress Reports  
Home

**Daddy Daughter Dance**  
6:30-8:00 p.m.



**February 14**  
Valentine's Day  
SAC Meeting 7:30 a.m.

**February 24**  
All Pro Dad  
Special Olympics

**February 27**

**FSA Writes Assessment**  
4th/ 5th Grade

On February 27th our  
4th and 5th grade  
students will be taking  
the FSA writes.

Please no volunteers or  
visitors on campus.

## Principal's Message

February brings with it groundhogs, hearts, and the first FSA test of the year. During January the NRES staff looked at the mid-year data for K – 5<sup>th</sup> graders in the areas of Reading, Math, and Science. Student improvement was recognized and our teaching staff formed small groups for additional instruction if needed.

Your students are working very hard to improve in every subject area. It is important that students come on time to school every day. Learning begins at 9:30 and being on time sets the student up to be organized and ready to learn. Please be sure to set a bedtime between 8:00 and 9:00 for your child every school night, this will enable them to wake well rested and ready to come to school on time!

Feb. 3rd is Crossing Guard Appreciation Day. Please be sure to thank those who protect our students. Please remember that safety is our first priority.

Please remember:

- 1) The only place to drop off students (without an adult escort) is at the curb. No drop offs in the parking lot.
- 2) No parking in handicapped spaces or anywhere except regular parking spaces.
- 3) In the afternoon, the entrance has only one way in and out, please do not go "in" the "out" lane.

At NRES our 3 expectations are: Be responsible, Be respectful, & Be Safe. Thank you for being role models of these expectations, during arrival and dismissal, for our students.

Working together we can help all students be safe and successful!

Lynn Pabst, Principal  
spabst@pasc.k12.fl.us

## 2017 FSA Writes Information

Our 4th and 5th grade students will be taking the FSA Writing Test on Monday, February 27, 2017. The only day for make-up testing is February 28, 2017.

The FSA Writing Test is administered in a 120-minute session in which students write an essay in response to a prompt. The writing will be either informational or opinion. If you or your student would like to gain familiarity with the item types and response formats your student will see on the FSA assessments, sample test questions and answer keys are available at <http://www.fsassessments.org/resources/?section=4-students-a-paper-based>.

If you have any questions related to this test administration, you may contact Colleen Wilkinson at (813) 346-0500.



## 5th Grade News

NRES 5th grade teachers are collecting fun items for the end-of-year auction for the 5th grade students. If you would like to make a donation, they are asking for donations of gift cards, monetary donations, or any items you would like to purchase on your own. They will also take "gently used" items such as video games, if they are in 100% working condition. All purchases and donations should be age appropriate.

Please contact Mrs. Jones  
[dljones@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dljones@pasco.k12.fl.us) for ideas and more information.

## Music News

**Primary Musical:** Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade will perform their musical "Swamped" on Tuesday, May 23rd at The Performing Arts Center at Wesley Chapel High School. Please return permission forms along with a transportation release and \$3 bus fee for our musical rehearsal field trip which will take place the same day. Forms are due Friday, February 10th. Students will be bussed to WCHS at 9:45a.m. In order to rehearse and then return to NRES for lunch. Parents should bring students to Wesley Chapel High School no later than 6:45 on 5/23 to prepare for our 7p.m. concert.

## Daddy- Daughter Dance



Friday, February 10, 2017  
NRES Cafeteria  
6:30 to 8:00 p.m.

Girls from K-5th grade are cordially invited to a magical evening. Girls may be escorted by Dad, Grandpa, Uncle, or any other adult.

Light food and drinks will be served.

Photo packages available to purchase at the dance.

Flyers went home, please return the bottom portion of the form to school by Wednesday, February 8th.

Tickets are \$10.00 for a couple. Each additional daughter is \$5.00

## PTA News

Happy February New River! Thank you to everyone who came to Parent University night. We hope you enjoyed our meeting and thank you for attending! As always we could not do it without the help and support of our amazing PTA members. Looking to volunteer at an event that will steal your heart? Sign up to help out at our father daughter dance this month on Friday, February 10<sup>th</sup>. Father's will sweep their daughters off their feet from 6:30-8:00pm. Volunteers will be needed to help before, during, and after the event. If you would like to volunteer please email Lee Spadaro at [fspa824@verizon.net](mailto:fspa824@verizon.net) or you can contact the front office. We hope you have a fantastic month! Thank you for all you do to help make our school a fun and success place to learn and grow.



## PE News

Field Day shirts are still on sale!! Please help support our weekly Reptile Run program by buying one today!! We are expecting over three hundred students to earn a free shirt in May. Those reptiles have really been running and getting fit. Many have already finished twenty miles! Field Day will be Thursday, March 16, 2017. Look for volunteer forms coming home on February 15<sup>th</sup>.

Our wonderful parents always make field day a huge success!!

Running Club has been going strong every Thursday morning. We have 150 members that are earning prizes, while working on their cardio-respiratory endurance. The Fun Run, for running club members and parents, will be May 5.

As always, keep filling out those Exercise Logs. We stress the importance of making healthy habits to increase lifetime physical activity.

## Art News

In art class, primary students have been busy painting using water colors to create a picture while they learn the different styles of Pablo Picasso's art.

Students can now recognize the artist's three main styles of art he created through out his lifetime; styles such as the "Blue period", the "Rose period" and the "Cubist period".

Intermediate students are also learning about Pablo Picasso and are using tempera paints to create their picture. Students have been able to mix colors to make tints and shades and to create new colors.

Also, students have been working on finishing their Pasco County Fair picture. This year's theme: "70 year of Home Spun Fun" have our students creating weavings, collages, and paintings. During the next two weeks, twelve students will be selected to participate in the Pasco Fair and letters will be coming home to invite you to go see your student's work. Be on the look out for a letter with more detailed information about this wonderful event. The Pasco Fair is an important event that takes place every year and allows our students from all levels to display their artwork among other talented kids.

We hope to see lots of parents and students at the Pasco County Fair for an amazing display of talent.

Thank you for your support and keep up the great art work!

## Valentine Grams

Order your student or send a friend a Valentine Gram today!

A Valentine Gram is a stuffed animal and a Valentine.

Each valentine gram is \$2.

Limited supply, order early!

Send payment (cash or check to NRES).

Valentine Grams will be delivered on Tuesday, February 14<sup>th</sup>.





## Doughnuts with Dad

Bring your dad (or uncle/ older brother/ cousin/ grandfather, etc.) to eat doughnuts at school on Friday, February 3rd from 8:45-9:15 a.m. in the NRES Cafeteria.

It's right before the Super Bowl, so wear your football shirt and come join the fun!

### **TEDx** Pasco County Schools

Great job to NRES representative Emmy Devore. Emmy gave an inspiring speech about the influences of Amelia Earhart.



### News from the Clinic:

Think Smart.....Heads Apart!

Weekly screening at home, early detection and removal, along with prevention education are the keys to protecting kids and keeping them in school, lice and nit free!

\*Remind children not to share brushes, combs, hair ties etc., and not to put their heads together.

\*Check the hair of all family members on a regular basis. Make it part of your routine like brushing teeth and checking homework.

\*Braid or tie back long hair.

\*Watch for scratching.

For more information, please contact the school nurse or health assistant.

### Donations Needed:

Please help stock the Clinic by providing any old clothing. We are in desperate need of boys active wear shorts.

### **New River Elementary School IRLA/ FSA Information Night**

Monday, February 6, 2017  
NRES Cafeteria  
6:30-7:30 p.m.

All K-5<sup>th</sup> families are encouraged to come learn about how to support their child in IRLA and on the FSA.

You will learn:  
IRLA color levels

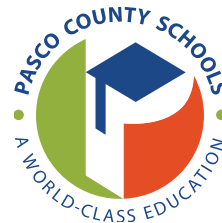
Strategies to help support your child's reading success and growth

Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)  
Information

How to prepare your child for FSA

## SAC Meeting

If you are interested in learning about School Choice and 5th grade Middle school choices, please join our SAC meeting on Tuesday, February 14th at 7:30 a.m.



### **Pasco County Schools**

**Kurt S. Browning**  
Superintendent

#### School Board Members

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