May 2019 Edition

The Owl Oracle

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A Message From Mrs. Shauger

State testing resumes this week on Wednesday, May 1. The calendar is included on page 2 for your reference.

Additionally, students will be taking end-of-course exams the week of May 20th. For EOC's, students are assessed in all of their specials classes as well as the following areas:

K-2: reading, math, science

3-4: science, social studies

5th: social studies

We know that our teachers have worked all year to prepare students for success on the FSA and end-of course exams. Best of luck to our students, we have confidence in all of you!

It's also time to gear up for our Summer Reading Challenge! Watergrass was number 9 last year in the state of Florida! Let's try to get in the Top 3 this summer! Look for more information coming home soon.

April Citizens of the Month

Commitment means doing what needs to be done regardless of your talents or your mood. Even if you are sad, mad, tired or something better comes along you still need to follow through on a commitment.

Burrowing Owls	Pygmy Owls		Eagle Owls
Theo B.	Weston N.		La _u ra P.
Snowy Owls	Spotted Owls		Great Grey Owls
Sawyer B.	Darrell T.		Cedric W.
Alyvia K.	Janiah C.	_	R iti S.
	Spectacled & Masked Owls		
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MAY Events

5/1-5/	2 Grades 4 & 5 testing
5/02	<i>Quiet Campus</i> Chorus & Orff Concert 7 p.m WGES Café
5/03	Citizen of the Month 3 p.m
5/6-5	/7 Grades 3 ,4, &5 testing <i>Quiet Campus</i>
5/9-5,	/10 Grade 5 testing <i>Quiet Campus</i>
5/10	PTA 10 Year Celebration 4:30–7:30 p.m.
5/13	SAC meeting-4 p.m.
5/16	Hallam's Historical Wax Museum 10-12:20p.m.–Media Center
5/16	Grade 5 Talent Show
5/17	2 p.m. Hallam's Historical Wax Museum 10-12:20 - Media Center
5/17	Grade 5 Field trip
5/20	Kindergarten Registration 9-12 a.m. and 5-7 p.m. Computer Lab
5/24	Turn Around Breakfast
5/27	Holiday for Students and Staff
5/29	Grade 5 End of the Year Celebration- 1 p.m. Café
5/29	Last day for students

	campus days, which means no vol Impus. Thank you for your unders Grade Level	lunteers or lunch visitors are permitted on tanding. Test Details
April 1	4 th & 5th	*All assessments are paper based*
		Writing – 120 Minutes
April 3	3 rd	Reading Session 1 – 80 Minutes
April 4	3rd	Reading Session 2 – 80 Minutes
May 1	4 th & 5 th	Reading Session 1 – 80 Minutes
May 2 nd	4 th & 5 th	Reading Session 2 – 80 Minutes
May 6 th	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th	Math Session 1 – 80 Minutes
May 7 th	3 rd , 4 th & 5 th	Math Session 2 – 80 Minutes
May 9 th	5 th	Science Session 1 – 80 Minutes
May 10 th	5 th	Science Session 2 – 80 Minutes
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EOC Testing

Students will be having an End of Course final assessment in the following areas:

Kindergarten - 2nd Grade

- Art. Music. and PE
- ELA/Social Studies
- Math
- Science

3rd and 4th Grade

- Art, Music, and PE
- Science •

5th Grade

Art. Music. and PE

Important Reminder from the Clinic!

Parents whose students have medications in the clinic must pick up the medications no later than Thursday, May 30, 2019. All medications that remain after that date will be disposed of. In accordance with the District School Board of Pasco County's Medication policy, students may not transport medications home. If you are not able to pick the medication up by this date, please contact the clinic to make other arrangements. If your child will need medication at school next year, please have the required forms completed over the summer and return to the school on Meet the Teacher Day. These forms will be sent home with your student next month and they may also be found on the district website at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/programs/med_at_school. Have a happy and healthy summer.

Bike Riders

If your child rides their bike to and from school it is imperative that they wear a helmet. Under Florida law, a bicycle rider or passenger who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet properly fitted, fastened securely upon the passenger's head by a strap and that meets the federal safety standard for bicycle helmets, as defined by the Code of Federal Regulations (16 C.F.R. Part 1203)

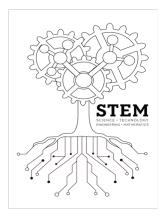








Please remember to KEEP clipping over the summer!



4th & 5th Grade STEM Fair

Providing students an opportunity to utilize science knowledge and skills as scientists in the real world!

What is the STEM Fair?

The STEM Fair is a student led project that encourages students to ask "WHY" to a relevant issue or problem in their life and develop an experiment or design a solution or innovation to this problem. Throughout their learning experience students collect evidence as they develop, refine, and reflect on their thinking. Students complete a Research Plan and Investigation Form booklet which provides clarification and guidance throughout their project.

As engineers and scientists it is critical to organize and communicate information in a detailed way. Students keep an additional project log or journal to assist in communicating their investigative research, steps, changes in thinking, conclusions, data collected etc.

Students then create a presentation that shares their work and results of their experiment or innovation. These projects are then scored at a class and school level STEM Fair. Students who are finalists of the school competition go on to compete at the district-wide STEM Fair.



WGES Stem Fair Grade Level Finalists

District STEM Fair Finalists

The following students attended the DISTRICT stem fair and competed with other students in their age category.

Student Name	Project Title
1 st - Jonny Robinson 2 nd – Jackson Purcell 3 rd – Parker Medlin 4 th – Gigi Caruso 5 th – Gianna Pietri 6 th – Kayden Shaw 7 th – Alysson Perez	Egg-ceptional Teeth: Rethink Your Drink Extracting DNA from Strawberries How Does Caffeine Affect Your Heart Rate? How Cold Will It Get? Lemon vs. Potato The Golden Bunnies Which Slime Picks Up the Most Dirt?



Jonny Robinson 1st place winner in 9 year-old category

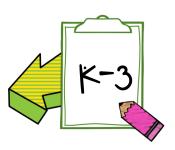
Gianna Pietri 2nd place winner in 9 year-old category

Parker Medlin 3rd place winner in 11 year-old category

Kayden Shaw 4th place winner in 10 year-old category



Team News



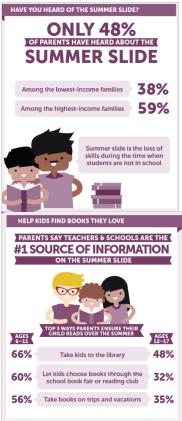
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Burrowing Owls- Kindergarten

It is hard to believe that we are nearing the end of this school year already! We are going to have special theme days for the end of the year. Please mark your calendars for the following dates:

May 3rd-Hats off for reading! Wear a hat. May 10th-Kindergarten Community Helper Day May 17th- Bright readers are leaders! Wear sunglasses May 24th-Readers GLOW! Bring a flashlight May 28th-Board game day! Bring your favorite game. May 29th-Autograph Day (yearbook signing) and ice cream party.

The Burrowing Owls teachers would like to thank all of our students' families for your support this year. Have a fun and restful summer!!



Kids and Families Reading Report Scholastic.com/readingreport

Pygmy Owls- First Grade

The summer is approaching, remember to keep having your child reading daily. Zearn and RAZ kids are also available during the summer. Students can sharpen their reading and math skills by doing these weekly. As the end of the year approaches our Lost and Found gets pretty full. Please check the lost and found for any jackets, lunch boxes, sweaters, etc. The Quarter 4 Behavior Celebration will be the last week of school. Students have been working to earn a movie with treats. Some will also earn an extra goodie if they have had Outstanding behavior all six weeks of the quarter. We will also be sending home a letter explaining the special activities planned for the last week of school. It's been a great year in 1st grade! Thank you for all your

support in helping your child succeed.

Eagle Owls- 2nd Grade

Hello Owls! As the 2018-2019 school year winds down we are completing instructional learning goals. We would like your support in encouraging your child to stay focused and do their best. We are currently participating in the Chipotle Reading Challenge. This requires each student to read at least 15 minutes per day at home now through May 20th. Please document their reading minutes daily in their planner. Students who meet this goal will receive a coupon for a free kids meal at the Chipotle Restaurant. Thank you so much for your continued support with the Eagle Owl students and teachers throughout this school year. We have all worked hard this year to provide our 2nd graders with the best education possible while nurturing the students' physical, social and emotional growth. We are reminding our students to show kindness and respect to one another. As always, please let us know if you have any questions or concerns. Happy Summer from the Eagle Owl Teachers!

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Snowy Owls- Third Grade

It is so hard to believe the school year is already winding down! Please encourage your child to stay focused for these last weeks of school as we will continue to learn essential skills for fourth grade. After all of our hard work, we plan on wrapping up the school year with some special theme days. Be on the lookout for details.

The Snowy Owl teachers would like to thank all of our students' families for your support this year. We hope you have a wonderful summer!

Spotted Owls- 4th Grade

As the year comes to a close, please continue communicating with your child's teacher about important test dates, and end of the year activities.

As your child is moving into 5th grade, they are expected to be reading over the summer as well as have all multiplication facts memorized.

We hope you all have a wonderful and restful summer!



"Reading is fun. I love exploring other worlds. It is like vacationing in my head."

—8-year-old girl, TX



"I really liked reading over the summer because now in fifth grade I have seen a change in my writing. I got better."

—10-year-old girl, TX



Great Grey Owls-

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Important end of year DATES to remember

5th Grade

- 5/16- Grade 5 Talent Show 2 p.m. Café
- 5/17- 5th Grade Busch Gardens Field Trip
- 5/28- Staff VS 5th Grade Kickball Game
- 5/29- Grade 5 End of the Year Celebration- 1 p.m. Café

Counselor's Corner

Whew! Hard to believe the end of the school year is upon us. After this month's final lessons have been completed, a total of 185 Safer. Smarter Kids lessons will have been delivered at Watergrass in grades K-5 this school year. All School Counselors in Pasco County utilize this important program for personal safety and building self-advocacy skills. In addition, test Stress-Busters lessons were delivered in grades 4-5. We know our students are ready to rock those end of the year tests! Have a safe and healthy summer. Mrs. Ward. School Counselor

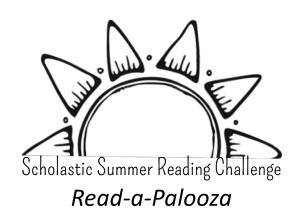
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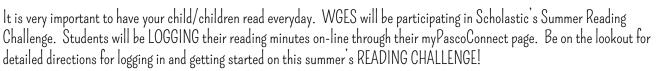
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Music Notes 🍒



On Thursday, May 2 our last concert was held in the cafeteria and was a huge success! We are so proud of our Chorus and Orff Ensemble. We had a great year in the music department and look forward to next year!





Summer Reading Resources

Pasco County Public Library: See website calendar for FREE summer events. http://pascolibraries.org



Reading with the Rays: Pick up your game card starting -----from the public library. Children track their reading minutes to earn RAYS merch and tickets! https://www.mlb.com/rays/community/reading



Barnes and Noble Summer Reading: #bookyoursummer begins May 7. Earn a free book by reading. https://www.barnesandnoble.com/h/summer-reading

Please see the following pages for book recommendations for your child's NEXT grade level!

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