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Principal's Message



We kicked off the 2nd semester with a visit from our newly painted SOAR cart thanks to the ELHS Art Club. Students will continue to earn SOAR cash in their classrooms & have opportunities in the cafeteria to redeem it for items sold in our cart. There are several ways students can earn SOAR cash in their classroom & at lunch. Students who have 50 SOAR cash are able to sign for a field trip to Raymond James Stadium; seats are limited and sign ups will be on a first come, first serve basis. IF you would like to help keep our SOAR Store filled, please click on the Amazon link below. <https://a.co/5f5isXM>

YEARBOOK INFO

YEARBOOK

Sales have opened! Pre-Sales have started for our 2025 – 2026 yearbooks. Don't delay and order yours now for the discounted rate of \$45. Also available is the opportunity to purchase a 1/8th page ad, at the bargain price of \$35 to celebrate your student and highlight all of the amazing things they have accomplished. (Ad purchases are open to all grade levels!) Questions? Please reach out to Mrs. Clark at clarkdebo@pcsb.org.



<https://yearbookordercenter.com/?event=general.displayLanding&jobnumber=16609>

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DATES TO REMEMBER

2/6 SOAR Cart

2/16-2/20 Kindness Week

2/20 SOAR Cart

4/20-4/24 Spirit Week

4/24 8th Grade Dance

5/15 8th Gr Field Day

(Volunteers Needed)

S.O.A.R. Award Winners

Dylan Lindon, Peyton Rosen, Brayden Rosen, Francis Abaya, Riley Orth, Eliana Vazquez De La Rosa and Mrs. Huzar.



East Lake Community Library
COMING SOON FOR TEENS



CAUGHT IN THE ART CLUB

Monday Feb. 9th
6-7pm
Grades 6-12

VALENTINE BAKE SALE

Friday, February 13th
12pm-5pm
ALL AGES

GAME ON!

Thursday Feb. 19th
5:30-7pm
Grades 6-12

POKÉMON FOR TEENS

Monday Feb. 23rd
6-7pm
Grades 6-12

SIGN UP HERE ALL programs require REGISTRATION due to limited space!

Student of the Month February

6th Grade 7th Grade 8th Grade



Alexander Berry



Liliana Catanese



Lauren Dauman



Brooke Liedtke



Jackson Logan



Joel Prifti



JWB & Parent ProTech Arm Parents With Tools To Keep Kids Safe Online

The Juvenile Welfare Board (JWB) is offering parents and caregivers a **free** subscription to Parent ProTech for the latest information to help keep kids safe online.

Parent ProTech experts advise parents of dangers lurking on their children's devices and equip them with tools to navigate technology safely. Their vast online library includes videos and guides on topics like parental controls, social media, AI, and more.

JWB is committed to protecting children and aiding law enforcement in their valiant efforts to stop cyberbullying, human trafficking, and online predators. We invite everyone to join our efforts to safeguard children, support families, and strengthen our community!



app.parentprotech.com/jwb

February 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SAC 8:30AM	11	12	13 No School	14
15	16 No School	17	18 Juan's Mexican Grill Spirit Night	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 3Bros Pizza Spirit Night	27	28 Science Olympiad

 **JUAN'S MEXICAN GRILL**

ELMS SPIRIT NIGHTS

EVERY 3RD WEDNESDAY
11AM TO 9 PM
JANUARY 21ST
FEBRUARY 18TH
MARCH 18TH
APRIL 15TH
MAY 20TH



Pizza Night

THREE BROTHERS
* NEW YORK PIZZA *

THURSDAY, 2/26/26, 11AM-9PM

IF YOU ORDER ONLINE,
PLEASE SELECT
FUNDRAISER AT THE
BOTTOM OF THE MENU.

**10% GOES
TO ELMS
YOU MUST SAY
YOU'RE FROM
ELMS**

3436 TAMPA RD
PALM HARBOR, FL 34684
WWW.3BROTHERSNY.COM
727-474-3797

KINDNESS WEEK
FEB. 16TH-20TH



M	NO SCHOOL
T	BE KIND TO OTHERS PLEASE PASS OUT A PUNCH CARD TO EACH STUDENT, PUNCH CARDS CAN BE REDEEMED FOR SOAR CASH.
W	ACTS OF KINDESS TUNE INTO THE NEWS FOR A SPECIAL SEGMENT ON KINDNESS & CHECK OUT THE BULLETIN BOARD DOWNSTAIRS IN THE HALL FOR TIPS ON WAYS TO BE KIND.
TH	SHOW KINDNESS TO OTHERS STUDENTS WILL EARN SOAR CASH FOR BEING KIND TO THEIR TEACHERS AND PEERS (HOLDING THE DOOR, SAYING THANK YOU, GIVING A COMPLIMENT, OFFERING TO HELP)
F	CELEBRATE ALL THE WAYS TO BE KIND STUDENTS CAN TRADE THEIR PUNCH CARDS IN FOR SOAR CASH RANGING FROM \$1-\$10



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2025-2026 DONORS

GOLD

THREE BROTHERS NEW YORK PIZZA

BULL FAMILY

SILVER

Chick-fil-A

Allen Dental Practice

EAGLE

Publix

ELMS Adopt-A-School 2025-2026



- Eagle Sponsor— \$100 to \$249**
Your business/name will appear in outside display case.
- Silver Sponsor — \$250 to \$499**
Your business/name will appear in the outside display case.
- Gold Sponsor — \$500 and up**
Your business/name on the outside display case & school newsletter.

Donation Amount: _____ Initial to use funds for Student & Staff Recognition:

Name: _____ Date: _____

Business Name: _____

Email: _____

Phone: _____

Please make checks to **East Lake Middle School**. Once we receive your form, we will request an electronic copy of your business logo. If you have any questions, please contact, Amira Ray, rayam@pcsb.org, or 727-940-7624.

ELMS Adopt-A-Class

I would like to Adopt-a-Class for the 2025-2026 school year! Please accept my total donation in the amount of \$_____ for the adoption of the following class or club as designated below:

	Amount		Amount		Amount
Math		World Languages		Engineering	
Karin David		Jessica White		Michael Dority	
Heather Russell		Art		Alicia Branick	
Sydney Brennan		Eileen Iacobucci		Richard Kennedy	
Science		Music		ESE	
Karen Lee		Robin Benoit		Heather Tuck	
Deborah Clark		Language Arts		PE/Health/AVID	
Tatjana Turley		Tracy Smith		Charles Ruocco	
Chris Hepppe		Jill Moore		Cristina Fallara	
Social Studies		Jackie Wheaton			
Michael Rumaker				Clubs/News Crew	
Sarah DeTurk				Karen Huzar	
Oren Schlierer				Specify Group	

Please Check One:

If funds are not spent during the school year, I agree to allow the teacher to retain the funds for the following school year.

Any funds remaining at the end of the school year shall be transferred to the Adopt-A-School account which shall be used at the discretion of the Principal and will be used to benefit the student body as a whole.

Signature: _____

Name: _____

Business: _____

Phone and/or email: _____

Please make your checks payable to **East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering**. Checks can be mailed to 1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688. Contact Jim Dzija, School Bookkeeper @ 727-940-7624, dzijaj@pcsb.org, for questions. Thank you for your support!

Anonymous Reporting: As most of you are aware, Pinellas County Schools has partnered with Sandy Hook Promise which allows us to offer the Say Something Anonymous Reporting System. This allows stakeholders to submit a secure and anonymous safety concern that helps us identify and intervene in a proactive way. Please remind your student(s) that this is in place to assist with addressing a concern and also a way for someone get any help that may be needed – tips are passed along to appropriate law enforcement and school personnel. FortifyFL is also another reporting system that is available to report suspicious activity which allows Florida students and the community to relay any safety concerns. Both links can be found below.

