



Sexton Stingray News

A message from Mr. Pleshe

Dear Families,

March is an exciting and busy month at our school, filled with opportunities for learning, fun, and family engagement. During the week of **March 9th**, we will host our [Dental Sealant Program](#), which helps support our students' health and wellness. That same week, students will also enjoy [Field Day](#), a favorite event that encourages teamwork, school spirit, and lots of fun outdoor activities.

On **March 13th**, we have several important events taking place. We will welcome families to [All Pro Dads & Moms](#), giving parents and caregivers a special opportunity to connect with their children at school. This day is also [Spring Picture Day](#), and it marks the [end of the 3rd grading period](#), so please be sure to check in with your child about finishing strong.

[Spring Break](#) begins on **March 16th**, and we hope this time provides our students and families with a chance to relax, recharge, and enjoy time together.

When we return, we'll keep the excitement going with our [Color Run](#) on **March 26th**, a fun-filled event that promotes fitness, school pride, and community support.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support. We look forward to a wonderful month ahead!

Warm regards,
Mr. Pleshe
Principal

Upcoming Events

March 2026

- **6th**- Kona Ice at Lunch
- **9th**- Dental Sealant Program
- **13th**- All Pro Dads and Moms
- **13th**- 3rd Quarter Ends
- **13th**- Spring Picture Day
- **16th – 20th** - **Spring Break!**
- **23rd**- See Something Say Something
- **24th**- PTA Meeting 7:45am
- **26th**- [Color Run](#)

To contact Mr. Pleshe, please use his email address or call the school directly. He is unable to use the PBIS App as a communication tool. His email address is pleshet@pcsb.org



Reminder



Students are **NOT** allowed to use cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices while at school. It is district policy **all** devices must be turned off and in backpacks during the school day. Please see our code of conduct for more information. Thank you!

IMPORTANT MESSAGE

On July 1, 2025, Florida House Bill 1105, including new provisions regarding student use of cell phones and other wireless communication devices in schools, became law. As a result, Pinellas County Schools will implement the following new rules in the 2025-26 school year, and these rules will supersede the current policy.

Elementary & Middle Schools

- Students may not use of cell phones or other wireless communication devices during the school day (bell to bell).
- Teachers no longer have the discretion to allow usage during instructional time for educational purposes.

Sexton Elementary

Online Orders Due By: Wednesday, April 01, 2026

Pedidos en línea vencidos antes de: miércoles, 1 de abril, 2026

YEARBOOKS AVAILABLE

\$21.00

Softcover Yearbook



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If you would like to change your student's transportation for the day or early release, please **call or pick up before 2:30pm**. This will help with communication between staff to make sure your student is in the right location for dismissal. To report a student absence, we have a spot on the school website located at the top of the page " Report Student Absence" which will send an email to our DMT Ashley Carrillo. You can also communicate this via the PBIS app.

Ms. Zaria, Front Office Staff



It's time to update your information!

If you have a new student starting school next year, here are the things that need to be done.

Parent Portal – make or update information

Make a reservation for your zone school (if you would like to go to a school outside of your zone).

Things that you will need for registration:

- Birth Certificate
- Physical within the last year
- Updated Immunization records
- 2 proofs of address - electric bill, water bill, lease agreement, mortgage bill, homeowner insurance
- Any court documents that relate to the child
- Any other school records that may be helpful for your student
- FOR VPK: we must have the VPK voucher to register your child. You can go to Elcpinellas.org to get your voucher



If you have any questions or need help with any part of the process, feel free to contact Ashley Carrillo at 727-570-3400 Ext. 2007, carrilloa@pcsb.org or stop by the office between the hours of 9:00 – 2:00 and I will be more than happy to help you.

Ashley Carrillo, DMT

VISITOR MANAGEMENT

Acceptable Forms of Government-Issued Photo ID

Physical ID must be presented. We do not accept photographs of an ID on a cell phone or electronic device.

If another form of ID is presented that is not pictured below, to be accepted it must be a government-issued photo ID that lists their date of birth.

Driver's License or State-issued ID



Passport



Mexico ID Card



Military ID Card



Permanent Resident Card



Tribal ID Card



Enrichment and Tutoring Program (ELP)

Tutoring and Enrichment Clubs are in full swing! They run on **Tuesday, Wednesday, and/or Thursday** from **3:15-4:15**. Please try not to schedule doctor visits on the days when your child(ren) goes to tutoring/enrichment clubs. Late notices will be given if your child(ren) are not picked up on time, **4:20 is considered late**. Two notices will be given for late pick up and the **third one will be dismissal from the program**. Same with behavior. I will call parents and send two warnings and after that will be dismissed from the program.

The dates and weeks are as follows:

March 3rd, 5th

March 10th, 12th

March 24th, 26th

March 31st, April 2nd

April 7th, 9th

April 14th, 16th

April 21st, 23rd **SPRING CONCERT** April 23rd from 6:00-7:30

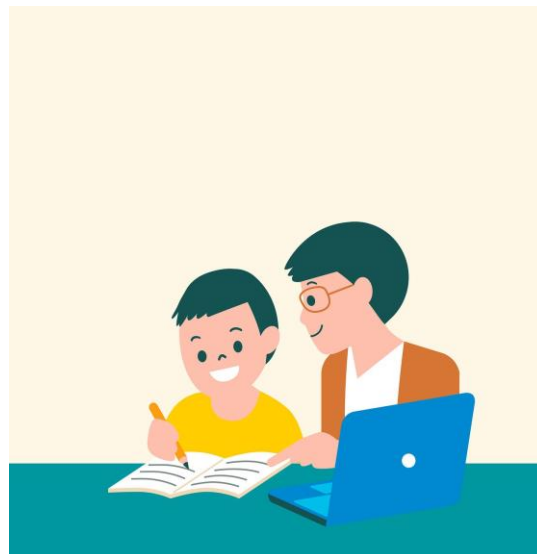
April 28th, 30th

Dismissal from the programs is as follows: students will be dismissed from the program after **TWO warnings for:**

Late pickup is longer than **5 minutes** past the time of dismissal which is **4:15pm promptly**. **4:20 you are considered late**.

Behavior of the student in the programs

Students who have **attendance issues**



PBIS Points

(Positive Behavior Intervention System)

By now you should have downloaded the app for **PBIS Family**. This is how we are communicating as a school with all our parents. Teachers also communicate with their individual families as well. If you need help please reach out to the front office, your child's teacher, or send us a note and we can help.

This month of February students can earn points:

- **Being Citizen of the Month for December** 10 points
- **Specific Praise:** They can get 1-3 points from any teacher/staff on campus for being AMAZING!
- **For being at ALL Pro Dads and Moms on Friday, March 13th**-10 points
- **Parent VOLUNTEERS at school**-20 points for Field Day, Spring Pictures, & Color Run
- **Principals List, Honor List, and Perfect Attendance**-points vary

There will be no parties at school for PBIS March -April. STUDENTS are **ENCOURAGED** to save their points for **WATER DAY** at the end of the year. That is **200 points-and WELL WORTH IT!**





Congratulations to our **Student Volunteer of the Year, Carlos “CJ” Velez!**

CJ was recognized at the Pinellas County Schools Volunteer Breakfast for his outstanding work as a volunteer here at John M. Sexton Elementary. You may recognize his mother, our very own Mrs. Velez! Thank you, Sheila Salg for all your work with our volunteers!





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March 6th 2026

Use QR Code Below to Preorder

Preorder Ends Mar 5th 7:00pm

We will accept payment at the truck day of event

A portion of all sales supports your school



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Field Day 2026

Tuesday, March 10th KG, 1st & 2nd Grades
9:00 - 11:00 a.m.

Wednesday, March 11th 3rd, 4th & 5th Grades
12:30 - 2:30 p.m.

- Students will need to wear school uniforms and athletic shoes to be able to participate.
- We will be outside for approximately 2 hours. If you choose to have your child wear sunscreen, it must be applied at home.
- Water bottles (with their names) are strongly encouraged.

How would you like to help save the environment and raise money for our school at the same time?

Sexton Elementary School recently partnered with **Clothes Bin**, a national recycling program to help keep unwanted clothes and shoes out of landfills. Many of you have already seen the green **Clothes Bin** located in the front car circle.

The best part is that the school earns money for every pound collected in our bins. So, not only are we helping the environment, but we're earning extra money for school programs.

Clothes Bin accepts less than perfect textiles. Worn, torn and stained materials are okay. The company can repurpose, resell and recycle 100% of all collections from the bin program. For example, shoes that are no longer able to be resold are ground up for playground material, and clothing with holes/stains are converted to wiper rags and home insulation.

"More than 85% of textile waste ends up in landfills every year. That's 22 billion pounds," says Chris Wolfe, owner of the local **Clothes Bin** operation. "By simply recycling these materials, you can help reduce greenhouse gas emissions, which are very harmful to our environment."

Clothes Bin can accept a variety of materials, including:

- Blankets
- Boots
- Coats
- Comforters
- Dresses
- Hats
- Jeans
- Kids clothing
- Linens
- Purses
- Rags
- Sandals
- Shirts
- Shoes
- Skirts
- Socks
- Sweaters
- Sweatshirts
- Suits
- Ties
- Towels
- Undergarments



We encourage everyone to take advantage of this great program. So, before you throw out those old shoes or jeans, please consider bagging them up and bringing them to our **Clothes Bins** here at Sexton.