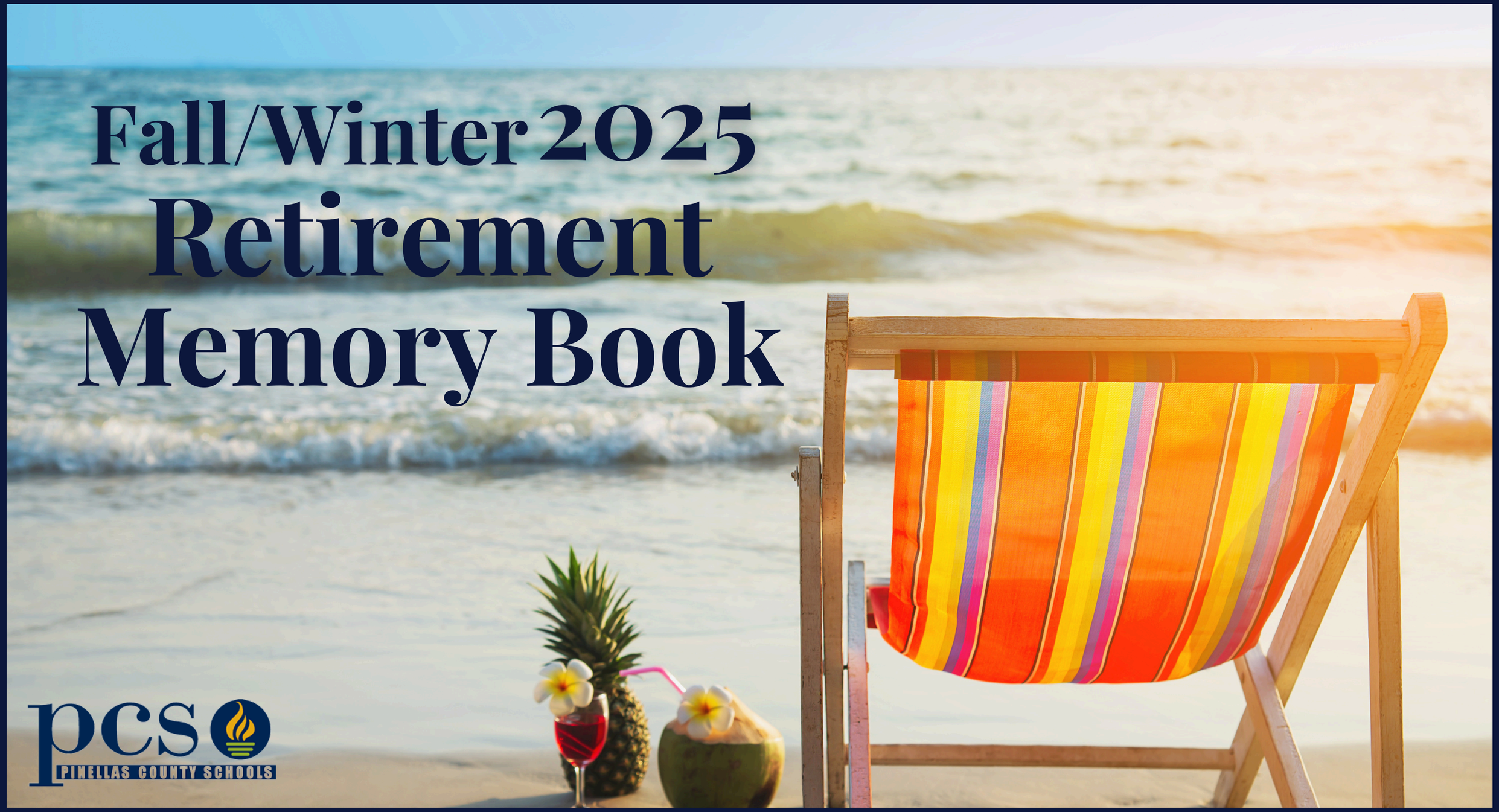
Fall/Winter 2025 Retirement Memory Book



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Dear 2025 Retirees,

On behalf of Pinellas County Schools, thank you for your service and dedication to our students and community. Your passion and care have truly embodied our core values, enriching the lives of countless students and families. Although you are retiring, please know that your impact will continue for generations to come.

Thank you for being such an integral part of our Pinellas County Schools family. We wish you good health, happiness, and great fulfillment as you embark on your next chapter.

Congratulations.

Kevin K. Hendrick

Pinellas County Schools Superintendent

Dear 2025 Retirees,

On behalf of the Pinellas County School Board, congratulations on your retirement!

We are deeply grateful for your many years of dedicated service to the students and staff of our district. The impact you have made through your hard work, commitment, and passion is truly invaluable. May the memories you carry with you serve as a lasting reminder of the positive difference you have made in the lives of students, colleagues, and the wider school community.

Thank you for making a difference. We wish you all the best as we celebrate your retirement and the beginning of an exciting new chapter.



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Chairperson of the Pinellas County School Board

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Vice Chairperson
(At Large District #3)

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Azalea Elementary



Regina Glenn-Speights

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
35 Years of Service

Tammi Risk

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
16 Years of Service



Bardmoor Elementary

Nancy Knight

Teacher,
26 Years of Service



Bauder Elementary



Sally Burks

Teacher, 25 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I loved our overnight field trips to Tallahassee with 4th grade students. We visited the Capitol building and participated in a mock trial at the FL Supreme Court. I also loved the Invention Convention I organized and hosted for gifted learners across the District.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I look forward to more walks on the beach, sunsets, travel and spending time with family.

Bay Vista Fundamental

Sheryl Barnes

Secretary/Bookkeeper,
11 Years of Service



Belcher Elementary



Francine Harvey

Teacher,
35 Years of Service

Tracy Rivera

Teacher Assistant,
29 Years of Service



Belleair Elementary



Davin Parsons

Teacher,
20 Years of Service

Boca Ciega High



Christine Brown
Teacher,
32 Years of Service



Melanie Finkley
Data Management Technician,
38 Years of Service

Boca Ciega High (continued)



Amy Krusemark
Teacher,
13 Years of Service

Robert MacDonald
Teacher,
18 Years of Service



Brooker Creek Elementary



Katherine Fox

Teacher,
39 Years of Service

Budget & Resource Allocation

Cynthia Dzien
Financial Reporting Analyst,
24 Years of Service



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Calvin Hunsinger School



Laurie Fedenko

School Counselor, 39 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Talking with students in between classes, at lunch, and after school events.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Seeing more people I love and traveling!



Dorothy Pichette

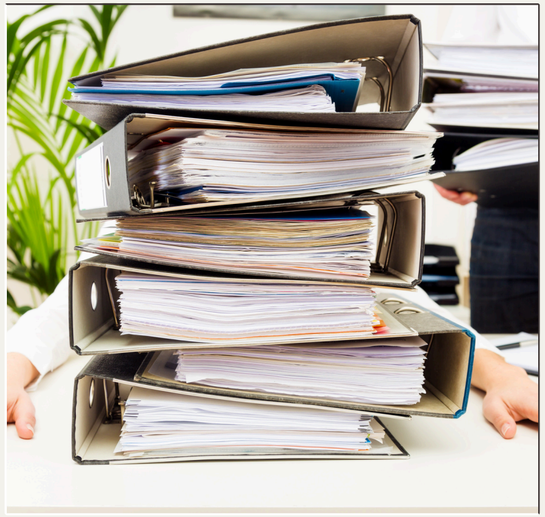
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
18 Years of Service

Ananias McDougle

Plant Operator,
28 Years of Service



Career, Technical, and Adult Education



Nivin Farag

Clerk Specialist II,
21 Years of Service

Margaret Paynter

Managing Officer, 26 Years of Service



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Carwise Middle



Donna Yeasting

School Officer Clerk I,
17 Years of Service

Cash Management

Andrew Jacobsen
Manager Cash & Investments,
32 Years of Service



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Charter Schools & Home Education



Laurie House
Clerk Specialist II,
28 Years of Service

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Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy

Barbara Spanolios

Teacher Assistant,
19 Years of Service



Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy

Clearwater Adult Education Center



David Davis
Teacher,
31 Years of Service

CAEC

Clearwater Fundamental Middle

Bridget Bohnet

Teacher,
37 Years of Service





Stephanie Sagan

Teacher,
31 Years of Service

TRAILBLAZERS
CLEARWATER FUNDAMENTAL

Clearwater High



Herbert Weller

Teacher,
33 Years of Service

Leslie Van Hall

Head Plant Operator,
8 Years of Service



Countryside High



Matthew Duesing
Teacher,
19 Years of Service

Robert Hawkins
Teacher,
33 Years of Service





Marienne Reese
Teacher, 32 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Making real and lasting connections with some of the most challenging students.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Spending time with family and taking care of my grandson. Crafting.

Curlew Creek Elementary



Bridget Lynch
Teacher,
35 Years of Service

Sarah Magsakay
Library Media Technology Specialist,
19 Years of Service



Curtis Fundamental Elementary

Julie Woodka
Teacher,
35 Years of Service



Cypress Woods Elementary



Anthea Evans
PE Assistant,
25 Years of Service

Carolyn Maguire
Teacher,
15 Years of Service



Disston Academy



Delores Green
Paraprofessional,
32 Years of Service

Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary



Andrea Cate
Teacher-Gifted
19 Years of Service

Deborah Ohare
Teacher,
39 Years of Service



DOUGLAS L. JAMERSON, JR. ELEMENTARY
Center for Mathematics and Engineering

Douglas L. Jamerson Elementary (continued)



Kim Parsons

Teacher, 36 Years of Service



Mrs. Shaquina "Quan" Reese

Instructional Staff Developer,
19 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I have enjoyed being able to be a mentor not only to students, staff and families.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Living life and growing a community that is able to grow their student.

DOUGLAS L. JAMERSON, JR. ELEMENTARY
Center for Mathematics and Engineering

Dunedin High



Kristin Hawkins

Teacher,
11 Years of Service



Craig Zachar

Behavior Specialist,
22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: All of the kids and staff I've had the pleasure of working with at Safety Harbor IBIS and Dunedin High.
Go Falcons!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Same thing everybody does. Traveling, golf, children.



Sheila Spinnanger

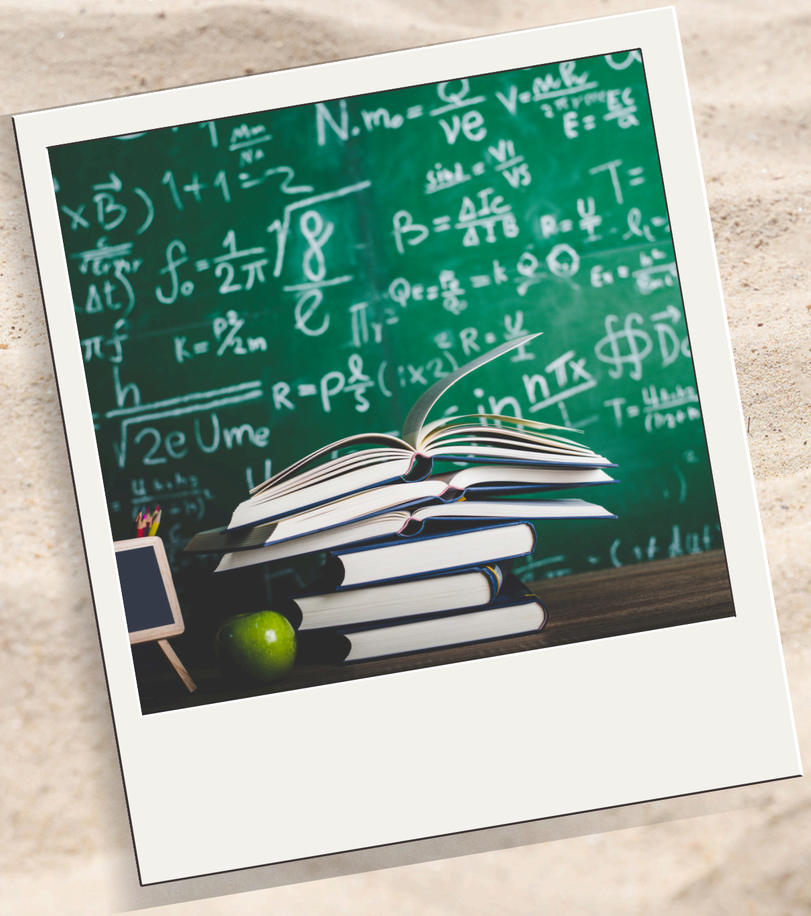
Food and Nutrition
Assistant, 12 Years of Service

Dunedin Highland Middle

Elaine Dunson
Teacher,
22 Years of Service



Education Alternative Services



Robin Fate

Teacher Varying Exceptionalities,
34 Years of Service

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East Lake High



Todd Barnes
Groundskeeper,
31 Years of Service

Elisa Nelson Elementary

Susan Vertullo
Art Teacher,
10 Years of Service



Exceptional Student Education Countywide

Elaine Wheeler
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
18 Years of Service



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Facilities and Operations



Clinton Herbic
Chief Operations Officer,
37 Years of Service

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Fairmont Park Elementary



Carol McCabe

Library Media Technology Specialist,
16 Years of Service

Forest Lakes Elementary

Van Dang

Teacher, 30 Years of Service





Christopher Spencer

Head Plant Operator,
33 Years of Service

Gibbs High



Bridget Keeley

Food and Nutrition
Cook Specialist,
16 Years of Service

Darrell Stubbins

Plant Operator,
24 Years of Service



Gulfport Montessori Elementary

Elizabeth Blevins
Teacher Assistant,
16 Years of Service



BULLDOGS
GULFPORT MONTESSORI ELEMENTARY

Highland Lakes Elementary



Kathryn Culverhouse

Teacher,
32 Years of Service

Cathleen Ell

Teacher, 20 Years of Service



Hollins High



Christopher Clark
Teacher,
15 Years of Service



Loretta Lamore
Teacher,
40 Years of Service



Kathleen Neal
Teacher,
22 Years of Service

ROYALS

Hollins High (continued)



Wanda Nieves

Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
10 Years of Service

Valarie Pinzon

Teacher, 15 Years of Service



ROYALS

Kings Highway Elementary Magnet School



Liliana Apfelbaum
Teacher,
11 Years of Service

Linda Sullivan
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
18 Years of Service



Lakeview Fundamental Elementary



Sherri Wiggins
Art Teacher,
10 Years of Service

LAKEVIEW FUNDAMENTAL
Little School with the Big Heart

Lakewood Community School - GED Adult Education Center

Patrick Jennings
Teacher,
37 Years of Service



Lakewood Community School
-Where Education Meets Adults-

Largo Middle IB World School



Amy Lopez
Instructional Staff Developer,
29 Years of Service

Leila G. Davis Elementary



Julie Purcell
Teacher,
25 Years of Service

Sandra Spennato
Teacher,
30 Years of Service



Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8

Tonya Emory
Teacher,
22 Years of Service





Traci Emery-Jones
Teacher,
27 Years of Service



Loraina Grace
Data Management Technician,
29 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Hosting the Spin to Win Game and attending our annual Fish Fry and Fun Festival Bosses night PAOEP- wearing themed costumes. Being a PTA/PTSA Board Member for 12 years, working with the Rotary Club and hosting Fear Factor Food edition at our annual Fall Festival.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Being a "Granny Nanny" for my newest grandchild. Looking forward to visiting my grandchildren & family in Georgia, Traveling and being more involved in the community.

Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8 (continued)

Peggy Kronenwetter

Food & Nutrition Manager,
28 Years of Service





Karen Lyens

Teacher,
31 Years of Service

Mangrove Bay Middle

Edmundson Williams
Plant Operator,
30 Years of Service



MANGROVE
Bay Middle School

McMullen Booth Elementary



Cathy Kelly

Teacher, 17 Years of Service



Alice Prince

Teacher, 8 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I loved seeing the smiles of my student faces and the hugs received each time I came into the room. I work with students who were autistic and to see them exhibit emotions were priceless

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling and enjoying life.

Meadowlawn Middle



Kelly Bockholt
Teacher,
25 Years of Service

Midtown Academy

Mary Jones
Teacher,
23 Years of Service



MIDTOWN ACADEMY
ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE

Mildred Helms Elementary



Deborah Harris

Child Development Associate,
27 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Graduation Time and October pies for parents.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling and spending time with my family.

New Heights Elementary



Maria Borbon-Munoz

Bilingual Assistant,
32 Years of Service

Margaret Howard

Teacher,
18 Years of Service



Nina Harris Exceptional Student Education Center



Gabriele Cheer
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
35 Years of Service

Becky Hartwell
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
14 Years of Service



Kathryn Houck
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
25 Years of Service





Brenda Riley
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
34 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Too many to list.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Camping and Traveling!

Northeast High



Kristin Bercume

Teacher, 14 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Over the years, I've received a number of very touching testimonials from students confirming that what I taught them was important and made an impact. It's always such a pleasure to cross paths with former students and hear about all of their successes as adults!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I look forward to focusing on spiritual growth, my family and friends, traveling, and community service, now that my schedule is more open.



Shelly Wheat

Teacher,
28 Years of Service

VIKINGS
NORTHEAST HIGH

Oakhurst Elementary

Pamela Livingston
Teacher,
11 Years of Service





Philip Stillwell
Medical-Behavioral Assistant
12 Years of Service

Michael Sugrue
Plant Operator,
24 Years of Service



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The Mustang Way!

Oldsmar Elementary

Rosemarie Damann

Teacher,
37 Years of Service



Osceola Fundamental High



Darlene Davis Parvin

Teacher,
22 Years of Service

Osceola High

William Mattheus

Teacher,
28 Years of Service



Osceola Middle

Deborah Knapp

School Counselor,
29 Years of Service





Mary Ossenberg

Teacher,
34 Years of Service

Ozona Elementary

Deborah Gosche
Teacher,
22 Years of Service





Rolanda Johnson
Teacher, 22 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I loved reading to the class. They didn't want the stories to end. When we finished the first book in a series, they couldn't wait to go to the school library and check out the next one.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to spending time with my grandchildren and volunteering in my community.

Effie Phillips
Medical-Behavior Assistant,
24 Years of Service



Palm Harbor University High



Terry Greene
Plant Operator,
10 Years of Service

Paul B. Stephens School



Debbie Evans
ESE Teacher,
9 Years of Service

Chau Truong
Plant Operator,
20 Years of Service



PAUL B. STEPHENS
EXCEPTIONAL STUDENT EDUCATION CENTER

PCS Employee Child Care Department

Donna McMann
Program Leader,
21 Years of Service



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Perkins Elementary



Lillian Lewis

Teacher,
40 Years of Service



Elizabeth Rook

Teacher, 36 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: It was very exciting to help create Perkins Arts Magnet from its inception in 1993. I have been truly blessed to spend the majority of my career at such a wonderful school with an incredible staff! Creating music with my students at Perkins, All County Festivals and FEMEA Orff Ensemble members filled my soul!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Traveling and spending more time with family & friends.



Pinellas County Schools Police



Jimmy Rexroad
Police Officer,
8 Years of Service

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Pinellas Park Elementary

Gina Sowards

Teacher Assistant,
25 Years of Service



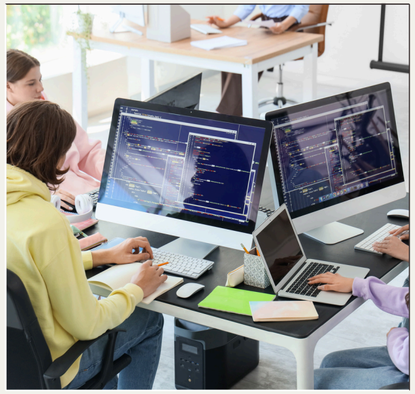
Pinellas Park High



Benjamin Buckner
Paraprofessional,
17 Years of Service

Julie Thompson
Teacher,
33 Years of Service





Nicole Makelele
Teacher, 30 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Teachers often do not see how we have impacted our pupils later in life. Seeing the joy in students' faces after overcoming challenging academic and personal obstacles especially upon graduation, has always been a highlight for me. The gain in confidence fuels the determination to forge ahead and succeed in future endeavors.

Pinellas Park Middle



Verna Godoy

Teacher, 20 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: I loved seeing the students make progress in their reading and show interest in the articles and stories that they were reading.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am looking forward to spending time with my husband and grandchildren. We will also enjoy opportunities to do a little traveling.

Psychological Services

Donna Powers
Psychologist,
8 Years of Service



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Richard L. Sanders School



Norma Foster

Teacher,
18 Years of Service

Richard O. Jacobson Technical High

Laura Sullivan
Teacher,
16 Years of Service



Ridgecrest Elementary



Patricia Stuart

Teacher,
28 Years of Service

Risk Management & Insurance

Jacqueline Miller

Employee Benefit and Compliance Analyst,
31 Years of Service





Kim Williams

Retirement Analyst,
31 Years of Service

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Safety Harbor Elementary

Jody Mattheus
Teacher,
35 Years of Service



San Jose Elementary



Anne Pulley
Medical-Behavioral Assistant,
9 Years of Service

Sawgrass Lake Elementary



Nichole Waaland
Teacher,
29 Years of Service

Dawn Golphin
Teacher,
27 Years of Service



Seminole High

William Rasmussen

Teacher,
23 Years of Service





Deanna Russo

Teacher,
13 Years of Service

Seventy-Fourth Street Elementary

Renee Hall

Teacher for the Autism and Gifted,
28 Years of Service



Shore Acres Elementary



Lisa Oliver

PE Teacher,
39 Years of Service

Specialized Services



Cheryl Forehand

Teacher of the Visually Impaired,
37 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Meeting so many wonderful students and families and hopefully making a positive difference in their lives. I also made so many dear friends during my time in the district.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: I am planning to spend lots of time with family and friends, and to travel more.



Josephine Green

Teacher of the Deaf and
Hard of Hearing,
41 Years of Service

Kimberly Reynolds

Speech Language Pathologist,
30 Years of Service





Lori Goehrig

Speech Language Pathologist,
9 Years of Service

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Starkey Elementary

Tamara Sasso

Teacher,
30 Years of Service



Sunset Hills Elementary



Brunilda Biama

Teacher,
19 Years of Service



Lori Gaudreau

Teacher, 37 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Being selected as the 1998 Pinellas County Teacher of the Year and representing Pinellas County at the state level. Facilitating an Author and Artist Showcase, "Expressions" at Ponce de Leon celebrating outstanding writing across all grade levels for many years. Being told by a reluctant reader, that I was a good book picker-outer!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: The trips and traveling have already begun - Mexico, Bahamas, Iceland, Kentucky and Germany. My grandchildren live in New York and New Jersey - so I can travel on the cheap mid-week flights now! Volunteering for all the fun events and reading all the books on my TBR list.



Louisa Delaportas

Teacher, 29 Years of Service

Favorite memory at PCS: Seeing prior students coming back to say hello and say how much they miss me and also meeting new children and their families!

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Volunteering at an animal shelter, and hunting for more seashells throughout Florida.

Tarpon Springs Elementary



Judy Allston
Teacher,
11 Years of Service

Pamela Campbell
Teacher,
34 Years of Service



Tarpon Springs High



Bernidine Valentine

VE Teacher,
18 Years of Service

Tarpon Springs Middle

Salome Lawrence
Teacher,
19 Years of Service





Hrisa Mathews
Teacher,
44 Years of Service

Terry Wayland
Teacher,
26 Years of Service



Tarpon Springs Fundamental

Steve Tsataros
Teacher Assistant,
18 Years of Service



Technology Information System



James Reynal
Technology Technician,
8 Years of Service

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Transportation Services



Cherry Lindsey
Bus Driver Relief,
31 Years of Service



Randi Olson
Bus Driver,
20 Years of Service

Malvenae Lloyd
Bus Driver Relief,
20 Years of Service





Beth Slauenwhite
School Bus Driver,
20 Years of Service

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Transportation Services (contined)



James Smith
Bus Driver,
20 Years of Service

Anastasios Tagaropoulos
Bus Driver,
11 Years of Service



Theodore Wagen
Route Coordinator,
28 Years of Service





Elizabeth Wilson
Bus Driver, 29 Years of Service
Favorite memory at PCS: Around the holidays, the schools would celebrate and invite the IT Technicians that served their schools to their celebrations; it was a lot of fun. The world seemed like a safer, friendlier place then.

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Travel, hobbies, and spending time with family.

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Walter Pownell Service Center



Michelle Cribbs

Manager Maintenance Support,
33 Years of Service

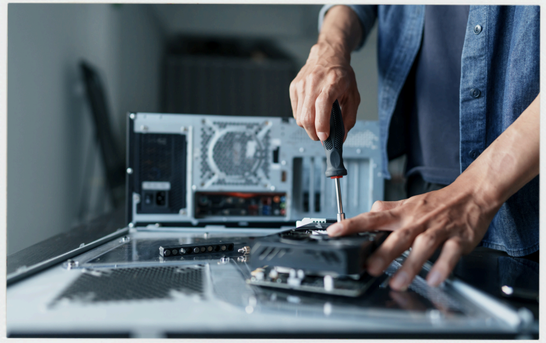
Favorite memory at PCS: When my youngest son Philip was in 3rd grade, he received a Doorways Scholarship. Due to the wonderful teachers throughout his education journey, he is now a professor at the University of South Carolina. PCS has been wonderful to me and my family

What I'm looking forward to during retirement: Looking forward to having more time for my family and GOLFING!

Steven Gill

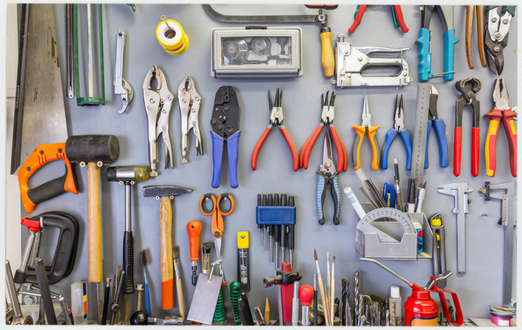
Maintenance Service Foreman,
14 Years of Service





Ronald Scott

Electronic Technician
Journeyman,
17 Years of Service



Clyde Smith

Multi Trades Worker,
20 Years of Service

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Westgate Elementary

Theresa Leinbach

VE Teacher,
30 Years of Service



For decades you served our schools with pride,
Each role essential, working side by side.
From first-day jitters to graduation cheers,
You've been the constant through their growing years.

Though retirement brings a well-deserved rest,
Your legacy lives on in those you blessed.
The impact of your service will forever remain
In every student touched by your refrain.

Enjoy this chapter, you've earned every day,
Your dedication has paved the way
For generations who learned and grew
Because of everything you chose to do.





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