



Pioneer Gazette

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Important Dates:

Arabian Nights
8:30am-1:30pm

4th Grade

Rain Forest
café

9am-1pm
1st grade

Thurs., May 7
Mrs. Ramoutar.

Mrs. Allen ,
Ms. Munding ,

Mrs. Crespo
Friday, May 18^t

Mrs. Cusano,
Mrs. Christopher,
Mrs. Gonzalez

Volunteer of the Week:

Linnette
Sterling

Thanks for
everything you
do for our
school.

Business Partner Spotlight:

Checkers

Support your
local business
partner

Book Fair

Partin Settlement Elementary will have a Book Fair from Friday, May 18 through Friday, May 25. Shopping hours will be 8:15am-3:15pm. (May 25 only open until 1:30)

You can shop online for the book fair by going to the web address below and then click book fair on the left side. Online shopping will be open from May 14-May 28.

<http://pses.osceola.k12.fl.us/media/default.aspx>

Oasis approved volunteers interested in helping with the book fair, please come in and inquire at the front desk or call 407-518-2000 and speak to Connie.

Lunch with Someone

Grand Event-Parents and grandparents are invited to eat lunch with their child and shop the book fair. Please see the schedule that follows:

Kindergarten- Friday, May 18
1st grade-Monday, May 21st
2nd grade-Tuesday, May 22nd
3rd grade- Wed, May 23rd
4th grade-Thurs. May 24th
5th grade- Friday, May 25th

Important! Please remember that the Book Fair will only accept cash, credit card or debit card. Don't forget to add 7% sales tax to all orders.

PSE does not accept checks!

Attention Parents!

They have extended the time for the SAC Parent Survey until Sunday, May 20th

HYPERLINK

"<http://advanc-ed.org/survey/public/1811133>

**ATTENTION PARENTS:
The "Spring Fling" has
been cancelled by PTO.**

Osceola Safe Families Task Force Monthly Tip:

May-
Praise your child today.
Catch your child doing something good today and tell him or her.
June-
Talk to your child about setting goals and solving problems.
Develop a phone support network for parents you know.
July-
Learn about parenting practices of different cultures.
Recognize your child's many accomplishments.

Motivating your child Inspire your student this year.

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Expect their best. If you're satisfied with half an effort, your child will be too. Some kids need extra help to do their best. If your child is a student who needs assistance, talk with their teachers and take steps to get that help.

Give extra comfort during hard times. This may be tough to do if your family is having problems, but it's necessary. Each day, reassure your child that you love them and appreciate them. Be sure to inform their teacher of any changes that might affect their concentration in class.

Compliment her teachers and school. If you have complaints, address them calmly. Stay upbeat in front of your child and send a message that even if there are difficulties, you still believe that school is good and

important. When education is your priority, it probably will be your child's priority also. For more information visit www.parent-institute.com



Partin Settlement Elementary Math Olympiad Winners!
John Baker, Ryan Carmack, Elizabeth Helton, Hannah Mittan and Maxwell Lawson.
Congratulations to all of you!

The Stanford Achievement Test will be administered to Kindergarten -3rd grade students during the week of May14-18. Parent please be sure your students eat a good breakfast, are well rested and on time for school.

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getting a
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The price is \$20.00**

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Enclosed is \$ _____

Child's Name: _____

Teacher's Name _____

Building Readers

Families keep children motivated to read.

Families play an enormous role in turning children into lifelong readers. But how can you keep kids excited about books? Aside from making story time enjoyable and interesting, research shows that children are motivated to read by:

Previous experience. Kids are often drawn to books they've had read to them before. So don't balk at reading your child's favorite book for the millionth time!

Having access to books.

That's why those trips to the library are so important!

Being given choices. Even the youngest child likes to select her own stories. Start off by giving your child a choice between two books.

Hearing your suggestions. If you come across a tale that would be just the thing for your child, offer to read it to her/him

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Parent Quiz Are you teaching respect at home?

Children who understand the importance of having respect for themselves, others and authority are more likely to be successful in school. Answer the following questions *yes* or *no* to see if you're raising a respectful child:

1. **Do you treat** your child with respect?
2. **Do you teach** your child to respect rules by following them yourself?
3. **Do you model** polite behavior, such as saying *please* and *thank you*?
4. **Do you explain** the reasons behind rules to your child?
5. **Do you encourage** your child to be honest by admitting your own mistakes?

How did you do? *Each yes answer means you're promoting respect at home. For each no answer, try that idea from the quiz.*

"All children behave as well as they are treated"

-Anonymous

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PSE Library Birthday Book Club

This is a great way to celebrate your child's birthday in a special way and help our library collection grow. Participation involves a minimum of \$10.00 donation per book (per child). If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Shendok our library media specialist at 407-518-2000.

Building Character Encourage caring at home

It's important to show your child how to be caring. To guide your child toward showing concern and kindness for others:

- **Use kind words,** including *please* and *thank you*.
- **Have kind actions.** Teach the importance of sharing.

Building Readiness Surround your child with books

To help develop your child's

reading skills, choose and reads filled with rich language. The librarian at your local library is a great resource. Experiment with different kinds of books, including fiction, nonfiction and poetry. And remember to emphasize reading time over TV time.

Building Responsibility Practice responsibility

Whether your child is in preschool or kindergarten, it's not too early to start building her/his sense of responsibility. Here are some ways to start:

Make a large wall calendar. Help your child mark what he/she needs to do. "Show & Tell" on Wednesday. Library book due on Friday. This organization will come in handy when he/she has more complicated home work assignments later in life.

Have her/him choose what they'll wear to school the night before. This will save time in the morning—a great habit to get into before elementary school begins.

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Helpful Websites

FCAT Explorer

www.fcatexplorer.com

The Sign In Name: Student’s Last Name and First Initial

Password:49(First four letters of last name)(2 digit month and day of birth date)Example: Johnny Smith whose birthday is February 25th password would be 49smith0225

**Go Math and Science
Fussion Curriculum**
www.k-6.thinkcentral.com

User Name & Password:
49 and Student ID Number

(no spaces). Go to the LIBRARY to access the text books, practice activities and other resources.

FCAT Testing

Students please be on time. All students should be in their classrooms by 8:45am. (No tardy students on these days please). Students who arrive late will not be permitted to enter their classroom once testing has started. Students you have been preparing all year for FCAT and you are ready, so relax and don’t stress. Make sure you get plenty of sleep the night before testing and have a healthy breakfast to start your day.

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Plans for a Rainy Day



When it rains and there is no lightening bikers and walkers are instructed to do what their parents have told them to do on rainy days. Please tell your student now if you want them to go to car rider or to go out the walker gate when it rains. For security reasons with the bus riders we cannot have bikers and walkers go out the front foyer. Thank you for your understanding with this as we try to keep all PSE students safe. Remember that only students that truly walk home should be leaving out the walker gate. All car riders should report to the car rider area.