

March
2026



East Lake Middle School Academy of Engineering

Principal Karen Huzar

1200 Silver Eagle Drive, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

Principal's Message

This month we're celebrating our outstanding students & their accomplishments!

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The Pinellas County Urban League's Joseph L Carwise Award winners this year are, Alexander Santiago, Juan Lopez, Carter Bruce, Olivia Breadon, Lanah Wanjau & Adonis Dobles.

Our amazing ELMS students won the Middle School division of the American Water Works Association, Model Water Tower Competition. Congrats to Zahn Kataya, Theo Bailos & Matthew Murgueytio!

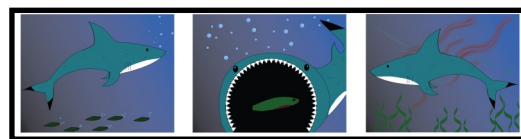


Big shout out to Park Allen for winning the Scripps Regional Spelling Bee. Next stop is Washington DC! Good luck Park!

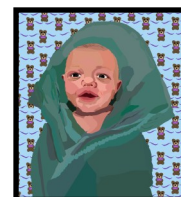
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Congratulations to our Pinellas County, Taking Shape Middle School Exhibit Finalists!



Kaleah Iannuzzi



Mary Correa



Madison Dion

These talented art students earned a spot in the Clearwater Arts Alliance "March is Youth Arts Month" Show.



Liam Carwile



Isabel Gorman



Mark Yegonyants

S.O.A.R. Award Winners

Back Row: Hadley Dorsett, Jude Wheaton, Djordje Piperski, Garrett Kane, Landon Cheney, & Ryan Johnson. **Middle Row:** Mrs. Huzar, Adalyn Whitcher, Cooper Davis, Allisun Irwin, Emerson Davis, & Benton Kays. **Front Row:** Mason Bennett, Nathalia Monserrate, Louie Lind, Galileo Stephens, Logan Tickner, Lincoln Golombek & Allyson Tarver.



Yearbook Pre-Sale Final Countdown!

The Pre-Sale will only be open until 4/4/26. Don't delay & order yours now for the discounted rate of \$45. You may also purchase a 1/8 page ad at the bargain price of \$35, to celebrate your student & highlight all of the amazing things they have accomplished. (Ad purchases are open to all grade levels) Last day to place an ad is 4/4/26. Contact Mrs. Clark with questions, clarkdebo@pcsb.org.

[Click here for link](#)

Way To Go Silver Beat Band!

Congratulations to the Silver Beat Band members for their outstanding performances at the Florida Bandmasters Association's Solo & Ensemble Assessments. They had 12 Superior events & 4 Excellent events, with a total of 28 Superior Medals awarded.

Excellent Rating:

Landon Cheney	Alto Sax Solo
Joel Prifti	Tuba Solo
Amirah Alexander	Euphonium Solo
Hadley Dorsett/ Amirah Alexander	Brass Duet

Superior Rating:

Crosby Kennedy	Flute Solo
Mae Carlisle	Trumpet Solo
Nolan Sheets	Alto Sax Solo
Nolan DeCosimo	Alto Sax Solo
Aaron McDermott	Bar Sax Solo
Hadley Dorsett	Trombone Solo
Bradan Fitzgerald	Trombone Solo
Matthew DeCosimo	Trombone Solo
Liam Fitzgerald/ Drake Matyka	Tuba Duet
Ava Evers/ Emma Hodges	Brass Duet
Kieran Goar/ Emmett Carlton	Trumpet Duet

Percussion Ensemble:

Galvin Gardner, Zach Wiseman, Gannon Wooley, Nola DeCosimo, Braden Fitzgerald, Nolan Sheets, Alex Bull, Kieran Goar, Carson Breitling, Mae Carlisle, Ava Evers, Liam Fitzgerald, Emma Hodges, & Drake Matyka.



Student of the Month March

6th Grade



Deklan
Mathews

7th Grade



Francis
Abaya

8th Grade



Colton
Croft



Luuly
Tran



Michelle
Gonikman



Samantha
Dion

March 2026

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 SAC 8:30AM Eng Expo 5:30-7:30 	11	12 	13 Dress Down Day (wristband required)	14
15	16	17	18 	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				


Spring Break

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	A DAY	ALG / GEO MOCK B DAY	8 TH GRADE PLANETARIUM C DAY	8 TH GRADE SPIFFS A DAY	8 TH GRADE BUSCH GARDENS B DAY	
8	C DAY	CIVICS / SCIENCE MOCK A DAY	7 TH GRADE SAT B DAY	A DAY	B DAY	14
15	NO STUDENTS	NO STUDENTS	NO STUDENTS	NO STUDENTS	NO STUDENTS	21
22						28
30	C DAY	31 BEST WRITING A DAY	1 B DAY	2 A DAY	3 B DAY	4



ELMS SPIRIT NIGHTS

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

6th Grade Orientation & Engineering Expo

1200 Silver Eagle Dr, Tarpon Springs, FL 34688

3/10/26
5:30-7:30 PM

How To Get Involved

Volunteering & Chaperoning
rayam@pcsb.org

School Advisory Council
rayam@pcsb.org

PTA
newgator2001@yahoo.com

Engineering Advisory Board
rayam@pcsb.org

Expo Events

Young Inventors Challenge Winners Showcase

AVID Showcase

Co2 Car Races

Engineering Gallery Walk

PTA

Engineering Advisory Board

Uniform & Spirit Sales




WE CAN DO THIS! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY! COMMUNITY STARTS WITH US!

DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR EAST LAKE MIDDLE SCHOOL PTA

25% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

TUESDAY, MARCH 10TH | 5-9PM
3134 TAMPA RD, OLDSMAR, FL, 34677

ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE EHDC09MD OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



DATES TO REMEMBER

3/13 Dress Down Day
 (\$2 wristbands sold
 3/4-3/11)

4/20-4/24 Spirit Week

4/24 8th Grade Dance

5/15 8th Gr Field Day
 (Volunteers Needed)

8th grade field day & spirit week reminders



FIELD DAY FRIDAY MAY 15TH

On Friday May 15th, all eligible 8th grade students will participate in field day. Field day activities will begin at 8:15 am (after 1st period) and will end at the start of lunch. After lunch, students will have time to sign yearbooks in the courtyard and rehearse for the 8th grade moving up ceremony.

In the next coming weeks, students will be able to pick their field day groups, team sign-ups will occur during lunch. Student's will not be required to wear uniforms on May 15th.



We are looking for several volunteers to assist with field day. If you are interested in volunteering, please reach out to Mrs. Ray
 rayam@pcsb.org. As a reminder, all volunteers must be a level 2.

Volunteers will be needed from 7:45am-11:40am.

We have several fun events planned to celebrate our 8th graders and all their hard work. This is a friendly reminder that our students still need to follow our SOAR and school-wide behavior expectations.

- S SUCCESS
- O ORGANIZED
- A ATTITUDE
- R RESPONSIBILITY



SPIRIT WEEK

Leading up to the 8th grade dance, students will have the opportunity to participate in an 8th grade spirit week. Each day will have a theme that students can dress up. This year students spirit week will begin on Friday 4/20-4/24. As we get closer more information will be shared, please check the 8th grade weekly update.



UPCOMING EVENTS

East Lake Community Library March 2026

THURS. 3/5	6:30 PM 7:30 PM	MIDDLE SCHOOL ADVISORY BOARD Earn community service hours while supporting the library. Grades 6 th - 9 th	
THURS. 3/12	5:00 PM 6:00 PM	VISION BOARDS Explore creative side, while planning out your goals. Grades 6 th - 12 th	
SAT. 3/21	12:00 PM 1:00 PM	POSTER MAKING Spread positivity by creating a kind message to share with the community. Grades 6 th - 12 th	
SAT. 3/28	12:00 PM 3:00 PM	SUN & FUN MARKET Take home homemade treats and crafts all created by local teens. Family Event - All Ages	
MON. 3/30	6:00 PM 7:00 PM	TEEN POKEMON CLUB Trade and win Pokemon cards while testing your Poke-knowledge. Grades 6 th - 12 th	

@eastlakecommunitylibrary
 www.eastlakelibrary.org



4125 East Lake Road
 Palm Harbor, FL 34685

PTA NEEDS YOU!

Why join PTA?

- #1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT**
 Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!
- #2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS**
 Help create a positive, caring, and engaging community by supporting the teachers and administration!
- #3 CREATE CONNECTIONS**
 Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!
- #4 YOU BENEFIT**
 Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun, healthy, and rewarding!



ANYONE CAN JOIN THE PTA!

Interested in Joining?

Elections for 2026-27 school year board positions will be held on April 20th. Please contact nominating committee chair Jaime Logan at rayjjaime@msn.com for more information on how to get involved!

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2025-2026 DONORS

GOLD

THREE BROTHERS
 NEW YORK PIZZA

BULL FAMILY

SILVER

Chick-fil-A

Allen Dental Practice

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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.

