



Sand Pine Elementary School

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Upcoming Events For October & November

- 12th—End of 1st. 9 weeks
- 13th—No School
- 16th—No School
- 20th—BINGO Night 7:00pm
- 23rd-31st Red Ribbon Week
- 25th—report cards dist.
- 27th—Refections deadline

Looking Ahead To December

Next Newsletter
Deadline

September 11, 2006



A message from this year's PTA President: Mari



I want to welcome back our school staff, parents and students. I hope everyone had a safe and fun summer.

Let me introduce myself. My name is Mari Blank and I am your PTA's new President. I am looking forward to an exciting year full of educational programs for our children along with fun family activities. This year, we will again host our popular Bingo nights and Spring Carnival, among other activities.

Registration Day was a complete success. We nearly sold out of our awesome and newly designed Spirit shirts

and completely sold out of the School Supply Packages. We also signed up 257 new PTA members. If you have not yet done so, please become a member of the PTA -- your support will help us reach our goals for this year.

We begin our school year with a brand new playground, which was made possible by your continued and generous support.

Our Fall General Assembly Meeting / Ice Cream Social / Playground Dedication & Ribbon Cutting (try saying that 3 times!!) will be on September 14th at 7:00 p.m.

We will be introducing your new PTA Board and will present our 2006-2007 budget.

Our Fundraising Kick-Off will be in early September. Your support will continue to allow us to provide educational programs and support our school by purchasing needed items. I look forward to meeting our new PTA Members and working together towards a better future for our children.

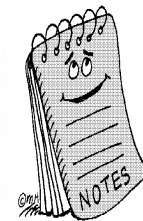
Mari C. Blank
2006-2007
PTA President

General Assembly Meeting

Presentation of 2006-2007 Budget
September 14th, 7:00 p.m.

School Cafeteria

Introduction of new PTA Board
Ice Cream Social with a Playground dedication and ribbon cutting ceremony!



We would like to thank our Girl Scout troop # 638 for their generous donation.

These monies went towards the purchase of a beautiful new plaque that will be displayed in our awesome new playground area.

A message from our School's Principal: Ginny Yanson

Dear Parents and Members of the Sand Pine Community, I am excited to report to you that we had a most successful opening. In spite of high numbers, 33 portables, and many new students - it was a smooth operation! Our summer was a busy one. Kindergarten Camp was a huge success with 63 students in attendance. We were able to find outstanding applicants for our openings. Luckily, we opened fully staffed.

Please join us in welcoming new faculty and staff:

Wetlands Team: Lynn Ward

Sun Rays Team: Colleen Sanders and Jennifer Townsan

Pinelands: Mary Ann Purkiser

Coral Reefs: Freda Malphurs

Mangroves: Stephanie Bilotti and Elaine Theodore

Amelia Islands: Joel Holtry, Melissa Bidgood, and Amanda Jordan

Captiva: Theresa Johnson

Cedar Key: Ona Walter and Kathy Franks

Floridans: Jessica Maus and Janelle Brett

Siesta Key: Tami Perugini

Technology Specialist: Michelle Lattke

PE: Tom Rulison

ESOL: Jill Wood

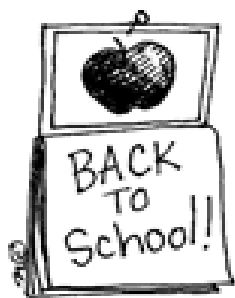
Instructional Assistants: Stephanie Golder, Wendy Collera, and Dina Gregorich

Pre K Instructional Assistant : Mercy Busi

Secretary: Linda Albertson

Social Worker: Pat Malone

Food and Nutrition: Maria Mundo, Darlene Pascullo



Our arrival and dismissal plans are still hectic. I thank you for your patience. Please follow our arrival and dismissal procedures. Please always be prepared to show ID OR HAVE YOUR VISOR CARD. I know it may seem inconvenient at times, but the safety of our students is of utmost importance. I have noticed that some of our students are riding bikes and scooters or are roller blading to school without helmets. The Florida Statutes state a bicycle rider who is under 16 years of age must wear a bicycle helmet. Law enforcement officers and school crossing guards may issue a bicycle safety brochure and a verbal warning to a bicycle rider who is in violation. A bicycle rider who continues to violate the rule may be issued a citation by a law enforcement officer and assessed a fine. Please make sure if your child is riding a bicycle, scooter, or roller blades to school that he/she wears a helmet. As many of you know, all of our intermediate students are housed in portables - approximately 600 plus students. We are again asking for volunteers to serve on a parent patrol to help monitor the area around our portable classrooms.

If you can help with our parent patrol, call the school at (813) 794-1900 and ask for Mrs. Gauvey.

Sincerely,

Ginny L. Yanson

Principal

On Tuesday, September 19th, we will have our annual health screening.



These free screenings are conducted on select grades, as required by Florida statues:

- *Hearing: K & first grade
- *Kindergarten: vision
- *First & Third grade: vision, Ht/Wt BMI (body mass index)

Body mass index (BMI) is a measurement derived from a person's weight and height and was only recently recommended as an additional routine measurement of growth. You will receive information about BMI after the school screening. Additionally, you will be notified of the results of your child's vision and hearing ONLY if medical followup is necessary.

If your child wears glasses, please send the glasses with the student to school on this date. Please call the clinic assistant, Ms. Wojaczek, or Mrs. Herbert, R.N., with any questions. If you do not wish your child to participate, please send a note to your child's teacher.

Volunteers are needed, please sign up at the front office if you can help!

Thank you!

Lyn Herbert R.N



Our Sand Pine clinic could always use new underwear and socks for little accidents that might occur throughout the day!!

Recycle, Reuse and Save ...

Please help support our on-going recycling program. This program provides an opportunity for our school to turn used cell phones, laser and ink jet cartridges to CASH!! It's so easy to do! Save those old cell phones, empty laser and inkjet 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 I and II clubhouses? Please help us by recycling your newspapers and placing them in these dumpsters. Together we can make a difference.



Sand Pine Needs Your Sports Equipment!

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 to replenish these packs throughout the year. Donations of any new or gently used sports balls, jump ropes or sidewalk chalk would be greatly appreciated! These items can be turned in to the front office, or sent in with your child for their pod. We appreciate your help maintaining these packs and your continued support in making Sand Pine Elementary a great school.

HELP Sand Pine Elementary School GET FREE MERCHANDISE!

Campbell's Labels For Education™ Program Awards Free Educational Merchandise



You can help Sand Pine Elementary School earn free merchandise such as computers, audio/visual equipment and physical education equipment simply by collecting Campbell product proofs of purchase and forwarding them to Sand Pine Elementary School. Drop labels off in the collection box in the front office or have your child turn them in to their teacher. Visit www.labelsforeducation.com for a complete list of eligible products.

Earn Cash



1. Clip Box Tops

Find Box Tops on hundreds of your favorite products. Each box top is worth 10¢ to our school.

2. Send Box Tops to School

Turn in your box tops. Our school will collect the box tops and send them to Box Tops for Education.

3. Our School Earns Cash!

Twice each year, Box Tops will send our school a check worth 10¢ for each box top received.

Welcome Back!

I hope you enjoyed a relaxing summer and are looking forward to an exciting school year.

Thank you to everyone who has already joined the PTA. We appreciate your support. If you have not had a chance to join yet, it is not too late. You can fill out the attached form and send it back in an envelope with your child. We will also have a membership table set up during Sand Pine's Open House on August 22nd and 24th. (Look for more information to come home with your child soon.)

“When PTA gets involved, all children benefit. When you get involved with the PTA, the child who benefits most is

By becoming a PTA member you are joining the nearly seven million members of the national PTA, the largest volunteer organization working exclusively to improve education, health, safety, and well-being of all children.

By joining the PTA, you are not obligating yourself to anything. You are simply helping the PTA support the children and school.

Although there are no mandatory meetings, we invite members to join us at our general assembly meetings so that they can have a voice in what the PTA is doing to better their child's education.

Don't be afraid...joining is easy!

- No mandatory meetings. •No Hassles!
- No required volunteer hours. •No Obligations!

Become a member of the PTA and you will gain a better understanding of the issues that affect our children, develop friendships with others who share your concerns, and lend your voice to make a difference for all children in our community.

Come join us today!

PTA

every child. one voice

**For more information contact:
Stacey Rusch, Membership**



SAND PINE ELEMENTARY PTA

membership enrollment form

adult name(s):

student name(s):

teacher (pod)

home phone: _____ **e-mail:** _____

number of memberships: _____ **cash check #** _____ **total: = \$** _____

parent staff grandparent other ---- _____

please make checks payable to SPS PTA. cost for membership is \$9.00 for one adult, \$2.00 for family (2 adults.) please detach and return this form along with your check or cash to sand pine elementary PTA.

Fundraising Headlines

Our PTA's Fundraising Catalog will be distributed on September 1st. You will find wonderful gifts for the holiday season. Any purchase will give your child a chance to win "Christmas with Mickey" passes for a family of four. There will be NO DOOR SELLING! These items are shipped directly sometime between the end of October and the beginning of November. Look for your catalog soon and GET READY TO SHOP!!!

Every Friday
is
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 - you win a prize!!



Attention PTA Volunteers

When you volunteer for the PTA at a function, please make sure you enter your hours under "PTA Function" in the Volunteer computer located in the Media Center. Our PTA could qualify to receive a PTA Volunteer Award from Florida PTA.

Thank you to all who choose to volunteer. We at Sand Pine have a great group of parents and family members willing to donate time.

Introducing the 2006-2007 National PTA Reflections Program Theme...

"My Favorite Place"

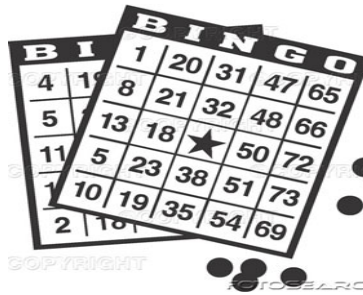
If you like to take pictures, create paintings or drawings, write poems or short stories, sing or write a song, dance or choreograph a dance routine, then this program is for you. Look for official rules, entry forms and deadline information in the media center beginning August 28th. All students who participate will receive an award of merit, an invitation to our Reflections Program Display/Awards night, a treasure box prize, and an opportunity to share your creation on the school news show. Entries will be judged and yours may move on to county, state, or even national levels!!!

Get ready to start creating!!! If you have any questions, please contact Michelle Hunter or Sharon Cypriano (PTA Reflections Committee) through the school office.



2006-2007 Entertainment Books on Sale

This year the PTA has a limited number of Entertainment Books for you to purchase. They are full of 50% off and 2 for 1 discounts on restaurants, movies, sporting events and more. If interested in purchasing a book, please contact Martine Duncan, PTA Fundraising, through the school office.



The ever popular BINGO night will be held on Friday October 20th. Doors will open at 6:30 for food and refreshments. BINGO will begin at 7:00 and, as always, we expect to have great prizes!

Health & Safety Topics



Escape School is coming September 28th at 6:30 p.m. Hear about this great event at our next PTA General Assembly Meeting. You won't want to miss it. Also look for more information coming home soon in your child's backpack.



Remind your children that they need to always wear their helmets when riding their bike, scooters or rollerblades.



Please join Florida in celebrating Family Day- A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children. This is a national effort to promote family dinners as an effective way to reduce substance abuse among children and teens and open up the lines of communication.

Family Day is celebrated September 25th, 2006.

Family Day— A Day to Eat Dinner with Your Children is a national effort to promote family dinners as an effective way to reduce substance abuse among children and teens. Pledge today to eat dinner with your family on Monday, September 25, 2006, and make dinner a family event! Visit the Florida Family Day website to sign the pledge and learn more about Family Day! www.FloridaFamilyDay.com

Florida Family Day

10 Benefits

OF FREQUENT FAMILY DINNERS

The more often children and teens eat dinner with their families, the less likely they are to smoke, drink and use drugs. Children and teens who have frequent family dinners:

1. Are at half the risk for substance abuse compared to teens who dine with their families infrequently.
2. Are less likely to have friends or classmates who use illicit drugs or abuse prescription drugs.
3. Have lower levels of tension and stress at home
4. Are more likely to say that their parents are proud of them.
5. Are likelier to say they can confide in their parents.
6. Are likelier to get better grades in school.
7. Are more likely to be emotionally content and have positive peer relationships.
8. Have healthier eating habits
9. Are at lower risk for thoughts of suicide.
10. Are less likely to try marijuana or have friends who use

Remember: NO student should arrive at school before 8:15 am, as this is the teachers' planning time.

All students arriving after 8:40 **MUST BE ESCORTED** to the office with an **ADULT** to receive a tardy pass.

Planning Ahead

Tentative date for our School Carnival is set for March 24th this year so start planning ahead to help us out in any way you possibly can.



Thank you to everyone who helped make our

Welcome Back Breakfast such a success. The food was wonderful and a great time was had by all who were able to attend. See for yourself....



Always remember to check our lost and found for any missing lunch boxes, glasses and jackets that might be missing from your home.

They start missing their families quickly.

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