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## Happy New Year!



It is hard to believe we are over halfway through our school year. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday season and winter break.

At our December General Assembly Meeting, we saw our talented students' Reflections work displayed before some of them were shipped to the county level. On December 20th, the Annual Candy Cane Run was held and was a great success thanks to all of our incredible volunteers who attended—without you, this event would have not been possible.

Your PTA continues to work hard as the new year begins. On January 17th, the **FBI Internet Safety** program took place. Some of the topics included: how online predators gain access to your child, what you can do to keep your child safe and who are some of our local predators. The presentation was very informative and truly an eye opener.

The school's **Butterfly Garden** was recently certified as a Wildlife Habitat by the National Wildlife Federation. Five Sand Pine students explained the five elements needed to achieve

a wildlife friendly habitat. This presentation was transmitted to the entire student body via closed circuit TV during the school's morning news. This is a wonderful accomplishment which demonstrates to our students Sand Pine's devotion to our environment and wildlife.

A decision was made by the Meadow Pointe I CDD Board that effective March 1, 2008, all proceeds from the newspaper recycling outside the Meadow Pointe I Clubhouse will be redirected to the CDD rather than to benefit Sand Pine Elementary as it has been for the last 12 years. Please continue supporting our school by taking your newspapers to the Meadow Pointe II Clubhouse. The Sand Pine administration is in the process of having a newspaper recycling dumpster placed at the school. These funds are crucial to our school.

The PTA has been working on a grant application to assist with the purchase of a cover for our playground. We will continue to raise money with the hopes to have sufficient funds for our playground cover by the end of this school year.

It is that time of year to begin thinking about next year's PTA Board. If you would like to join the Board, we would love to have you. There are many positions available. Please contact any of the PTA Board Members if you are interested.

Sincerely,  
  
Mari C. Blank  
Sand Pine PTA President



### WHAT'S HAPPENING

#### February 2008

- 1-28 Parent survey
- 12-13 Science Make Take Night
- 12-15 FCAT Writing (4th grade)
- 15 Progress Reports
- 18 President's Day, no school
- 18-22 Box Top Collections

#### March 2008

- 14 Dairy Queen Night
- 11-25 FCAT testing
- 21 No school (teacher planning)
- 29 PTA Family Fun Festival

#### April 2008

- 2 Report Cards
- 3 Spring pictures
- 7-11 Spring break

Deadline for the next PTA Newsletter is Friday March 14, 2008



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Principal Ginny Yanson  
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# A NOTE FROM THE Principal

Dear Parents,

**HAPPY NEW YEAR!** Second semester is off to a great start and our students are back in the swing of school! It looks as if New River Elementary will be moving into their new building on time. The move is scheduled for the weekend of February 16 -20. This means that some of the portables will be transferred to other locations and we will be able to reclaim our Physical Education space back as well as no longer share our common areas such as cafeteria, media center, playground, etc. However, I must say things have run very smoothly and one would have hardly known that two schools were operating on this one property. Many thanks go out to Mrs. Lynn Pabst, principal of New River Elementary, and her staff working so cooperatively to make this undertaking successful. We wish them a successful move!

## Sand Pine Parent Survey

It's that time again for you to provide feedback on Sand Pine Elementary School. In February, you will be asked to participate in a parent survey. The survey will be available online. You may access the survey by visiting the District School Board of Pasco County Home Page at <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us>. Under the heading, "What's New," click on the link called District Parent Survey. We hope you will take 10-15 minutes to complete the 25 questions on the survey. Once the window closes, the Research and Evaluation Department at our District Office will compile the results and share them with our school in the spring. These result are important to us because they will be used to help us develop our school's Continuous Improvement Plan (CIP) for the 2008-09 school year.

The survey will be available from January 28 to February 28. You may use any computer with Internet access. Our computer lab will be available to community members for this purpose the week of February 11-15, from 7:45 - 8:45 a.m. and 2:00 - 3:00 p.m. Hard copies

are available in the front office for those prefer to complete a paper version of the survey. We value your input and encourage you to complete the survey.

## Special Survey Incentive

Our cafeteria will be providing an incentive for students whose parent completes the survey. The online version has a form that can be printed and signed by the student's teacher. This pass will be accepted between February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 1<sup>st</sup> for the incentive. Paper copies are also available but we ask that an office staff member or the student's teacher sign a pass for these students once a survey has been returned to the school. All surveys returned to the school will be sent to Research and Evaluation. Again, thank you for your willingness to provide us with this information.

## School Choice

I realize it is only February, but the school district is already planning for next year. The school choice process begins this month. Parents wanting to request a school of choice for the 2008-09 school year may submit a School Choice Open Enrollment Application from February 1 through March 1, 2008. You can apply online at: <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/> under "What's New" You also may pick up an application at the school office. If you have questions regarding school choice, call 794-1900 and ask for Mrs. Fritz.

Just a few reminders. Progress reports go home February 15th. President's Day is February 18th, and a school holiday.

At Sand Pine Elementary we believe that learning is the shared responsibility of the school, the student, the home and the community. Thank you for your support.

Sincerely,

  
Ginny L. Yanson, Principal



# Media Technology



Have you ever wondered how your child can become more familiar with the keyboard or improve their typing skills? Visit the SPES website, click on "For Students" and halfway down on the left, you'll find the "Keyboarding" links. **Dance Mat Typing** is an excellent free typing program that teaches students the home row and the remaining letters and provides practice using those letters with fun games and silly looking cartoons with plenty of funny one-liners. Once students know the proper finger placement and key positions, **Typershark** is another great online game for practicing keyboarding skills. For younger students just learning about the keyboard, the **ABC-Ya** keyboard puzzle is a great activity. This online typing practice encourages students to keep their fingers on the "home row" and look at the screen rather than at their fingers.

The fall technology projects have been completed, and our students have done superior work. All students in grade K-5 have worked with the computer to create their own work in the computer lab or on classroom computers. The projects were both meaningful to the classroom curriculum and supportive of students learning and enhancing their computer skills. The spring projects are now beginning, and there are some exciting



digital books, podcasts, and much more on the horizon. We are very proud of our students' hard work.

Our intermediate students (grades 4/5) are working hard toward their end of the year AR reading goal of 30,000 points! If the students reach that goal, they will be rewarded with a special after school big-screen movie night with popcorn, pizza, and Pepsi. Students will vote on their favorite of three, age-appropriate, new release movies.

This year the yearbook is offering a special opportunity for fifth grade parents to send their students a special message with a quarter page (\$20) or half page (\$40) memory block. Submissions are due by February 6th, and all proceeds go to support the purchase of computer software and hardware for SPES students. For more information and samples, visit the SPES website and go to For Parents->School Publications. The yearbook links can be found on the bottom right corner of the page.

The spring Box Tops for Education collection is coming up! The collection week is February 19-22. Each Box Top brought in during the collection week will enter your student's name in a drawing for an iPod Shuffle. Special thanks go out to our business partner, **Fabiola Llanos** of

Fabby's Corner ([www.fllanos.ordermygift.com](http://www.fllanos.ordermygift.com)), for donating the iPod Shuffle! Additionally, the classes with the most Box Tops will win a special class-wide prize. In the fall, we raised over \$1500 from collecting Box Tops! So start saving those Box Tops today!

The SMART Boards purchased by the PTA have been put to great use in the classrooms.

—Mrs. Pope, Media Specialist  
Mrs. Lattke, Technology Specialist, and  
Mrs. Chitty, Media/Technology Assistant



## It's Dr. Seuss' Birthday!

Students may wear red & white to celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday and Read Across America Day on **Monday, March 3rd**. The campus will be buzzing with Dr. Seuss activities and book readings!

Some other important dates are:

**February 5th**, Sunshine State Lunch Bunch in the Butterfly Garden for students in grades 3-5 who have completed and passed quizzes for 7 of this year's Sunshine State books (for those who didn't attend the last lunch bunch).

**April 1st**, Sunshine State Ice Cream Bingo party for all 3rd-5th graders who have read and passed quizzes for 11 of this year's Sunshine State books.

**April 21-25th**, Reading Road Race Book Fair (Stop by the media center to volunteer for this book fair).

**April 25th**, Books the Magic Is Real, a school wide program sponsored in part by the PTA.

Link to the Sunshine State Book List for grades 3-5 by going to:

**[www.myssyra.org](http://www.myssyra.org)**

or link from the "For Students" section of the Sand Pine school website: <http://sandpine.pasco.k12.fl.us>.

Primary students in Grades K-2 are hearing/reading this year's Children's Book Award list recommended by the Florida Reading Association. Your children will know these as "FRA books." Students will be voting for their favorite one in March.

To view this list, go to:

<http://www.flreads.org/> and click on "Children's Book Award."

A Letter from  
Guyana  
Peace Corps



The students here have really enjoyed reading and looking at all of their books!

I just wanted to share an interesting story with you. I was working with some of my second grade students and one of them had a loose tooth. I asked what happens when a tooth falls out. She told me that they wash the tooth, then they throw it on the roof of their house (they call it the zinc), and they ask the rat.... "Rat, rat, give me back a new tooth." Then the rat gives them a new tooth! I thought this was really interesting, and I told them all about the tooth fairy and what students in the U.S. do when they lose a tooth.



Jennifer McSorely, a teacher from Sand Pine last year, is currently serving in Guyana. So far, 5 boxes of your donated books have been sent to her to help build a library for her students there. If you have gently used books to donate, contact Dawn at dawnkhalil@mac.com



# From Our Reading Specialist

Angie Westbrook

"Reading is to the mind what exercise is to the body."

—Joseph Addison



The students are working on Cause and Effect in the classroom during reading. A cause is why something happens or what makes something happen. An effect is what happens as a result of a cause. While reading with your child at home, here are some tips you can use to reinforce what is being taught at school.

Tips:

- ✓ A cause tells why or gives a reason something happened. An effect tells the thing that happened.
- ✓ Cause and effect sentences involve an event and often go together.
- ✓ Cause and effect can have a problem then solves it by telling how it is worked out.

The next reading comprehension strategy we will focus on is Compare and Contrast. Compare and Contrast tells how things are alike and different.

## Parent Buddy Reading Program

Do you have an extra ½ hour a week that you could spare? Are you an approved volunteer? **We are looking for parents to read with students in the classroom** during their independent reading time. Often all it takes to encourage a young reader is to have someone read with them one on one. If you are interested in participating, or have any questions, please contact Mari Blank or myself. Please include the day and time you are available.

Angie Westbrook – awestbro@pasco.k12.fl.us

Mari Blank - president@sandpinepta.org

Thank you to everyone who supported us through Market Day and our Pizza Fundraiser!

# Ways YOU can support Sand Pine Elementary



### Recycling Program

This program provides an opportunity for our school to turn used cell phones, laser and ink jet cartridges into CASH!! It's so easy to do! Save those old cell

phones, empty laser and ink jet cartridges from printers, copiers and fax machines. Please drop them off at school in the collection areas. Remember that every cartridge or cell phone we receive is money for our school.

Did you know that Sand Pine PTA receives all newspaper recycling proceeds from the dumpsters in Meadow Pointe II clubhouse? **Please help us by recycling your newspapers and placing them in dumpsters located at Meadow Point II.** Together we can make a difference.



**Market Day**  
Helping schools with every bite™

### Market Day

Don't forget Market Day! If you haven't tried it before, you should, as everything bought helps us earn money for our school. Watch for the flyers, or check out the website below.

	Orders Due	Pick Up Date
Flyer	Web	(2:30-4:30)
Feb 1	Feb 5	Feb 14
Feb 29	Mar 4	Mar 13

Go to [www.marketday.com](http://www.marketday.com) to order online



### Box Tops

Earn Cash for our School with Box Tops for Education!

1. Clip Box Tops.
2. Send Box Tops to School.
3. Our School Earns Cash!!

Earn even more for Sand Pine by using Box Tops on-line Market Place. Visit their website and sign up [www.boxtops4education.com](http://www.boxtops4education.com)

# PTA Family Fun Festival!

*Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup>*

## Save the Date!

Get ready Sand Pine families, be sure to save the date for the Spring PTA Family Fun Festival. The PTA is planning a very fun-filled day Saturday, March 29<sup>th</sup> at Sand Pine Elementary from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

## You Can Help!

We are always looking for volunteers to help with planning and on the day of the festival. Let us know if you'd like to be a part of it!

## Business Sponsors

This is a perfect opportunity for businesses looking to get involved with Sand Pine PTA!

Contact Peggy D'Alessandro at [secondvp@sandpinepta.org](mailto:secondvp@sandpinepta.org)



## The FCATs are coming!

The FCAT will be taken mid February, and March at Sand Pine. Confused about the test? The Florida Department of Education has an informative document that explains about the FCAT and what to expect called "Keys to FCAT—information about the 2008 test"



## How you can Help your Child regarding test taking

### Reducing Your Child's Anxieties:

- ✓ Emphasize that test taking is a skill to be developed. Students can get better at it with practice.
- ✓ Remind your child that class grades are not determined by standardized test scores.
- ✓ Explain that no student is expected to know all the answers.

### When Testing Week Comes, Help Your Child By Doing The Following:

- ✓ Get a good night's sleep.
- ✓ Eat a good breakfast every day of test week.
- ✓ Bring eyeglasses or other necessary aids to school.
- ✓ Wear comfortable clothes.
- ✓ Remember to encourage your child to do his/her best and not to get overly stressed.
- ✓ Get to school promptly to avoid feeling rushed.



### Campbell's Labels For Education™ Program

This program awards schools free educational merchandise!

Attention Parents: Campbell's Soup now requires the UPC code off of the packages. They will no longer accept the front labels off the products. Please continue to help out our school by sending in your UPC codes! Visit [www.labelsforeducation.com](http://www.labelsforeducation.com) for a complete list of eligible products.



### Blue Moon Dry Cleaners

Blue Moon Dry Cleaners will donate 10% of the total cost of your dry cleaning orders to our PTA. Blue Moon is a dry cleaning service that picks up and delivers directly to your home. Contact them at 813-615-1415 to set up your account today and tell them Sand Pine sent you!

### PTA Sports Totes

Your PTA has donated sports totes for every pod. These totes include sports balls, jump ropes and sidewalk chalk. The PTA would like to ask all families to help replenish these packs throughout the year. Donations of any new or gently used sports equipment would be greatly appreciated! These items can be turned in to the front office, or sent in with your child for the pod.



### Spirit Day

Don't forget to wear your Sand Pine Elementary T-shirt on Fridays! If your name is called on the morning news and you are wearing your T-shirt, then you win a prize!!

T-shirts are available while supplies last. Contact Jennifer Metz at either 929-6701, or [pr@sandpinepta.org](mailto:pr@sandpinepta.org)





## Diversidad, una realidad que muchos no se dan cuenta

por Carlos Vera – Sand Pine’s PTA Treasurer

En días pasados estaba leyendo un artículo en el website del PTA Nacional acerca de la Diversidad (Diversity) titulado “For a Stronger PTA, Put Diversity in Details”<sup>1</sup> y me hizo reflexionar si realmente nosotros entendemos la realidad de lo que la Diversidad representa en el día a día.

Lo primero que habría que hacer, es llegar a un consenso de lo que “Diversidad” significa. Para ello, me tomé la tarea de buscar cuáles eran las definiciones que se manejan bajo este término y encontré que eran tan diversas como el concepto mismo.

La definición más sencilla es “variedad”. Implica ser “diferentes” y eso simplemente se da con diferencias. Las diferencias pueden ser de todo tipo, razas, religión, lenguaje, formas de vestir, cultura, estructura familiar, condición social, nivel de instrucción, profesión, etc. Es impresionante darse cuenta que la mayoría de las personas sólo piensan que Diversidad es relativo a nacionalidad o lenguajes.

Pero si ese fuese el caso, Sand Pine es una viva muestra de lo que Diversidad es, sólo mirando los colores del gráfico nos damos cuenta de ello.

Aparte de saber que vivimos con la Diversidad, lo más importante es saber qué podemos obtener de ésto.

- Permite ver y entender cosas que, si todos fuésemos iguales, no entenderíamos.
- Conocer y vivir nuevas experiencias.
- Convivir con otras culturas; adoptando nuevas costumbres.
- Genera el interés en dominar uno o varios idiomas.
- Crea un ambiente que fomenta el pluralismo.

La gente no se da cuenta de que cada vez las economías de nuestros países son más Globalizadas y que la Diversidad es el factor común en todas ellas. Las escuelas son el mejor laboratorio para que nuestros hijos y nosotros mismos aprendamos de la Diversidad y nos prepare mejor para el futuro.

<sup>1</sup> For a Stronger PTA, Put Diversity in the Details - [http://www.pta.org/pr\\_magazine\\_article\\_details\\_1156455404328.html](http://www.pta.org/pr_magazine_article_details_1156455404328.html)

## Diversity, a reality that not everybody realizes

By Carlos Vera – Sand Pine’s PTA Treasurer

The other day, I was reading an article on the National PTA Website about diversity entitled “For a Stronger PTA, Put Diversity in Details.” It made me wonder if we really understand what **diversity** means today.

The first thing we need is a consensus about the meaning of **diversity**. I looked for definitions and I found that they were as diverse as the concept.

The simplest definition is “variety,” which implies to be “different.” The differences can be of: race, religion, language, form of dress, culture, family structure, social condition, level of instruction, profession, etc. It is really impressive to realize that most people only think that diversity is related to race, nationality or languages. Sand Pine’s student body is a sample of our diversity.

It is important to know how we all benefit from living with diversity.

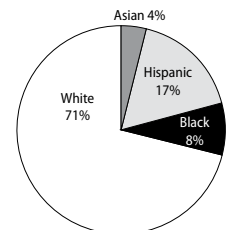
- It allows to see and understand things that, if all we were equal, we would not understand.
- To know and to live new experiences.
- To coexist with other cultures; adopting new customs.
- It generates the interest in dominating one or several languages.

People do not realize that today, our lives are more Global, and diversity is the common factor. Schools are the best laboratories where children can learn about diversity while preparing for the future.

### Sand Pine Enrollment by Race/Ethnicity 2005-06 School Year

American Indian/Alaskan Native:	2
Asian/Pacific Islander:	43
Hispanic:	172
Black, non-Hispanic:	75
White, non-Hispanic:	691

Source: Institute of Education Science



# What's happening...

## Parent School Survey

Throughout February log on to <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/> and find the Satisfaction Survey under "What's New." Please fill out this important survey and let your voice be heard!

## President's Day

**Monday, February 18th** is President's Day, and therefore there will be no school.

## Dairy Queen Night

**Friday, March 14th** Dairy Queen invites all Sand Pine families to enjoy some yummy treats and will donate a portion of the night's proceeds to Sand Pine PTA! Please come out and join us.

## Teacher Planning Day

**Friday, March 21st** is a teacher planning day, and therefore, there will be no school for students.

## PTA Family Fun Festival

**Saturday, March 29th** there will be lots of fun-filled games and activities at Sand Pine from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. Come out and join us, or better yet, volunteer and be a part of it!

Watch our website for more information  
on all upcoming events,

[www.sandpinepta.org](http://www.sandpinepta.org)

# ¿Qué está pasando?...

## Encuesta de Satisfacción

A lo largo del mes de Febrero; visitando el siguiente link <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/>, Usted podrá encontrar la "Encuesta de Satisfacción" de su Escuela", bajo la sección "What's New." Por favor, tome el tiempo para completar esta importante encuesta y haga sentir su voz. Si prefiere llenar esta encuesta en español, dirijase a la oficina de la escuela, y gustosamente lo ayudarán.

## Día del Presidente (President's Day)

El lunes 18 de Febrero se celebra el Día del Presidente; y por ende, no habrá actividad escolar.

## Noche en Dairy Queen

Dairy Queen invita para el próximo viernes 14 de Marzo a toda la familia de Sand Pine a disfrutar unos sabrosos helados y donará una porción de lo que se obtenga esa noche al PTA de Sand Pine. Venga y acompañenos.

## Día de Planificación de los Maestros

El venidero viernes 21 de Marzo es el día seleccionado para actividades de Planificación de parte de los Maestros; por consiguiente, no hay actividades para estudiantes.

## PTA Family Fun Festival

El sábado 29 de Marzo, será un día lleno de actividades y diversión en Sand Pine. Estaremos esperándote desde las 11:00 a.m. hasta las 3:00 p.m.; o mejor aún, házte voluntario y forma parte de este evento!.

## PTA's Position on "Pell Grants for Kids"

The National PTA is firmly opposed to President Bush's proposal for "Pell Grants for Kids," a national voucher program that deprives public schools of critically needed taxpayer funds by diverting those funds to private schools with no taxpayer or educational accountability. Public funding for education needs to support and improve our nation's public schools.

Vouchers benefit few students while taking scarce resources away from those who need it the most. Vouchers take money away from public schools, where 90 percent of all school-age children are enrolled, and give it to private schools.

For more information on this issue, visit [www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org).



March 29th

PTA Family Fun  
Festival  
Don't forget!

Become a  
08-09 PTA  
Board Member!

Anyone interested in running  
for a position please leave a  
note in the PTA  
mailbox..

The PTA  
wants YOU!

Get "in stock" t-shirts  
for only \$5. Contact  
Jennifer Metz to see what  
we have at  
pr@sandpinepta.org

### Lost and Found

Remember, after 2 weeks, any  
items that are NOT found by  
their owners, will be donated  
to the Pasco Homeless  
Assistance Program.

The Lost & Found is located  
in the mail room, but is moved  
to the sidewalk in front of  
SPES each Friday.

Happy  
Valentines Day

Good Luck New River!  
New River Elementary will  
move into their new school  
the weekend of February 16th!

The PTA donated \$100  
toward the building of their  
playground. In return, a brick  
with our name on it will be  
placed in the new walkway  
going to the playground.

### Walk Now for Autism

Saturday, February 23 at MOSI

Join Autism Speaks and Walk Now  
for Autism. This walk offers  
a fun-filled experience with  
entertainment, refreshments, an  
autism community resource  
fair and much more. For more  
information log on to:  
[www.walknowforautism.org](http://www.walknowforautism.org).

From Feb. 1st through April 4th a  
Penny Collection will take place at  
Wesley Chapel Toyota to benefit schools  
in our area. All monies collected from Sand  
Pine will be donated to our school. There is  
no obligation. The winner will be determined  
not by the amount of pennies collected but  
by the amount of times parents visit the  
dealership. So, please make sure before you  
put the pennies in our Sand Pine bin, let a  
Wesley Chapel Toyota representative know  
that you are from Sand Pine.

Don't forget to fill  
out your school  
survey on [http://  
www.pasco.k12.fl.us/](http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/)



Mari Blank with  
Sand Pine PTA  
Awards

The PTA Boys vs. Girls  
Campbell's Soup Labels for  
Education contest will be held  
February 11-15. All eligible proofs of  
purchase should be packaged in baggies  
labeled for a team (Boys or Girls) and  
brought to your teacher. The winning  
gender gets bragging rights for the rest  
of the year...eligible items can be found  
on: [labelsforeducation.com](http://labelsforeducation.com).

## Sand Pine Business Partner News

**Wesley Chapel Toyota** has partnered with Sand Pine through their "CAREs for Education" program. They sponsored a faculty/staff breakfast and our monthly "Pass the Flag" recognition program and were a major sponsor of PTA Bingo. This program's primary focus is to give recognition to educators and to be used as a fundraising tool directly benefiting the schools. Sand Pine is enrolled in their "Refer a Friend" program. The person who refers a customer to Wesley Chapel Toyota will be eligible to receive a cash referral. The \$100 referral for purchases will be given back to Sand Pine. Our partnership also allows our families to receive reduced prices on oil & filter changes and special VIP pricing on new and used vehicles. Call Renata DiPaola to make your hassle free appointment and be sure to mention that you are part of the Sand Pine Family (show your CAREs for Education card that came home earlier this year). We appreciate all that Wesley Chapel Toyota is doing to support the schools in our community! Contact Renata DiPaola: 1-888-271-1914 phone, 813-994-0142 Fax, renatadipaola@wesleychapeltoyota.com

Vanesa Saucedo, **Creative Memories Consultant** has partnered with Sand Pine to provide prizes and other donations to our Accelerated Reader year-end store as well as scrapbooking help in the school. She will donate 10% (before taxes) of all purchases made by Sand Pine families. Please be sure to mention SAND PINE when placing your orders. Contact: Vanesa Saucedo (Meadow Point resident) at (813) 388-5224, scraftingwithvanesa@yahoo.com

**Fabby's Corner** has partnered with Sand Pine by donating an I Pod shuffle for our next Box Top raffle prize and by donating other products monthly. She provided healthy snacks for one of our "Student Wellness" classes. Please support her by looking at all of the product lines offered at [www.flanos.ordermygift.com](http://www.flanos.ordermygift.com) and [flanos.qhealthbeauty.com](http://flanos.qhealthbeauty.com). To place an order with Fabiola Llanos, call (813) 458-2475 or (813) 838-5249.

**BJ's Wholesale Club** has donated bottled water and fruit for our "Student Wellness" classes and has donated other materials to support our curricular needs. They have adopted Sand Pine as part of their "Adopt -a-School" program. We thank them for all of their support!

Please continue to support these other business partners (described in earlier newsletters): **Beef O'Brady's, Central Bank, Dairy Queen, Domino's Pizza, Hand in Hand Educational & Entertainment Company, Tijuana Flats** and **Gary Cucci with The Horace Mann Companies.**

We value all of our relationships with our community. Our partners make an annual commitment to provide materials, resources, and donations of time. If you would like more information, call Belinda Pope at (813) 794-1920.

## REFLECTIONS

### Congratulations to all our Reflections Pasco Winners!!

The Reflection winners for Pasco county have been announced! These students competed against other Pasco County students and their work will be forwarded to the Florida PTA office to complete against other Florida students. The Sand Pine winners are:

#### Primary:

Literature - 3rd Place - **Megan Ryan**

#### Intermediate

Visual Arts -2nd Place - **Aisha Phelan**  
Photography - 3rd Place - **Steven Blank**  
Literature - 1st Place - **Isabella Forcino**  
Music - 2nd Place - **Kaitlyn Ridolph**  
Film - 1st Place - **Jared Norman**

## Fun in the Sun

*Please help us educate our children on the dangers of the sun, and help show our commitment to this very important topic.*

### Word Search

S U N F T S A D  
L N R U B L A E  
I X P N O O N R  
P E E L R P I C  
Q H F A C E N A  
T A N H D R Y R  
S V O O N O S E  
U S H I R T M B  
S K I N C A R V  
Z S L A P H O T

*Can you find these words?*

BURN	HOT	RED	SLIP
CARE	NOON	SHIRT	SLOP
DRY	NOSE	SKIN	SUN
FACE	PEEL	SLAP	TAN
HAT			

### Thanks go to:

- » **Jason Pratt, Manager of Bennigan's Restaurant** for supplying our Holiday PTA Board Luncheon.
- » **Sweetbay Supermarkets** for donating a sheet cake for our December PTA General Assembly Meeting/Reflections celebration.
- » **Edible Arrangements** for donating a delicious fruit arrangement for our PTA General Assembly Meeting.

# Have you joined the PTA yet?

We have 414 parents in our PTA. If you haven't become a member yet, please consider how valuable your \$5-8 annual membership means to our PTA. There are no obligations, you can be as involved as your schedule allows.

*When PTA gets involved, all children benefit!*

MEMBER NAME \_\_\_\_\_

IF JOINING AS FAMILY—SPOUSE'S NAME \_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL ADDRESS \_\_\_\_\_

Would you like to receive notices by email?

yes  no

Please check:

Mother  Father

Grandparent

Community/Business Partner

Faculty/Staff

Teacher

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

POD/TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

POD/TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

STUDENT NAME \_\_\_\_\_

POD/TEACHER \_\_\_\_\_

Dues are \$5 for one adult, \$8 for family (2 adults). \$25 for Business memberships

Send this form with check (payable to SPES PTA) or cash to school with your child, or via mail to:

Sand Pine Elementary PTA  
29040 County Line Road  
Wesley Chapel, FL 33543


## Questions?

Contact Mary Burstiner at [membership@sandpinpta.org](mailto:membership@sandpinpta.org).

# Thank You Sand Pine PTA Superstars!

The Sand Pine PTA would like to thank the businesses listed on these pages for their generous support. They have made contributions that will offset the cost of this newsletter as well as many of our PTA activities. When you visit these businesses, please thank them for their support.

## PTA PLATINUM SUPERSTARS—\$500 LEVEL



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Fax: (813) 929-6927  
[info@kiderkids-meadowpointe.com](mailto:info@kiderkids-meadowpointe.com)



**Paul Duga**  
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E-mail: [drpaul@paulduga-pediatricdentistry.com](mailto:drpaul@paulduga-pediatricdentistry.com)  
15293 Amberly Drive Tampa, Florida 33647 Phone: (813) 634-1100 Fax: (813) 634-1644


**Care Multispecialty & Care Dentistry**  
18302 Highwoods Preserve Pkwy, Suite 101  
Tampa, FL 33647  
**Sownya Balaji**  
[sownya@radiantinfotech.com](mailto:sownya@radiantinfotech.com)

*If you'd like to become a PTA Superstar and see your business listed here contact Peggy D'Alessandro at [superstars@sandpinepta.org](mailto:superstars@sandpinepta.org).*


## PTA GOLD SUPERSTARS—\$250 LEVEL



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Wesley Chapel, Florida 33543  
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