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Thank you to our Centennial Sponsors:



Dear Parents,

I am excited to welcome you back to a new school year – our Centennial year! For 100 years, your local schools have provided a quality education for children in Pinellas. Our Centennial celebration will include a variety of community events from September through June. I invite you, your family, friends and neighbors to join with us as we relive the past and move forward with new initiatives to build a foundation for the next 100 years of excellence in education. In addition, you will find historical facts, moments, milestones and event details on a special Centennial website coming soon.

Each month during this school year we will celebrate a different decade with a community event. We will kick off the celebration on Saturday, Sept. 24 with a “Hands Across Pinellas” and an Ice Cream Social along the Pinellas Trail from 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

Below is a brief outline of the monthly events; details are still being worked out for each of the events.

- Sept. (1910’s) – “Hands Across Pinellas” Pinellas Trail, Ice Cream Social
- Oct. (1920’s) – Jazz Performance, Art Exhibit
- Nov. (1930’s) – Big Band Musical Event, Vintage Baseball Game
- Dec. (1940’s) – Military Highlights and JROTC Drill Performances
- Jan. (1950’s) – Community Sock Hop Dance
- Feb. (1960’s) – Student Essay Writing Contest
- Mar. (1970’s) – Fashion Show Through the Decades, Disco Prom
- Apr. (1980’s) – Antique Car Show, Roller Skating Event
- May (1990’s) – Community and School Book Clubs, Storytelling Fest
- June (2000’s) – Grand Finale

I look forward to this school year and wish you and your family success in the coming months.

Julie M. Janssen, Ed.D.
Superintendent

The Centennial is being funded through community sponsors and donations including the sale of the Centennial T-shirts. No district funds are being used for this celebration.

Stay Connected with PCS

PCS NEWSROOM – For the latest district news, visit the PCS Newsroom website, www.pcsb.org.

WPDS-TV14 – School Board meetings are held twice monthly during most months and are streamed live at www.wpds.tv. Rebroadcasts are available on Bright House Networks Ch. 614, Knology Ch. 2 and Verizon Ch. 46.

TWITTER – Sign up to follow district news on Twitter at www.twitter.com/pcschoools.

FACEBOOK – Become a fan on the district’s Facebook page where you can receive the latest news and information.

PCS PORTAL – Review your child’s grades, participate in educational video lessons, and communicate interactively with your child’s teacher through this online system.

Communications with Students Via Electronic Media

A new board policy concerning how district employees communicate with students electronically goes into effect this school year. The new policy requires all PCS employees to use established methods of communication when communicating with students about school-related issues. These include district-supplied Outlook e-mail accounts, Portal and Moodle, among others. Under the new policy, personal means of communication including, private Facebook and Twitter accounts, private e-mail accounts, and personal cell phones, may not be used to communicate with students about school-related matters. An exception is recognized in situations such as a field trip where no district equipment is available and use of a private device, such as a cell phone, serves the best interest of students and others.

Parent University

On Saturday, Sept. 10, from 8 a.m.-12:30 p.m., the district is hosting its Parent University on the campus of USF St. Petersburg. This informative parenting session will provide parents with information on career awareness, college awareness, money for college, getting involved in your school, PreK and kindergarten readiness, Pinellas Virtual School and much more.

To register for Parent University, go to Parent Moodle Online Community Center at <http://moodleP.pcsb.org> and log in with your Parent User ID (Parent Portal Login). Or you may go to the nearest PCS school and fill out a registration form, walk-ins are welcome.