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Volume 4

PSE Newsletter

From the Desk of the Principal

Dear Families,

We are excited to enter the Fourth Quarter. We have come a long way this year. There is a lot of learning to be accomplished in this final quarter. Many assessments will be administered during this period to guide instruction and allow us to know what the children have made progress in. Please use the Third Quarter Report Card as a tool to set goals with your child. I would like to invite you to a Principal's Chat on April 14th at 8am in the cafeteria. This will be a very informal conversation so we can discuss the school year, our progress and plans as we move into the 22-23 school year. We will also be celebrating staff appreciation the week of May 2. In partnership with our PTO, administration is planning many wonderful activities and surprises for our staff. Many of you own businesses or have contacts that may be able to support me in this celebration. Please contact me at denise.hanson@browardschools.com if you can donate any gift cards or services to honor our staff during that week. Thank you for your continued partnership as we close out a wonderful year at PSE. I appreciate you.

Proud to be your Principal,
Ms. Hanson



Be sure to follow our Principal and Assistant Principal on Twitter.

@principalpse

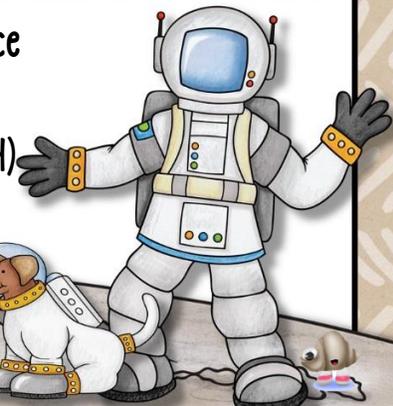
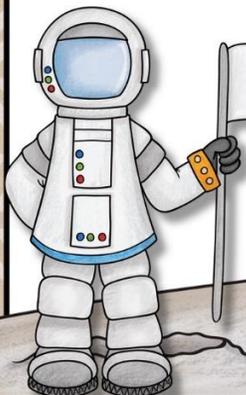
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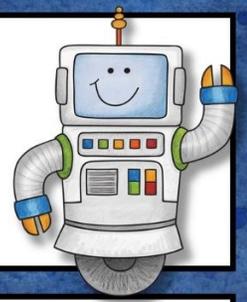
Important Dates

- March 31st- PTO Family Night @ Moore Fire Grill
- April 1st- Kona Ice
- April 5th- SAC Meeting @ 2PM
- April 6th- PTO Meeting @ 12:30PM
- April 7th- Kindergarten Round Up @ 6PM
- April 8th- Paw Store Quarter 3 & PTO Florida Panthers Hockey Game
- April 14th- Principal/Community Chat @ 8AM & Early Release Day @ 11:45AM
- April 15th- No School
- April 18th- Report Cards Issued & PTO Cecillie's Gourmet Italian Ices
- April 18th- April 22nd- BOGO Book Fair Week
- April 27th- PTO Family Night @ Anne Marie's Pizza
- April 29th- Volunteer Breakfast
- May 2nd- May 6th- Staff Appreciation Week
- May 3rd- SAC Meeting @ 2PM & Interims Issued
- May 4th- PTO Meeting @ 12:30PM
- May 30th- No School
- June 9th- Last Day of School & Early Release @ 11:45AM

Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Park Springs' instructional and/or administrative evaluations may contact our office at (754) 322-7750 by April 8th, 2022.



News from the Office



Kid of Character



These are the monthly character traits the school focuses on throughout the year.



Drop Off Policy

We will accept items up to 8:30AM daily. Items include lunches, water bottles, snacks, projects, homework, etc.

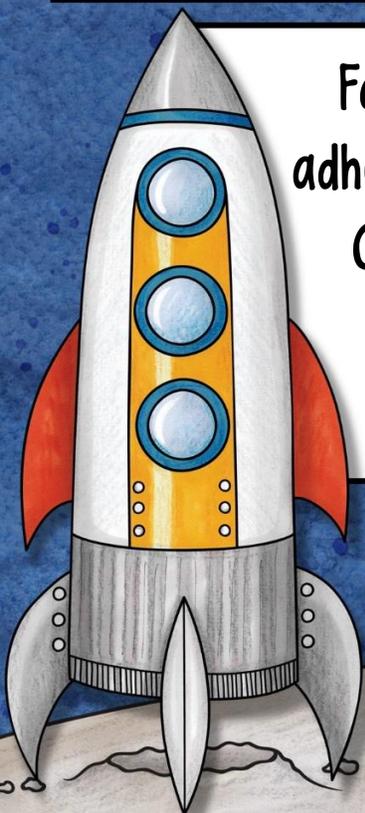


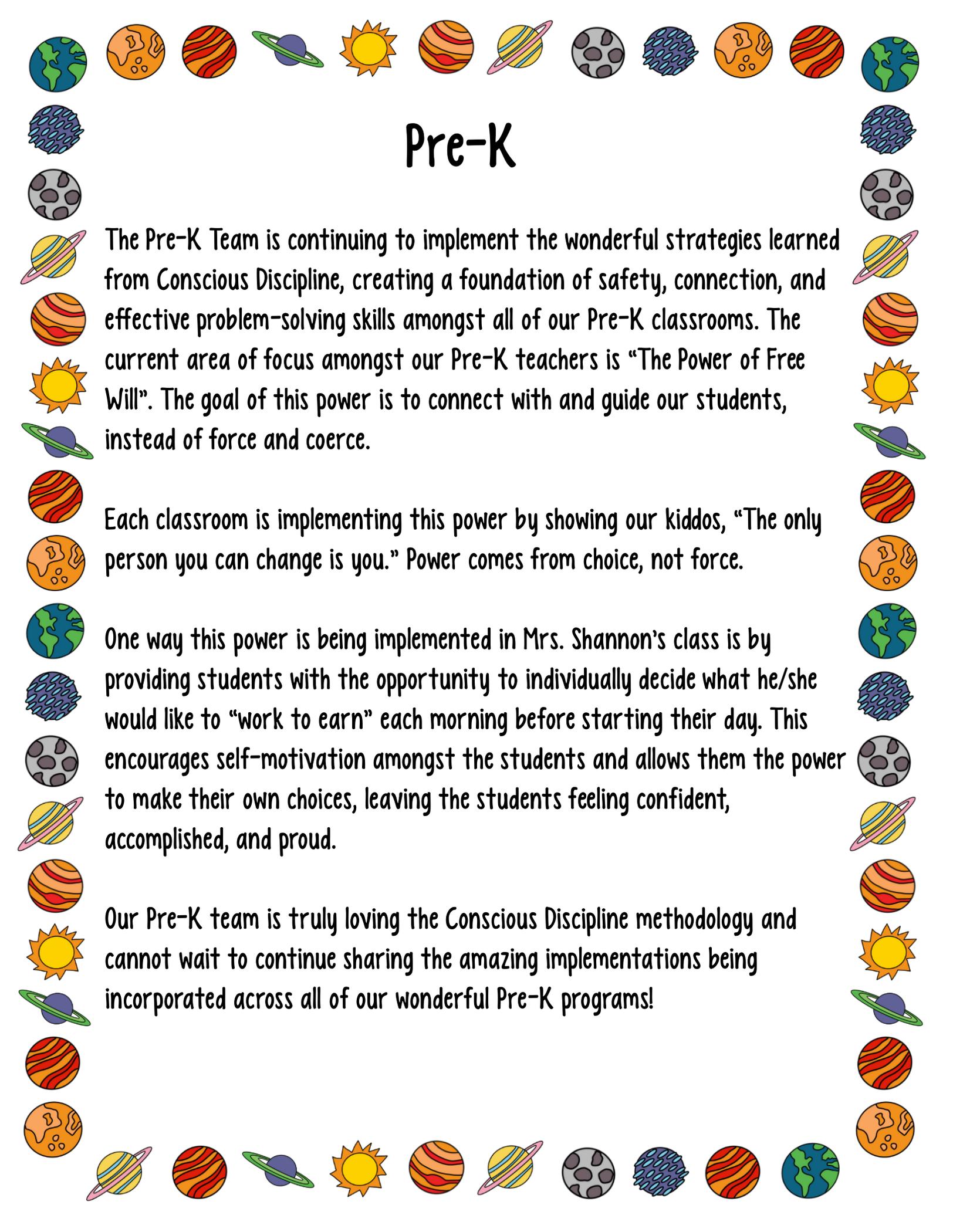
Code of Conduct

Please fill out the Back to School Online forms and email the confirmation page to your child's teacher. You can access the forms at the website below. Over 200 students do not have a completed form.

<https://www.browardschools.com/bts>

Families please adhere to the Daily COVID Health Screener.





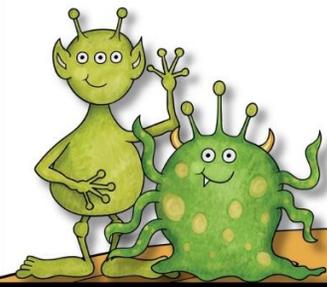
Pre-K

The Pre-K Team is continuing to implement the wonderful strategies learned from Conscious Discipline, creating a foundation of safety, connection, and effective problem-solving skills amongst all of our Pre-K classrooms. The current area of focus amongst our Pre-K teachers is “The Power of Free Will”. The goal of this power is to connect with and guide our students, instead of force and coerce.

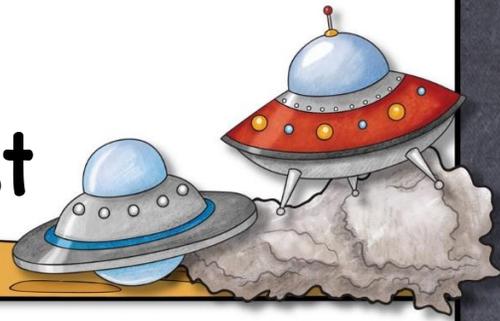
Each classroom is implementing this power by showing our kiddos, “The only person you can change is you.” Power comes from choice, not force.

One way this power is being implemented in Mrs. Shannon’s class is by providing students with the opportunity to individually decide what he/she would like to “work to earn” each morning before starting their day. This encourages self-motivation amongst the students and allows them the power to make their own choices, leaving the students feeling confident, accomplished, and proud.

Our Pre-K team is truly loving the Conscious Discipline methodology and cannot wait to continue sharing the amazing implementations being incorporated across all of our wonderful Pre-K programs!



News from Kindergarten- 1st



Kindergarten

It is hard to believe that we are entering the 4th quarter of kindergarten. The year has really flown by! As they say, "time goes by quickly when you are having fun!" What a fun year it has been. We are amazed at the growth, abilities, and the skills that our young learners have developed academically, socially, and emotionally. We are going to spend this last quarter doing some fine tuning as well as preparing them for first grade. Our classrooms will be full of excitement as we work together and integrate multiple activities using fairy tales, folk tales, and fables that are engaging and creative across all the subject areas. Kindergarten teachers will be conferencing again with you in April and May. A big thank you for all your continued cooperation and support in kindergarten.



1st Grade

We hope that all our families had a good Spring Break. It's hard to believe that we are embarking on our fourth quarter of first grade. There is truth to the saying, "Time flies when you're having fun." We have had fun learning together in school and our students have grown so much this year. We are so proud of them and the progress they have made academically and socially. During this final quarter, we will continue with our phonics instruction as the children continue their reading, but we are focusing even more on comprehension skills and using text evidence to demonstrate understanding of various texts. In math, we will be moving on to measurement and geometry. Our science instruction will include learning about Earth in space and time and the motion of objects. For social studies, we will investigate maps and economics. As always, if you have a question or concern, please reach out to your child's teacher. We encourage your child to read daily throughout the summer and write in a journal to maintain and strengthen the skills he or she has learned this year. Enjoy the summer!

Autism Spectrum Disorder Special Programs

We are having a blast with our Pre-k- 2nd grade panther pal program. Students are working on athletic skills while also enjoying the attention and company of their pal. We will be holding a special Olympics event on May 19th. We will also be promoting Autism Awareness throughout the month of April so stay tuned for school wide activities and events! The Florida Panthers game family night is also Autism Awareness night! We hope to see you there!



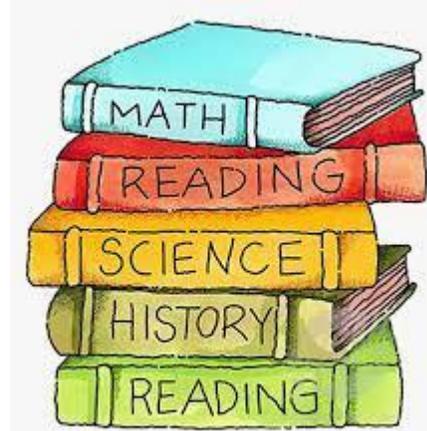
News from 2nd - 3rd



2nd Grade

Dear Parents and Families:

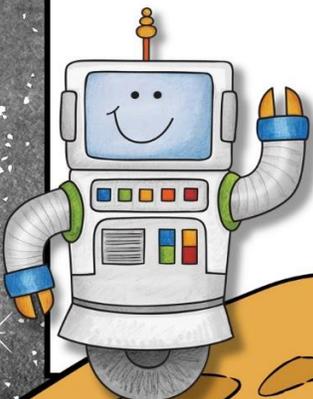
We hope everyone had a great Spring Break! We have a busy few months ahead of us. Our students participated in the CoGat test during the week of March 7th. Also, you will be receiving information on when our 2nd graders will be taking the Primary Reading Test. This quarter in science we will be learning about matter and weather. In social studies, we will be doing a unit on economics and geography. Remember to read every night!

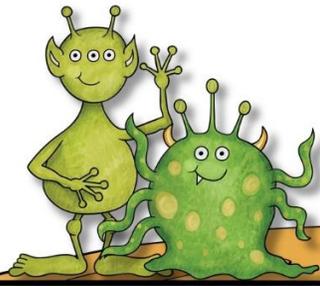


3rd Grade

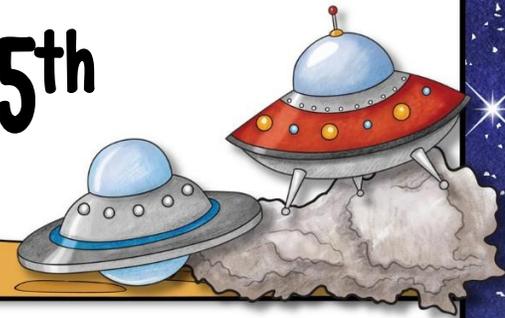
It's hard to believe we are already in the fourth quarter. Third graders have been working hard to prepare for the upcoming FSA Testing in April and May. We look forward to some exciting project based learning coming up this quarter in Social Studies. Third graders will begin to learn cursive in the fourth quarter. Please continue to have your child review multiplication facts daily to build fluency. We are very proud of our third graders!

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.





News from 4th — 5th



4th Grade

Wow! Fourth quarter of fourth grade is already here! Can you believe it? We have some important FSA dates to remind you of. April 5th is our Writing FSA. May 4th and 5th is our Reading FSA. May 10th and 11th is our Math FSA. We will also be completing our last diagnostic and end of the year assessments. Please make sure that you are checking your child's I-Ready lessons and make sure they are completing their homework with accuracy. It is imperative that your child comes to school after a good night's rest, well fed, and ready to tackle this test! If you have any questions, please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher. Thank you all for your help and cooperation this year.



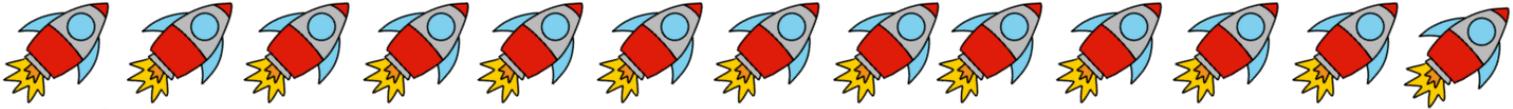
5th Grade

WOW! Our 5th graders have made it to the very last quarter of elementary school! It is a bittersweet moment for all of us as the students' move on to middle school! We are currently working on forces and motion in science. In math, we are moving on to measurement and data as well as geometry. We are also preparing for the FSA (reading, math, writing, and science). Once we have completed these assessments, it will be time to celebrate the students amazing accomplishments! We will head to BizTown in May for the students to learn about different businesses that make up our community. This is a great hands-on experience for the students!

Moving up week will begin on June 1st. Be on the lookout for a save the date flyer with a list of the events we have planned!

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Art

Happy 4th Quarter from the Art Room. As we round out this school year; students will learn about the importance of observation in art. We will focus on different tasks that will strengthen our observational skills. These skills will be lifelong and benefit your artist cross- circularly.

With the end of the year quickly approaching; I am reflecting on the growth of our artists this year. Artwork will begin coming home and I hope that you will see all the beauty that we created together. We have learned that art is a safe space to grow, experiment, and create. Art can help us process feelings, activate change, spread positivity, and fill our time with intentional joy.

To my rising 6th grade artists, I am SO proud of you. Over the last 2 years we have created so much art in so many different ways; and you always rose to the challenge. I hope you will take your lessons with you. Keep art in your heart. HUGS!

P.E.

February was National Heart Month and Park Springs celebrated with our annual Kids Heart Challenge. All grade levels participated in jumping skills from the very basic jumps to tricks, long jumping and competitions! Combined with that, students had a chance to raise money for a very important cause, the American Heart Association. Park Springs has been supporting KHC for 30 years and has raised over \$250,000 in that time. Unbelievable! This year with your help Park Springs raised over \$10,500 to fight heart disease and stroke.

A big Thank You to all who supported such a great cause. Special shout out to Jackson Dowd who raised over \$500 to lead our efforts here at Park Springs! Way to go Jackson!!

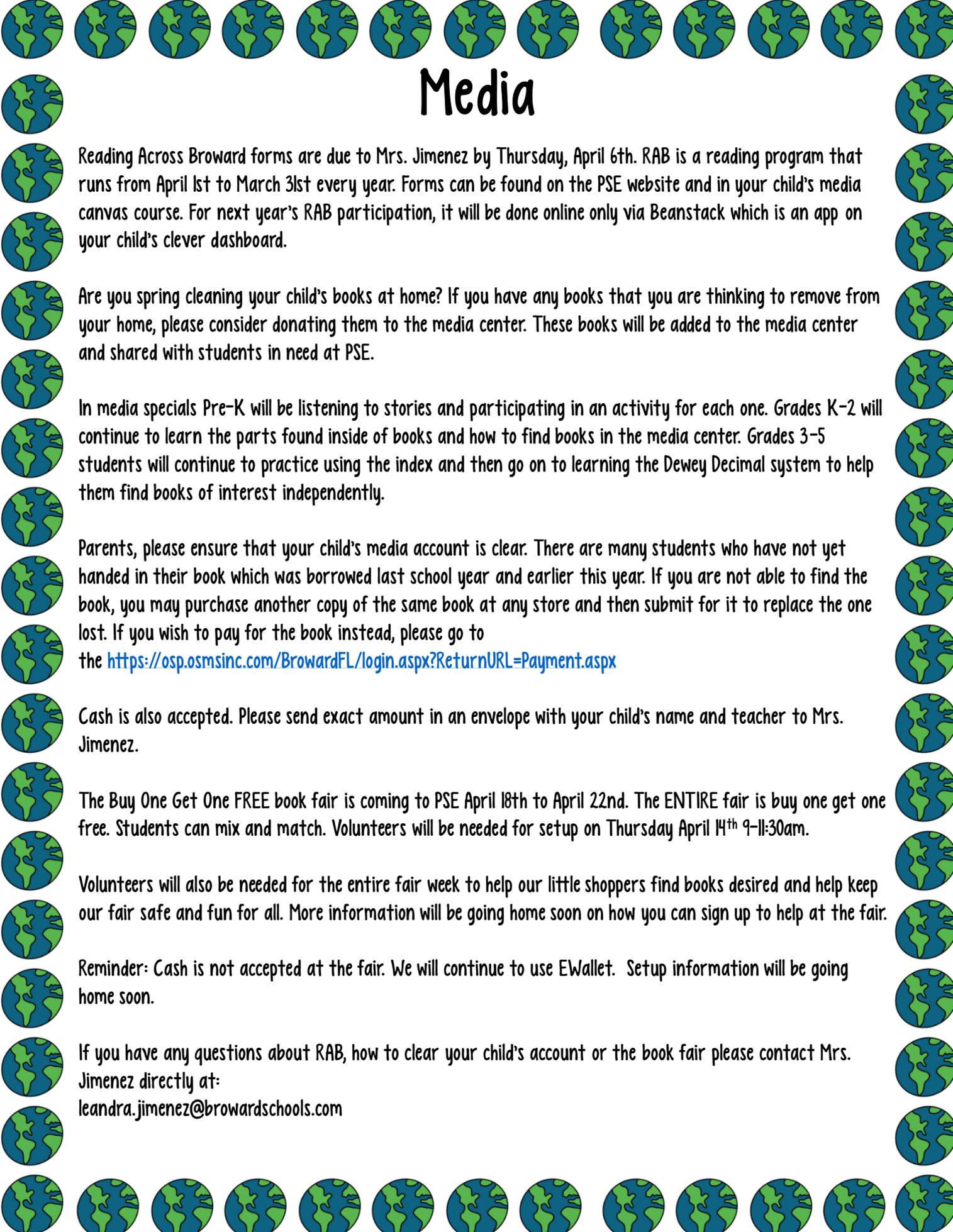
March was our Field Day month and with everything starting to get back to normal, we had 3 events for all grade levels that represented skills and activities learned in PE classes.

When we get back from break, all classes will be focusing on fitness and how to take care of our bodies. We will set up a fitness course to focus on some aspects of fitness including speed, balance agility and strength. Upper grade levels will discuss nutrition and focus on some fitness testing components to check fitness levels and ways to keep our bodies healthy and strong.

After that we will move into striking skills and slow things down for all grade levels as the weather gets hotter.

Looking forward to a fun rest of the year!!!





Media

Reading Across Broward forms are due to Mrs. Jimenez by Thursday, April 6th. RAB is a reading program that runs from April 1st to March 31st every year. Forms can be found on the PSE website and in your child's media canvas course. For next year's RAB participation, it will be done online only via Beanstack which is an app on your child's clever dashboard.

Are you spring cleaning your child's books at home? If you have any books that you are thinking to remove from your home, please consider donating them to the media center. These books will be added to the media center and shared with students in need at PSE.

In media specials Pre-K will be listening to stories and participating in an activity for each one. Grades K-2 will continue to learn the parts found inside of books and how to find books in the media center. Grades 3-5 students will continue to practice using the index and then go on to learning the Dewey Decimal system to help them find books of interest independently.

Parents, please ensure that your child's media account is clear. There are many students who have not yet handed in their book which was borrowed last school year and earlier this year. If you are not able to find the book, you may purchase another copy of the same book at any store and then submit for it to replace the one lost. If you wish to pay for the book instead, please go to the <https://osp.osmsinc.com/BrowardFL/login.aspx?ReturnURL=Payment.aspx>

Cash is also accepted. Please send exact amount in an envelope with your child's name and teacher to Mrs. Jimenez.

The Buy One Get One FREE book fair is coming to PSE April 18th to April 22nd. The ENTIRE fair is buy one get one free. Students can mix and match. Volunteers will be needed for setup on Thursday April 14th 9-11:30am.

Volunteers will also be needed for the entire fair week to help our little shoppers find books desired and help keep our fair safe and fun for all. More information will be going home soon on how you can sign up to help at the fair.

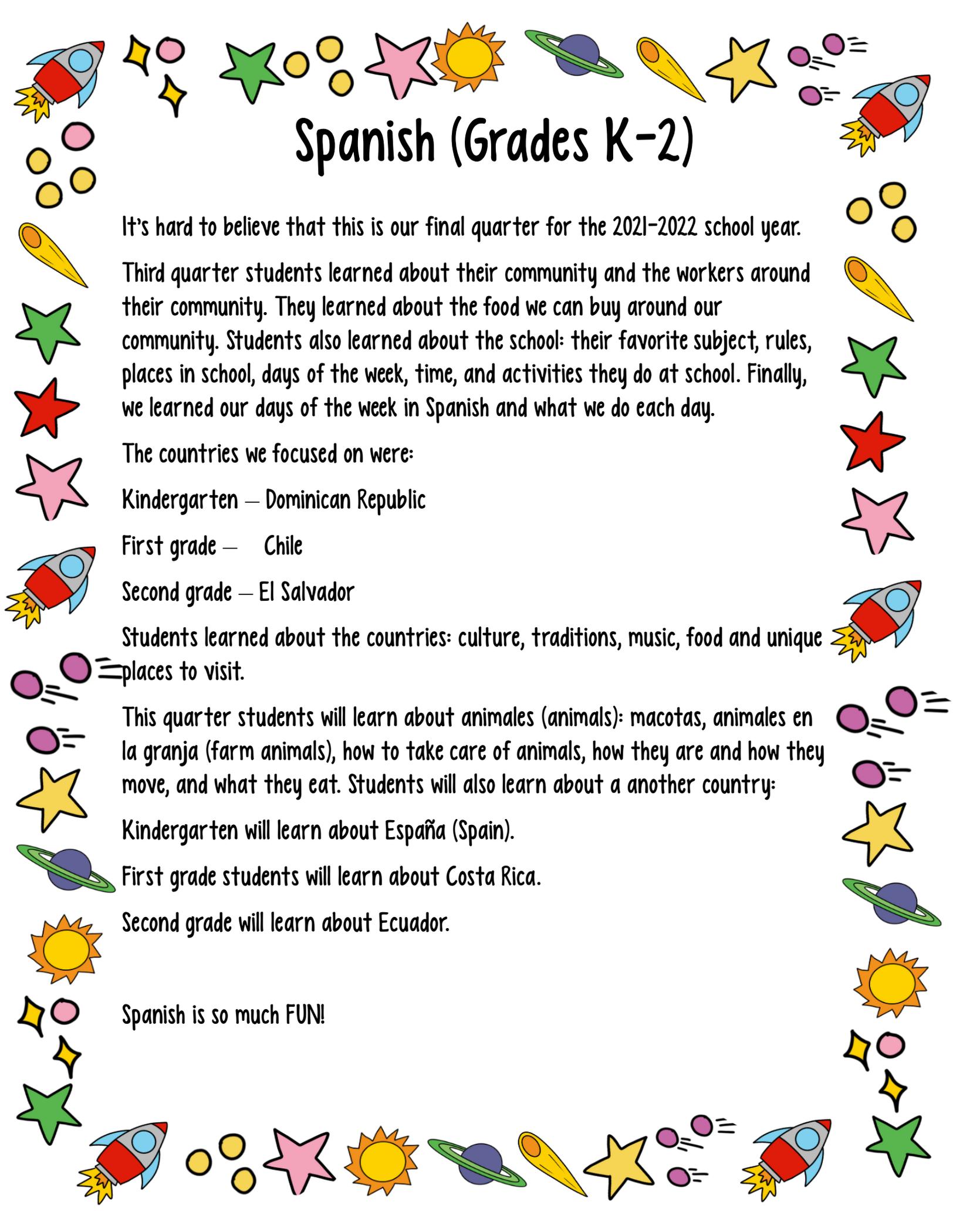
Reminder: Cash is not accepted at the fair. We will continue to use EWallet. Setup information will be going home soon.

If you have any questions about RAB, how to clear your child's account or the book fair please contact Mrs. Jimenez directly at:
leandra.jimenez@browardschools.com

Music



Throughout the fourth quarter, all students shall continue learning age-appropriate songs and dances. In the primary grades (K-2), students shall continue working with body percussion and some percussion instruments. They shall also begin learning about instruments from the woodwind and brass families. Students in the intermediate grades (3-5) shall be returning to reading rhythmic notation including more advanced rhythms and be able to play a variety of percussion instruments as they explore musical elements such as rhythm, dynamics and tempo. In mid-May, these older students shall have an opportunity to perform in-class "musical" presentations such as singing, dancing, or playing instruments either as a solo performer or as part of a small group.



Spanish (Grades K-2)

It's hard to believe that this is our final quarter for the 2021-2022 school year.

Third quarter students learned about their community and the workers around their community. They learned about the food we can buy around our community. Students also learned about the school: their favorite subject, rules, places in school, days of the week, time, and activities they do at school. Finally, we learned our days of the week in Spanish and what we do each day.

The countries we focused on were:

Kindergarten — Dominican Republic

First grade — Chile

Second grade — El Salvador

Students learned about the countries: culture, traditions, music, food and unique places to visit.

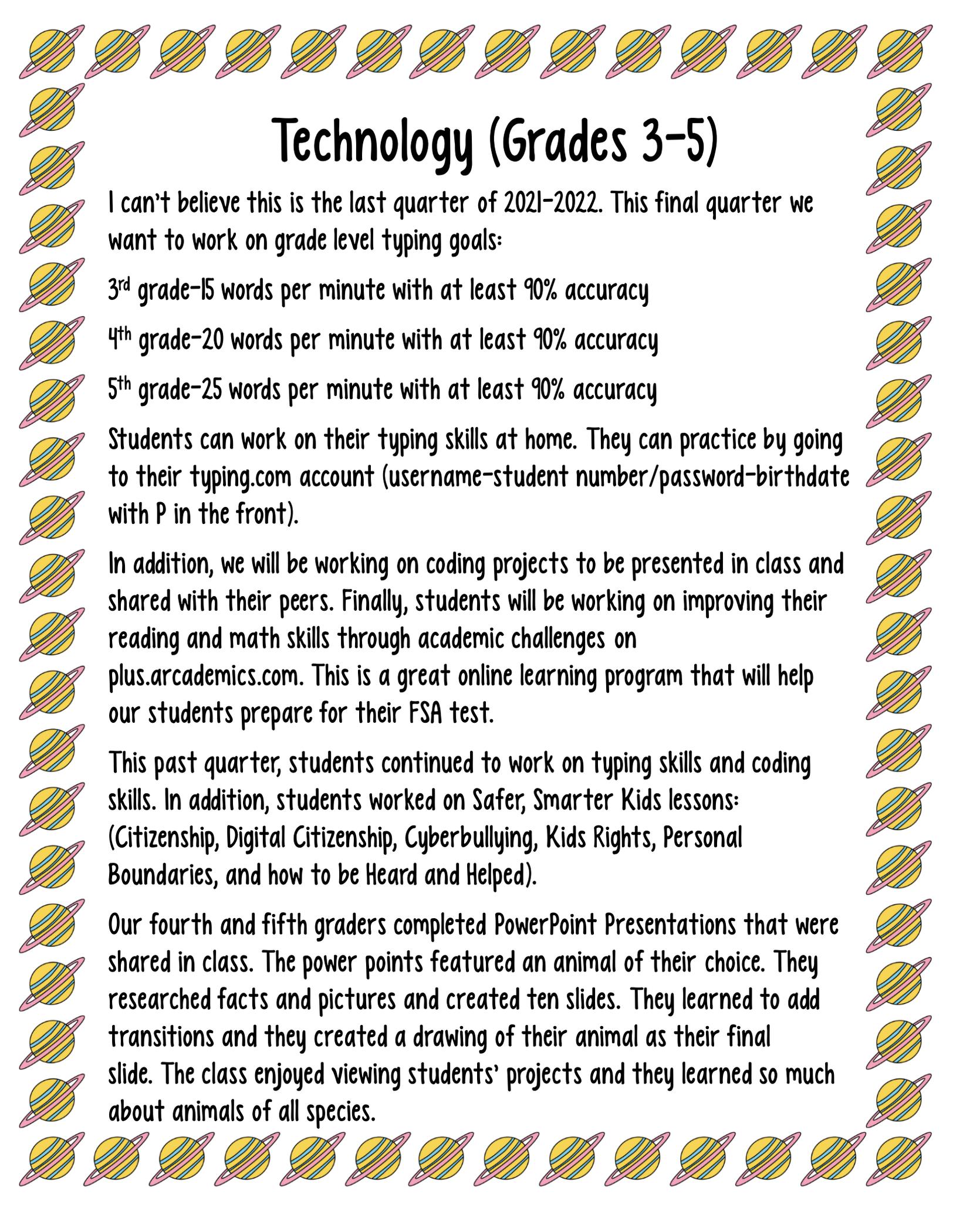
This quarter students will learn about animales (animals): macotas, animales en la granja (farm animals), how to take care of animals, how they are and how they move, and what they eat. Students will also learn about a another country:

Kindergarten will learn about España (Spain).

First grade students will learn about Costa Rica.

Second grade will learn about Ecuador.

Spanish is so much FUN!



Technology (Grades 3-5)

I can't believe this is the last quarter of 2021-2022. This final quarter we want to work on grade level typing goals:

3rd grade-15 words per minute with at least 90% accuracy

4th grade-20 words per minute with at least 90% accuracy

5th grade-25 words per minute with at least 90% accuracy

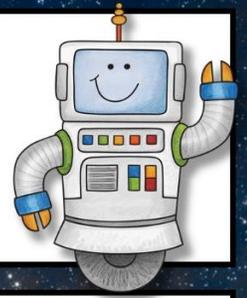
Students can work on their typing skills at home. They can practice by going to their [typing.com](https://www.typing.com) account (username-student number/password-birthdate with P in the front).

In addition, we will be working on coding projects to be presented in class and shared with their peers. Finally, students will be working on improving their reading and math skills through academic challenges on [plus.arcademics.com](https://www.plus.arcademics.com). This is a great online learning program that will help our students prepare for their FSA test.

This past quarter, students continued to work on typing skills and coding skills. In addition, students worked on Safer, Smarter Kids lessons: (Citizenship, Digital Citizenship, Cyberbullying, Kids Rights, Personal Boundaries, and how to be Heard and Helped).

Our fourth and fifth graders completed PowerPoint Presentations that were shared in class. The power points featured an animal of their choice. They researched facts and pictures and created ten slides. They learned to add transitions and they created a drawing of their animal as their final slide. The class enjoyed viewing students' projects and they learned so much about animals of all species.

News from Clubs



Safety Patrol

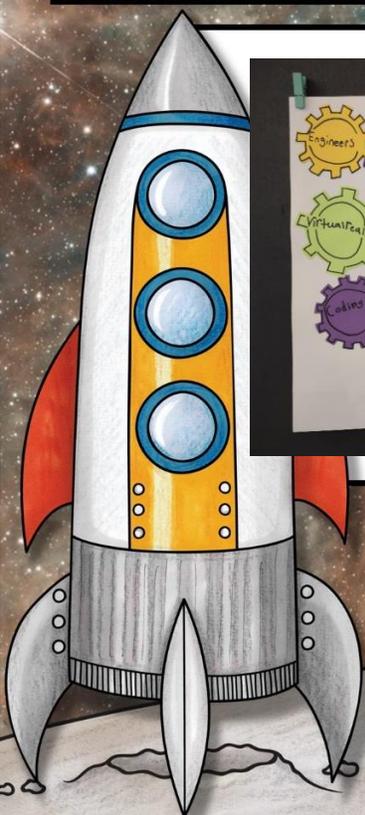
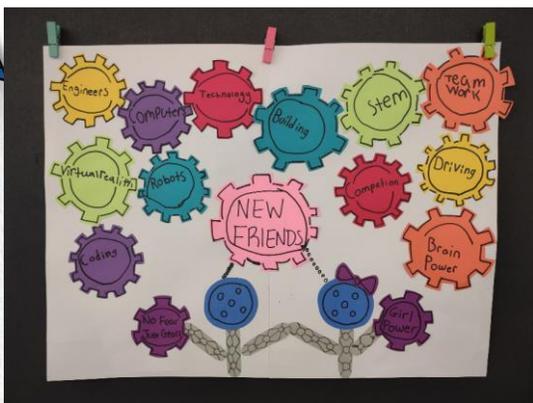
As we approach the last quarter, our Patrols have learned so much about safety, leadership, responsibility, and being role models! We are excited to host lunch, along with our other PSE Clubs, for the awesome teachers and staff of Park Springs on May 3rd! Parents, please be on the lookout for a Sign-up Genius, inviting you to help us out! In the fourth quarter our 4th grade patrols will be given the opportunity to be captains, they have been waiting patiently for this! In May, be on the lookout for SAFETY PATROL APPLICATIONS for the 2022-2023 school year. Students currently in Third and Fourth grade will be able to apply. As always, I thank you for your continued support to make our Safety Patrol program is a success at Park Springs Elementary! 😊

Environmental Club

Environmental club continues to work hard and branch out with new projects. Students have participated in the Gumbo Limbo Nature Center Sea Turtle Day. During the month of April, we will help share the love of the environment by having Turtle Talk Tuesdays on the school news. Environmental club is also participating in the Coral Springs 2nd Annual Recycled Art Contest.

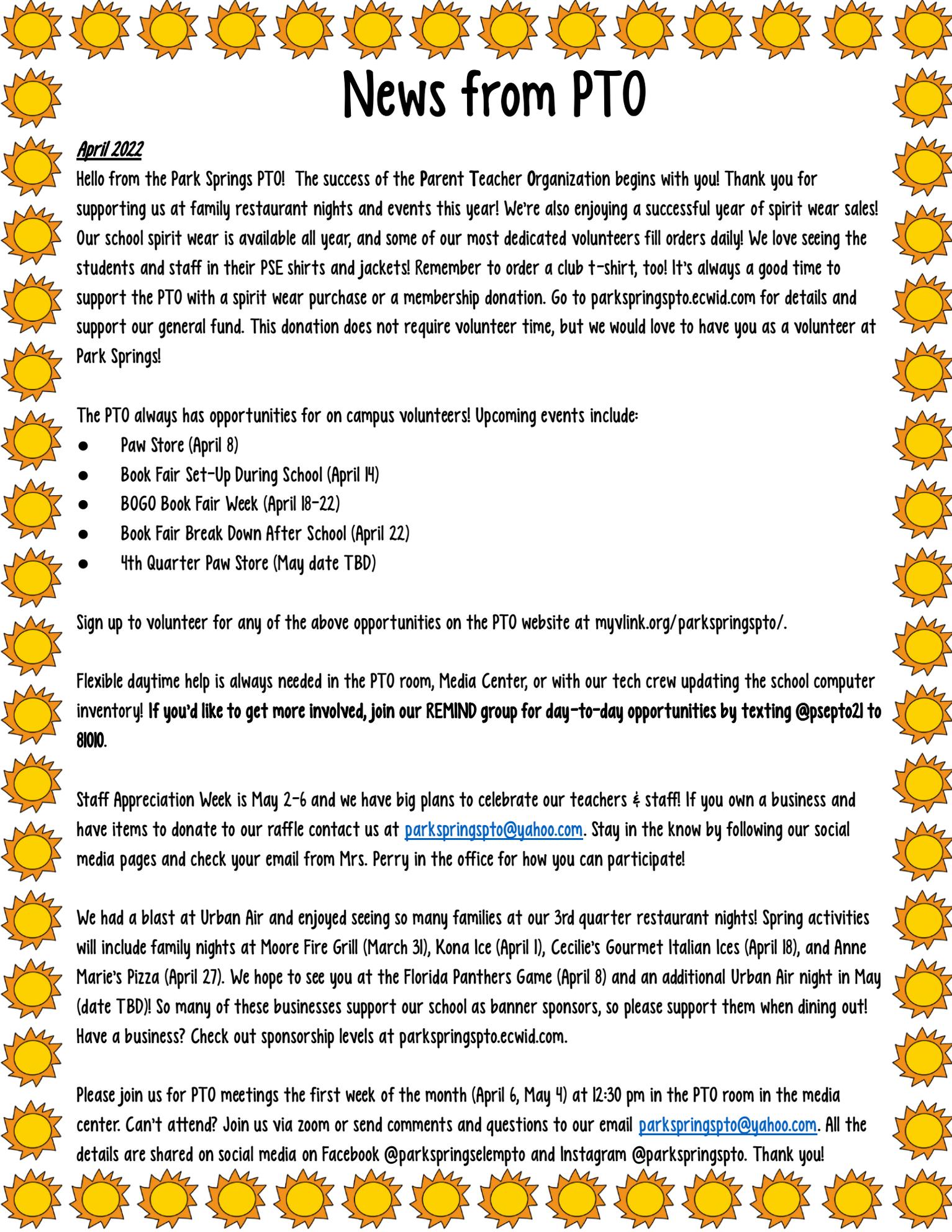
Robotics Club

This quarter the PSE Robotics Team entered the VEX VIQC Poster Design Challenge ... and they won! It was decided from 42 states and 17 countries. The title of our poster is Working Together Makes Everything Better, especially in VEX IQ. When our team thinks of VEX IQ we think of driving, STEM, computers, brain power, teamwork, building, technology, coding, virtual reality, engineering, competitions but most importantly NEW FRIENDS.





The SAVE Promise Club at Park Springs Elementary School has been taking charge to make our school a safe and inclusive school. We have been so proud of the work that our students have done with "Start with Hello" and in helping to get the word out that all are welcome and safe at Park Springs Elementary School. In May, we are going to celebrate our upstanders and trusted adults with "Say Something" week from May 16th through May 20th. This week is designed to help students learn the tools of recognizing an at-risk situation, being an "upstander" not a "bystander", and telling a trusted adult that could help. Students will learn that saying something in situations where helping others and keeping others safe is important. For more information, you may contact your SAVE Promise Club Advisor, Ms. Rasa via e-mail or at 754-322-7778.



News from PTO

April 2022

Hello from the Park Springs PTO! The success of the Parent Teacher Organization begins with you! Thank you for supporting us at family restaurant nights and events this year! We're also enjoying a successful year of spirit wear sales! Our school spirit wear is available all year, and some of our most dedicated volunteers fill orders daily! We love seeing the students and staff in their PSE shirts and jackets! Remember to order a club t-shirt, too! It's always a good time to support the PTO with a spirit wear purchase or a membership donation. Go to parkspringsto.ecwid.com for details and support our general fund. This donation does not require volunteer time, but we would love to have you as a volunteer at Park Springs!

The PTO always has opportunities for on campus volunteers! Upcoming events include:

- Paw Store (April 8)
- Book Fair Set-Up During School (April 14)
- BOGO Book Fair Week (April 18-22)
- Book Fair Break Down After School (April 22)
- 4th Quarter Paw Store (May date TBD)

Sign up to volunteer for any of the above opportunities on the PTO website at myvlink.org/parkspringsto/.

Flexible daytime help is always needed in the PTO room, Media Center, or with our tech crew updating the school computer inventory! If you'd like to get more involved, join our REMIND group for day-to-day opportunities by texting @psept021 to 81010.

Staff Appreciation Week is May 2-6 and we have big plans to celebrate our teachers & staff! If you own a business and have items to donate to our raffle contact us at parkspringsto@yahoo.com. Stay in the know by following our social media pages and check your email from Mrs. Perry in the office for how you can participate!

We had a blast at Urban Air and enjoyed seeing so many families at our 3rd quarter restaurant nights! Spring activities will include family nights at Moore Fire Grill (March 31), Kona Ice (April 1), Cecilie's Gourmet Italian Ices (April 18), and Anne Marie's Pizza (April 27). We hope to see you at the Florida Panthers Game (April 8) and an additional Urban Air night in May (date TBD)! So many of these businesses support our school as banner sponsors, so please support them when dining out! Have a business? Check out sponsorship levels at parkspringsto.ecwid.com.

Please join us for PTO meetings the first week of the month (April 6, May 4) at 12:30 pm in the PTO room in the media center. Can't attend? Join us via zoom or send comments and questions to our email parkspringsto@yahoo.com. All the details are shared on social media on Facebook @parkspringselempo and Instagram @parkspringsto. Thank you!