

Reptile Review

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Important Dates

March 1 TEWMS 5th Grade Pep Rally	March 7 RBSMS 5th Grade Pep Rally	March 12 Creativity Workshop
March 4-15 Quarterly Checks	March 8 Remarkable Reptile K-2 Recognition 8:45am	March 13 SAC Meeting
March 5 RBSMS 5th Grade Counselor Visit	School Mall	March 15 TEDx Field Day
McDonald's Family Night 5-7pm	March 11 Remarkable Reptile 3-5 Recognition 8:45am	March 12 3rd Grade Crystal Springs Field Trip
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		March 15 Jump Rope for Heart

March 18-22 Spring Break
March 25 No School for Students-Teacher Planning Day
March 26 STEM Fair National Beta
March 29 All Pro Dad



Principal's Message

February was a fun-filled month with some amazing events! We had NRES students participate in the Pasco County Special Olympics. We also had five Odyssey of the Mind Teams compete at Cypress Creek, and one of the teams will be moving on to the state competition! We also had seven students that participated in the All County Chorus/Orff Ensemble at River Ridge High School! Congratulations to all of the students who participated in these events and a special thanks to the leaders of these groups! We are also thankful for the family members who attended these special events with their children.

Spring break is coming fast! We hope you enjoy the week with your family and friends. Be sure to encourage your child to read and learn something each day! By encouraging your child to read over break, your child will be practicing the skills that they have learned this year.

Thank you for your continued support!

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FSA Reading, Math and SSA Science Schedule

Monday, April 1	4th and 5th FSA Writing*
Wednesday, April 3	3rd FSA Reading Session 1
Thursday, April 4	3rd FSA Reading Session 2
Wednesday, May 1	4th/5th FSA Reading Session 1
Thursday, May 2	4th/5th FSA Reading Session 2
Monday, May 6	3rd/4th/5th FSA Math Session 1
Tuesday, May 7	3rd/4th/5th FSA Math Session 2
Thursday, May 9	5th SSA Science Session 1
Friday, May 10	5th SSA Science Session 2

Health Report

It's flu season. Make sure you are taking important steps to keep your family healthy. The first step would be to get a flu vaccination. Secondly, make sure to see a doctor if you do get sick. Finally make sure that you are washing your hands well.

If your child is sick, please make sure to keep them home to prevent the spread to others.

PBIS

PBIS refers to Positive Behavioral Interventions and Support, which encompasses “a range of research-based strategies used to increase quality of life and decrease problem behavior by teaching new skills and making changes in a person’s environment”.

Our school-wide expectations are to Be Respectful, Be Responsible, and Be Safe. These expectations are clearly defined for all areas of the school. At the beginning of the year and after breaks, students are taught what the expected behaviors for each area. We reward student for following the expectations after each subject. Students are able to earn a total of \$7 daily, with bonuses for exceeding expectations. With the money student’s earn, they are able to shop at the school mall that occurs at the end of each quarter.

Art News

Congratulations to the following students for participating in the 2019 Pasco County Fair; Nora Baker, Hailey Dortch, and Yohana Terrero. Their artwork was outstanding and it demonstrated dedication and skill.

During this quarter, students will be comparing 2-D and 3-D shapes. They will be making a drawing of 3-D shapes and will be using the media of their choice.

After completing their drawing, students will be able to create a sculpture using modeling clay and self drying clay. When sculptures are dry, students will paint their creations using tempera paints.

Be on the look out as your student(s) bring their sculptures home!



PE News

Thank you volunteers for agreeing to run a station for Field Day March 15. Please send your child to school dressed in tennis shoes and comfortable clothing. You might want to apply sun block before school and send a hat. Volunteers, please remember the morning shift, Kindergarten, First grade, Iguanas and Second grade, will be from 9:45-12:00. The afternoon shift, Third grade, Fourth grade, Mr. Gates, and Fifth grade will be from 1:00-3:30. Our wonderful parents always make Field Day a huge success!!

Running Club has been going strong every Thursday morning. We have 170 members that are earning prizes, while working on their cardio-respiratory endurance. The Fun Run, for running club members and parents, will be in May.

As part of Field Day, we will be having a jump rope station to help support the American Heart Association. Look for flyers to come home with information on your child becoming a “Heart Hero”. Earn prizes, get healthy and get involved!!

Music News

Forms for the K/1/2 musical “Bada Bing It’s Spring” were due on 2/11. If you have not sent them in yet and your student would like to attend, please fill out the forms and send the \$3 transportation assessment as soon as possible. We are looking for Chaperones and set design/decorating crew for our stage. If you are an approved volunteer and can help us, please let us know.





Counselors' Corner



It's just about that time of year again... State Assessment time! When it comes to test-taking, your students may have some fears or anxiety about test-taking. Here are a few ways to ensure that your child is prepared and ready-to-go when our testing season rolls around.

Tips to give your child about taking tests:

- Relax. Just do the best you can.
- Your first choice is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a good reason to do so.
- Be aware of key words such as "all," "now," "always," "never," "only," "exactly."
- In multiple-choice questions, don't skip the longest answer. It should be considered, since test writers want to be sure the correct answer is accurate—they may add lots of details to insure accuracy!
- Look for information in some of the questions. This information may help you answer other questions.

You can assist your child prepare for testing by doing the following:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test, and eats properly on test day.
- Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one so there's less stress.
- Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
- Wish your child good luck each morning on his/her test days!
- Remind your child the test is important. Encourage them to do his/her best.
- Help your child to review the material before testing.
- Remind your child to listen carefully to the instructions and to read the directions and each question carefully.
- Explain to your child the importance of using time wisely and using his/her best guess to move on.
- Tell your child to attempt to answer all of the questions; Don't leave any blank!
- Encourage your child to stay focused, even if other students finish early.
- If your child is disappointed after taking a test, reassure him or her that there will be plenty of opportunities to improve and succeed.

***Wishing all students a very stress-free and positive testing experience!*

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March

Odyssey of the Mind

New River is proud of the their Odyssey of the Mind teams that competed on February 23 at Cypress Creek High School! They worked hard and did amazing! Congratulations go to Problem 1 for placing second and now they will go on to compete at the State Level on April 6th! Problem 5 placed 5th as well.

A big thank you to all the parents and staff that support this awesome creative thinking competition. Without the support, this could not be possible.

Let's give a big cheer out to the teams:

Primary Team: Museum Makers

Joey Goforth
Aleena Ortega
Jace Smith
Sean Bahmann
Khadija Abu Khaled
Ibraheem Abu Khaled
Natalie Terrigino
Coach
Mrs. Smith

Problem 1: OMER to the rescue

Ethan Bahmann
Joshua Smith
Avier Ortega
Connor Thorn
Carter Johns
Bronx Freeman
Coach
Mrs. Bahmann

Problem 2: Hide in Plain Sight

Evelyn Ganiear
Reagan Jackson
Kenny Frearson
Elizabeth Frearson
Alby Jacob
Coach
Mrs. Ganiear

Problem 4: Structure Toss

Christian Carlson
Jaxson Pagliuca
JT Dobbins
Noah Perez
Aubrey McGlon
Abby Goforth
Brianna Christopher
Coaches
Mrs. Carlson
Mrs. Bowers

Problem 5: Opposites Distract Coach:

Brooke Bowers
Dezirae Gardner
Lola Gattuso
Harley Johnson
Matt Dobbins
Simon Donnelly
Adrie Jones
Coaches
Mrs. Raines
Mrs. Carlson

Judges for our school:

Mrs. Scott
Mrs. Johns
Ms. Gracie
Mrs. Trimble
Mr. Bowers

LOST AND FOUND

Is your child missing a sweater, jacket, hat, or lunchbox? Check out our lost and found located by the bathrooms in the cafeteria. Please check in at the front office and you can have a pass to go back and check the pile. At the end of March, all items will be donated to the salvation army.

Way To Go New River Athletes!

We are very proud of our students who competed at the Special Olympics at Wesley Chapel High School this year. Our student athletes worked very hard to train for their events, and did an excellent job competing against students from other Pasco schools! Thank you to our parents and staff for volunteering and supporting our New River Students during this exciting event!



Sunshine State Books

The Sunshine State Young Readers Award (SSYRA) Program is a statewide reading motivational program for students in grades 3 through 8, in a collaborative effort between the Florida Association of Media in Education (FAME) and the Florida Department of Education (DOE). The purpose of the SSYRA Program is to encourage students to read independently for pleasure and to read books that are on, above, and below their reading level in order to improve their reading fluency. Sunshine State books are selected for their wide appeal, literary value, varied genres, curriculum connections, and/or multicultural representation.

At New River, we encourage students to read these book and take our Reading Counts quizzes. Each year, we have different reward levels. This year we had 5, 10, and 15 books parties. The 15 book reward party is coming up in April.

All Pro Dad

This month on Friday, March 29 will be the meeting for All Pro Dad. We will meet at 8:45 am in the media center. If you have not checked out the many resources available from All Pro Dad, I invite you to do so. They offer powerful resources like the <http://www.allprodad.com> website, the [Mark Merrill's Blog](#), the Dungy's Diary and a variety of social media platforms to support men in one of their most important roles--being a dad. I think you will like what you will find.

We start at 8:45 am. To **RSVP** for the event please go to the website: <http://www.allprodad.com/2228>, call the school at 813-346-0500, or email Mrs. Carlson at llacycar@pasco.k12.fl.us. **This ensures that we have enough breakfast for everyone that attends.** We look forward to seeing you there!



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