

**2026-2027**

# **Parent & Student School Calendar**

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## **Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary**



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# Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School

## PTA Meeting Dates

*August 19th*

*September 8th*

*October 10th*

*November 10th*

*December 8th*

*January 12th*

*February 9th*

*March 9th*

*April 16th*

*May 11th*

*All PTA mtgs start at 6pm unless otherwise noted in the calendar.*



## Guidelines for Success

Think Responsibly

Show Respect

Focus on Learning

Expect the Best

Safety First

## Welcome

Welcome to Tarpon Springs Fundamental Elementary School, home of the Tigers! Built in 1980, our school proudly serves 272 students and is recognized as an A-rated school for academic excellence. As a fundamental school, we emphasize high expectations, strong family involvement, and a safe, structured learning environment. Our dedicated staff works closely with parents to ensure each child achieves their full potential. We are committed to fostering responsibility, respect, and a lifelong love of learning. Thank you for partnering with us to make Tarpon Springs Fundamental a place where students grow, thrive, and roar with Tiger pride every day!

## **Fundamental Expectations and Parental Agreement**

**According to the School Board approved Procedures for District Application (page 11), Fundamental Parents are expected to comply with the following commitments:**

- Provide transportation for their child and adhere to opening and closing times.
- Attend all PTA meetings.
- Attend 3 parent/teacher conferences each year.
- Review and sign all homework and the agenda daily.
- Adhere to the Fundamental program and dress code.
- Follow fundamental policies and safety protocols i.e. pickup/drop off/parking

## Vision

100% Student Success

## Mission

In collaboration with families, we will provide a safe, nurturing environment which inspires life long learning and fosters responsible citizenship.

## Absences and Tardies

Attendance is extremely important in all educational settings. According to the District Application Programs Procedures Manual for Fundamental and Magnet Programs (page 8) students must attend school daily, arrive promptly to class and remain throughout the scheduled hours. Families are strongly discouraged from taking planned vacations and are not valid reasons for excused absences. If your child is absent please use the "Report Absence" link on our website which is located on the top right corner of our home page. You may also send a note or email to our data management technician ([williamscarl@pcsb.org](mailto:williamscarl@pcsb.org)). A doctor's note is required for more than (5) five consecutive absences. After 3 unexcused absences per attendance period, a letter will be sent to the parent.

Students are expected to be in class by 8:05am. Students who arrive after the final bell, 8:05am, must report with a parent to the front office to receive a pass. Tardies are only excused with a doctor's note. Students who are not picked up by 2:45pm will also be considered tardy. Students who receive four (4) tardies within same grading period will receive a letter. Two (2) additional tardies within the same grading period will result in a **Fundamental warning**.

# August 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

## CHARACTER EDUCATION

The process of learning common attitudes, beliefs and behaviors that are important for people to have as responsible citizens.

|    | Mon                                                                     | Tue                                                                                                                    | Wed                                                                                                                                                                        | Thu | Fri                                                                         | Sat |
|----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|    |                                                                         |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                            |     |                                                                             | 1   |
| 2  | 3<br><b>PTA-Back to School<br/>Breakfast for<br/>Teachers</b><br>8:00am | 4<br><b>PTA Board Meeting</b><br>8:30am                                                                                | 5                                                                                                                                                                          | 6   | 7<br><b>Meet &amp; Greet</b><br>K-2 ~ 8:30am-9:30am<br>3-5 ~ 9:00am-10:00am | 8   |
| 9  | 10                                                                      | 11<br><b>WELCOME BACK</b><br>Students First Day<br>KG Boo-Hoo<br>Breakfast - 8:15am<br><br>Infraction Period #1 Begins | 12<br>                                                                                 | 13  | 14                                                                          | 15  |
| 16 | 17                                                                      | 18<br><b>SAC</b><br>7:30am                                                                                             | 19<br><b>Faculty Photos</b> 7:30am<br><b>Student Fall Pictures</b><br>8:15am<br><br><b>Open House</b><br>Primary 6:00pm<br>New Family/Gifted 6:30pm<br>Intermediate 7:00pm | 20  | 21                                                                          | 22  |
| 23 | 24                                                                      | 25                                                                                                                     | 26                                                                                                                                                                         | 27  | 28<br><b>PBIS Store</b><br><b>PCS Dress Day</b>                             | 29  |
| 30 | 31                                                                      |                                                                                                                        |                                                                                                                                                                            |     |                                                                             |     |

### School Hours & Supervision

- **Instructional Hours:** 8:05am – 2:15pm
- **Supervision Begins:** 7:40am on the P.E. court.
- **Arrival:** Students should not arrive before 7:40am.
- On rainy days, students will be allowed to enter the building upon arrival.
- The gate closes promptly at 8:03am. After this time, students must enter through the front office and be accompanied by a parent to receive a tardy pass.
- **Morning Announcements:** 8:05am
- **Instruction Begins:** 8:10am
- **Dismissal:** Begins at 2:15pm
- Students must be picked up by 2:45pm.
- Pick-ups after 2:45pm. will be documented as tardies. Please call the office if delayed.
- **Note:** No early dismissals are permitted after 1:45pm.

### Arrival & Dismissal Procedures

#### **Vehicle Drop-Off and Pick-Up (Carline)**

- All vehicles must enter via S. Grosse Avenue and follow the car circle.
- Recommended route: Enter S. Grosse Ave. from Martin Luther King St.
-  **No left turns** allowed from the parking lot onto E. Harrison St.
- **Speed Limit:** 5 mph
- Cell phone use is prohibited in the car line. Violations may result in a written warning; three violations will be referred to the IAC.
- **Park at Dorsett Park if you want to walk your student to the gate.**

#### **Carpool Express** (for families with 3+ students):

- Entry permitted from 2:00–2:15pm.
- After 2:15pm, the carline opens to all families.

#### **Dismissal Process:**

- Students must be ready to load promptly.
- Proceed to the farthest available loading spot.
- Safety Patrols will assist with car doors.
- Pets must be safely restrained in vehicles.
- Display student names in the front window for efficient pick-up.
- If your child is not ready, you may be asked to circle the block and return.

#### **Parking:**

- Do not leave your vehicle unattended in the carline.
- If entering the school, park in the front parking lot.
- Only walkers may be dismissed via Walker Dismissal.

#### **Walker Dismissal**

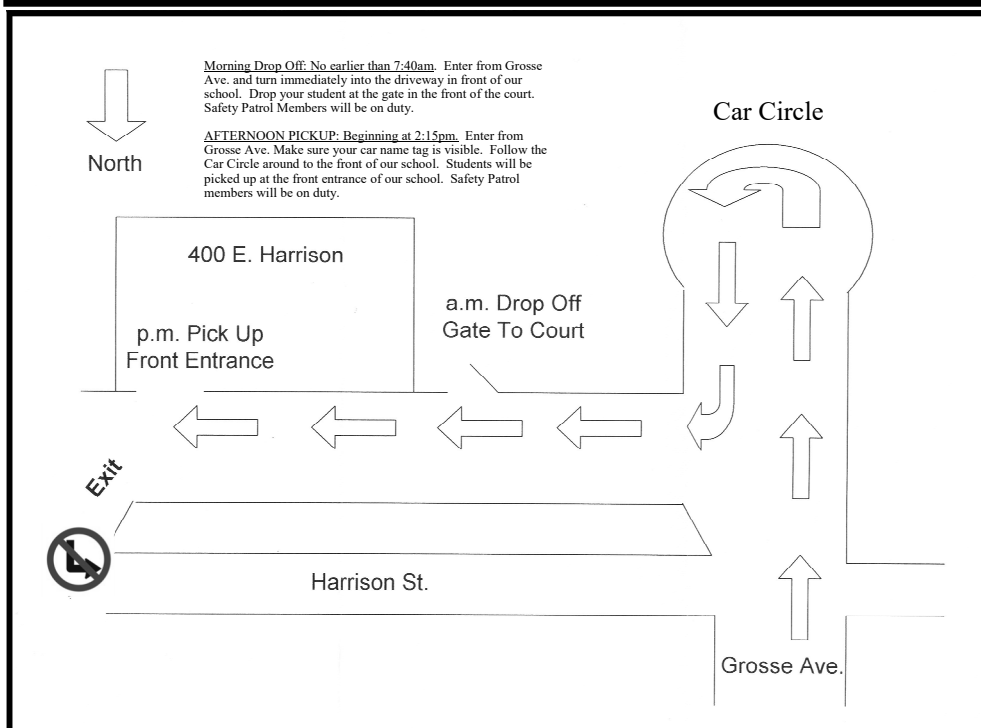
- Parents should park at Dorsett Park, **not** on surrounding streets.
- A staff member will walk students to the park once all walkers are accounted for.
- Please do not come up to the school to pick up walkers.
- Please notify the teacher and office of any alternate pick-up arrangements.

### Other Important Information

**On Campus Before and After-School Care** is available through the YMCA.

**Written notification** must be provided for:

- Daycare pick-up
- Non-parent pick-up
- Changes to carpool arrangements



# September 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

## CITIZENSHIP

Being law abiding and involved in service to school, community, and country.

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                                     | Tue                                                                                 | Wed | Thu                                                                                                                  | Fri                                                                                                                              | Sat |
|-----|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|     |                                                                                                                         | 1<br><b>PTA Board</b><br>7:45am                                                     | 2   | 3                                                                                                                    | 4                                                                                                                                | 5   |
| 6   | 7<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br>LABOR DAY<br> | 8<br><b>PTA Meeting 6:00pm</b><br>No Students<br><br><b>Fingerprinting</b><br>4-6pm | 9   | 10                                                                                                                   | 11<br><b>Grandparents Bingo</b><br>6:00pm<br> | 12  |
| 13  | 14                                                                                                                      | 15<br><b>SAC</b><br>7:30am                                                          | 16  | 17                                                                                                                   | 18<br><b>All Pro Dads</b><br>7:00am                                                                                              | 19  |
| 20  | 21                                                                                                                      | 22                                                                                  | 23  | 24                                                                                                                   | 25<br><b>PBIS Store</b><br><b>PCS Dress Day</b>                                                                                  | 26  |
| 27  | 28                                                                                                                      | 29                                                                                  | 30  | This month is sponsored by:<br> |                                                                                                                                  |     |

# Classroom Teachers, Specialist and Staff

## Kindergarten

Michelle Fitzgerald  
Amy Tassone

## 1st Grade

Shannon McConville  
Terry Bodolay  
Ally Rodriguez

## 2nd Grade

Rob Ferguson  
Wendy Racer

## 3rd Grade

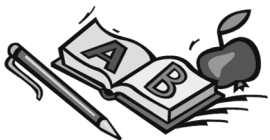
Kim Moran  
Lexa Shontz  
Pam Barrett

## 4th Grade

Lisa Montie  
Summer Renedo

## 5th Grade

Zachary VanStratt  
Emily Wright



Music - Mary Lou Cruz

Art - Alexandra Copley

P.E. Coach - Rich Smith

Gifted - Meghan Santagata

ESE - Tracy Johnson

Speech - Stephanie Schreiber

Media Specialist - Michele Morris

Counselor - Laura Snare

Curriculum Specialist - Ashley Lloyd

Café Manager - Tess Stiverson

Head Plant Operator - Jack Brewer

Secretary - Deanna Page

Student Records/Absences - Carla Williams

Family & Community Liaison - Susan Kikta



## Visitation

All Visitors are required to stop in at the front office to sign in with a drivers license and to obtain an identification badge. All visitors must wear a visitor's or volunteer badge while on campus. If a volunteer is scheduled to enter the classroom, the principal and classroom teacher must be notified at least 24 hours in advance. We may restrict time in the classroom due to the necessity of continuing the instructional routine.

## Conferences

Parents must attend **(3) three mandatory conferences per year** to discuss their child's academic progress.

- Teachers will schedule individual conferences.
- If unable to attend, parents must contact the teacher to reschedule.
- After two failed rescheduling attempts, a missed conference will be referred to the Intervention and Appeals Committee.

## Grading

Students in grades 3–5 will receive letter grades (A–F). Midterm reports will notify parents if a student is at risk of receiving a failing grade for the marking period.

## Homework

Homework is essential to our Fundamental program and is assigned to all students.

- Homework reinforces classroom learning, encourages independence, and builds good habits.
- Parents **must sign all homework and the student agenda** using their **first initial and full last name** to confirm review and completion.
- Homework must be submitted by **8:05am** each day or it will be marked as incomplete.

## **Consequences for Missing Homework:**

Missing, incomplete, incorrect, or unsigned assignments follow the school's warning/detention process.

Detentions are served **Tuesdays and Thursdays** and take priority over all after-school activities.

Parents are responsible for notifying their child of the detention and making arrangements for pickup at 3:00pm.

# October 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

## TOLERANCE

Respecting the individual differences, views, and beliefs of other people.

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                                                     | Tue                                                                                                                                    | Wed | Thu                                    | Fri                                                                                                                                                                            | Sat                                                                                         |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
|     |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                        |     | 1                                      |  2<br><b>Photo Re-Takes</b><br><b>New Family Tour</b><br>10:00am<br><b>Mother Son Event</b> | 3                                                                                           |
| 4   | 5                                                                                                                                       | 6<br><b>PTA Board</b><br>7:45am                                                                                                        | 7   | 8                                      | 9                                                                                                                                                                              | 10                                                                                          |
|     |                                                                                                                                         |                                                                                                                                        |     |                                        | <i>Infraction Period #1 ends</i>                                                                                                                                               |                                                                                             |
| 11  | 12<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><b>Teacher Planning</b><br> | 13<br><b>PTA Meeting</b><br><b>Shop &amp; Read</b><br>4:30 - 6:30pm<br><i>(Students Allowed)</i><br><i>Infraction period #2 Begins</i> | 14  | 15                                     | 16<br><b>Tiger Fundraiser</b>                                                                                                                                                  | 17                                                                                          |
| 18  | 19                                                                                                                                      | 20                                                                                                                                     | 21  | 22<br><b>Reports Cards Distributed</b> | 23<br><b>All Pro Dads</b><br>7:00am<br><b>Storybook Parade</b><br>8:30am                                                                                                       | 24                                                                                          |
| 25  | 26                                                                                                                                      | 27                                                                                                                                     | 28  | 29                                     | 30<br><b>PBIS Store</b><br><b>PCS Dress Day</b><br><b>Pawssembly 8:30am</b>                                                                                                    | 31<br> |

## Physical Education

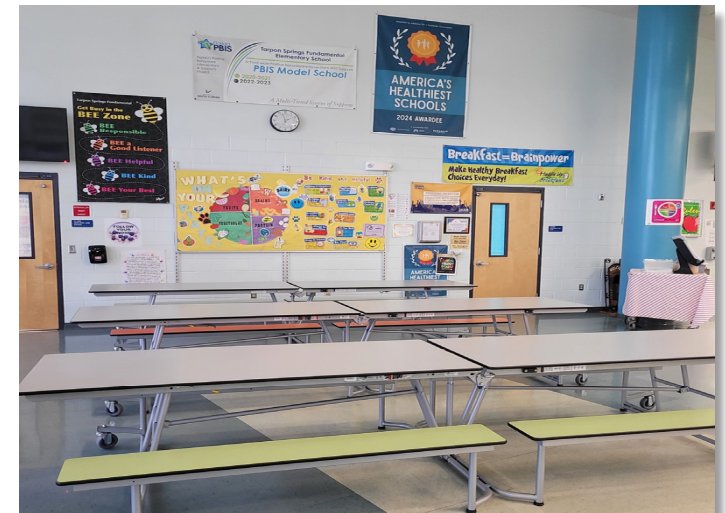
All students participate in 50 minutes of physical education 3 days per week. Any extended absence (3 or more days) from P.E. must be excused in writing by the student's doctor.



## Cafeteria

We encourage parents to provide a well-balanced lunch if the student brings a lunch from home.

- **Soft drinks are not permitted and sugary foods along with fast food lunches are discouraged.**
- Breakfast and Lunch will continue to be free for all students for the 2026-2027 school year.
- Second Lunches will be available to purchase for \$4.50 for a full lunch or \$2.75 for just an entrée.
- Parents are welcome to visit school during lunchtime and may eat with their children only at the picnic tables in the courtyard or at the indoor tables in the main lobby (after checking in with the front office and cafeteria attendant).
- Parents must notify the teacher or front office in advance if a non-parent will be having lunch with their child.
- All students are expected to be seated at the picnic table area.
- Preschool children are welcome; however, they must be seated at the parent's side at all times.



# November 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH  
**PATRIOTISM**  
 Demonstrating allegiance to one's country.

| Sun                          | Mon                                                                                                                                                                                                          | Tue                                             | Wed                                                                                                                       | Thu                                                                                                                  | Fri                                                             | Sat |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
| 1                            | 2                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 3<br>PTA Board<br>7:45pm                        | 4                                                                                                                         | 5<br>Discovery Night<br>6:00pm                                                                                       | 6<br>New Family<br>School Tour<br>10:00am                       | 7   |
| 8<br><i>Daylight Savings</i> | 9                                                                                                                                                                                                            | 10<br>PTA Meeting<br>Curriculum Night<br>6:00pm | 11<br>NO SCHOOL<br>Teacher Planning<br> | 12                                                                                                                   | 13<br>All Pro Dads<br>Kickball Game<br>6:00pm                   | 14  |
| 15                           | 16<br> Holiday Store Monday-Wednesday  | 17<br>SAC<br>7:30am                             | 18                                                                                                                        | 19<br>Great American<br>Teach-In                                                                                     | 20<br>PTA Friendsgiving<br>(Students Only)<br><br>PCS Dress Day | 21  |
| 22                           | 23                                                                                                                                                                                                           | 24                                              | 25                                                                                                                        | 26                                                                                                                   | 27                                                              | 28  |
|                              | Thanksgiving Break<br>No School                                                                                                                                                                              |                                                 |                                                                                                                           |                                                                                                                      |                                                                 |     |
| 29                           | 30                                                                                                                                                                                                           |                                                 |                                                                                                                           | This month is sponsored by:<br> |                                                                 |     |

## **Discipline Policy**

All students are expected to comply with TSFES “Guidelines for Success” without exception. The Guidelines appear on the cover and in the pages of this calendar. At the beginning of the school year, students and teachers will develop a mission statement and a list of class expectations. Parents will receive a copy of the school district’s “Code of Student Conduct.” This Code should be read by the parents and discussed with the student. The parent signature page must be signed and returned to school.

**Appropriate student behavior is one of the basic Fundamental school principles.** All students and parents are expected to abide by the school and classroom rules. In accordance with Fundamental school policy, detentions will be used as a consequence for violation of school, homework, or classroom behavior guidelines.

Fundamental policy discipline is broken into four equal periods during the year. Discipline infractions include lack of homework, misbehavior, and lack of parent signature on homework.

### **Detention:**

1. Written warning is sent to parent.
2. Second and third written warnings are sent to parent.
3. If infractions continue, the student will be required to serve detention upon receipt of the fourth warning.

A referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee occurs when a student receives a total of 3 warnings plus 4 detentions during any of these periods: Aug. 11 - Oct. 9; Oct. 13 - Dec. 18; Jan. 5 - Mar. 12; Mar. 22 - May 27. [Each infraction period will have 3 warnings followed by 4 detentions. Referral to Intervention and Appeals Committee will take place after the 4th detention in an infraction period.]

Detentions will be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays, from 2:30-3:00pm on the date assigned by the teacher. Students must report to the detention classroom no later than 2:30. It is the parent’s responsibility to ensure the child reports to detention. Detentions will override after-school clubs. Students who report late or do not come on the assigned date will receive an additional detention. Every detention must be served on the date assigned by the teacher. A referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee occurs when a student receives a total of 3 warnings and 4 detentions during any infraction period.

Infraction periods are as follows:

- Infraction Period 1: August 11 - October 9, 2026
- Infraction Period 2: October 13 - December 18, 2026
- Infraction Period 3: January 5 - March 12, 2027
- Infraction Period 4: March 22 - May 27, 2027

### **Office Referrals:**

1. Office referrals are cumulative throughout the year.
2. Three office referrals will result in a referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee.
3. Each additional office referral will result in another referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee.
4. Severe infractions will result in immediate referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee as determined by the principal.

### **Reassignment to a District-Assigned Elementary School or Expulsion**

As outlined by the School Board approved District Application Programs Procedures Manual (page 5), reassignment to a district program or expulsion will result in immediate removal from Tarpon Fundamental. If a student leaves for any reason, the family should immediately access the Student Reservation System through the Pinellas County Schools website ([www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org)) for the student’s new school assignment to avoid any lapse in instructional time.



# December 2026

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

## CHARITY

Displaying compassion and support by making donations or volunteering to help others in need.

| Sun | Mon | Tue                                                                                                                         | Wed                                                             | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                                          | Sat |
|-----|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------|-----|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|     |     | 1<br><b>PTA Board</b><br>7:45am                                                                                             | 2                                                               | 3   | 4<br><b>New Family Tour</b><br>10:00am<br><br><b>Reflections Tea</b><br>1:00pm                                                               | 5   |
| 6   | 7   | 8<br><b>PTA Winter Art &amp; Music Showcase 3rd - 5th</b><br>3rd Grade - 5:30pm<br>4th Grade - 6:00pm<br>5th Grade - 6:30pm | 9                                                               | 10  | 11<br><b>PBIS Store PCS Dress Day</b><br><br><b>All Pro Dads</b><br>7:00am                                                                   | 12  |
| 13  | 14  | 15                                                                                                                          | 16<br><b>Cookies with Santa</b><br>K-2 ~ 7:15am<br>3-5 ~ 7:45am | 17  | 18<br><b>Jingle Jog</b><br><br>Infraction Period #2 Ends | 19  |
| 20  | 21  | 22                                                                                                                          | 23                                                              | 24  | 25                                                                                                                                           | 26  |
|     |     |                                                                                                                             | <i>Winter Break</i><br>No School                                |     |                                                                                                                                              |     |
| 27  | 28  | 29                                                                                                                          | 30                                                              | 31  |                                                                                                                                              |     |
|     |     |                                                                                                                             | <i>Winter Break</i><br>No School                                |     |                                                                                                                                              |     |
|     |     |                                                                                                                             |                                                                 |     |                                                                                                                                              |     |

### **Intervention and Appeals Committee**

The function of the Intervention and Appeals Committee (comprised of parents, teachers, and the principal) is to review and enforce the following:

- Cases of severe or repeated discipline infractions.
- Continued lack of compliance with homework and/or class work policy.
- Failure to support Fundamental school dress code.
- Parent absences from PTA meetings.
- Parent not attending required conferences.

The committee has the option to recommend alternatives which may improve the area of concern. They may establish probation with stipulations for students or parents. If the parent or student fails to fulfill the probationary stipulations or meet the established criteria, a student can be referred to the Student Assignment Office for placement in another school. A student may be referred at any time.

Parents/guardians may address the committee, but will not be present when the committee deliberates. The committee will make the official recommendation for any interventions deemed appropriate, including probation and removal from the school. The committee will verify that appropriate procedures have been followed.

Parents have the right to appeal a school decision. An appeal must be made in writing within 48 hours of parental notification. Parents can contact the principal for information regarding the appeals process.



### **School Advisory Council (SAC)**

The School Advisory Council is composed of parents, staff, business and community members, and the principal. The intended function of the School Advisory Council is to provide parents, citizens, teachers, and students an opportunity to actively participate in the development of educational priorities and the assessment of a school's needs through the school improvement plan.

In addition, SAC serves as a resource to TSFES and the principal. The term "advisory" encompasses the following characteristics:

- 1) Inquiring, 2) Informing, 3) Suggesting, 4) Recommending, and 5) Evaluating.

The School Advisory Council, since it is advisory only, has some limitations:

- 1) It may not dictate School Board or local school center policy.
- 2) It must deal with school-wide issues rather than particular persons, whether they be teachers, students, citizens, or parents. SAC should be representative of the population served by the school. Membership is open to all TSFES parents on a self-nominating basis.

#### **School Advisory Council Members:**

Co-Chairman: Jeanette Arahood

Co-Chairman: Laura Snare

Secretary: Lindsay Wright

Treasure: Kim Moran

Kevin Cooper

Megan Fields

Andrea Labatut Larrain

Latee Saychanh

Danielle Shipp

Ingrid Weishaupt

Marjorie Williams

Judit Sendra

Principal: Teresa Price

Community: Ofc. Matt Geer

PTA Representative: Megan Delgado

Community/Volunteer Liaison: Susan Kikta

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend a PTA meeting, you may attend a SAC meeting instead, as long as the SAC meeting falls in the same month as the missed PTA meeting.**

# January 2027



CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

**KINDNESS & CARING**

Being nice, friendly, and considerate to others, while being willing to listen, give and share.

| Sun | Mon                                                                                                                                                 | Tue                                                                                                              | Wed | Thu                                       | Fri                                       | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-----|
|     |                                                                                                                                                     |                                                                                                                  |     |                                           | 1                                         | 2   |
|     | <div>Winter Break<br/>No School</div>                                                                                                               |                                                                                                                  |     |                                           |                                           |     |
| 3   | 4<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><br><b>Teacher Planning</b><br>           | 5<br><b>Welcome Back<br/>Classes Resume</b><br><br><b>PTA Board</b><br>7:45am<br><br>Infraction Period #3 Begins | 6   | 7                                         | 8<br><b>New Family Tour</b><br>10:00am    | 9   |
| 10  | 11                                                                                                                                                  | 12<br><b>PTA Meeting</b><br>6:00pm<br>(No students)                                                              | 13  | 14<br><br><b>Report Cards Distributed</b> | 15<br><b>Pawssembly</b><br>1:00pm         | 16  |
| 17  | 18<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><br><br><i>Martin Luther King, Jr.</i> | 19                                                                                                               | 20  | 21                                        | 22<br><b>All Pro Dads</b><br>7:00am       | 23  |
| 24  | 25                                                                                                                                                  | 26                                                                                                               | 27  | 28                                        | 29<br><b>PBIS Store<br/>PCS Dress Day</b> |     |

### 2026-2027 PTA Meeting Dates

August 20 (Open House)

September 10

October 8 (Shop & Math Night)

November 12 (Curriculum Night)

December 10 (Art & Music Showcase-Grades 3, 4 & 5)

January 14 (At Home Family Activity)

February 11 (Shop and Read)

March 11 (Art & Music Showcase-K, 1, 2)

April 11 (Spring Fling and Science Showcase)

May 13

### PTA Board Members

President: Katie Samples

Treasurer: Erin Smith

1st Vice President: Megan Delgado

2nd Vice President Membership: Patti Yali

Recording Secretary: Kayla Marsh

Corresponding Secretary: Maggie Cohn

### PTA websites:

[www.pccpta.org](http://www.pccpta.org) (Pinellas County Council)

[www.floridapta.org](http://www.floridapta.org) (Florida PTA)

[www.pta.org](http://www.pta.org) (National PTA)



### Parent/PTA Meetings

Parents are required to attend all Parent/PTA meetings. Any changes in the meeting dates, times, or locations will be announced in the school newsletter. If your child must attend, he/she must remain with you at all times. **Several PTA meetings are specifically designed for adults only.** Details about PTA meetings will be published in the monthly PTA newsletter.

This year, most meetings will begin at 6:00pm. Meetings last approximately one hour and parents are expected to be present for the entire meeting. The president will adjourn the meeting. Sometime during the meeting the QR code will be available to scan. **Arriving late (15 minutes after the mtg start time), leaving early, or failure of a parent to sign in the evening of the meeting will result in the meeting being counted as “unattended.”**

If circumstances arise which make it impossible for a parent to attend a required meeting, a representative (18 years or older) may be sent if communicated and approved by principal in advance. **This representative may not be a parent or teacher at the school and may represent only one family.** It is the parent’s responsibility to make the representative aware of all obligations, including arriving on time, signing in, and staying until the meeting has ended. **Parents may send a representative to only 2 meetings. Once a student is placed on probation, a representative may NOT attend.**

After 1 missed meeting, a reminder letter will be sent to the family. After 2 missed meetings, the family will be placed on probation. A 3rd missed meeting results in referral to the Intervention and Appeals Committee with the possibility of referral to the Student Assignment Office for reassignment.

**PLEASE NOTE: If you are unable to attend a PTA meeting, you may attend a SAC meeting instead, as long as the SAC meeting falls in the same month as the missed PTA meeting.**

# February 2027



CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

## COOPERATION

Getting along with others and working together to accomplish a goal.

| Sun                                                                                         | Mon                                                                                                                                     | Tue                                                    | Wed | Thu | Fri                                           | Sat |
|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----|-----------------------------------------------|-----|
|                                                                                             | 1<br><br>National School Counselors Week<br>Feb 1st—5th                                                                                 | 2<br><br><b>PTA Board</b><br>7:45am                    | 3   | 4   | 5<br><br><b>Daddy/Daughter Dance</b><br>6-8pm | 6   |
| 7                                                                                           | 8                                                                                                                                       | 9<br><br><b>PTA Meeting</b><br>6:00pm                  | 10  | 11  | 12                                            | 13  |
| 14<br><br> | 15<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><b>Teacher Planning</b><br> | 16<br><br><b>SAC</b><br>7:30am<br><br>National SRO Day | 17  | 18  | 19<br><br><b>All Pro Dads</b><br>7:00am       | 20  |
| 21                                                                                          | 22                                                                                                                                      | 23                                                     | 24  | 25  | 26<br><br><b>PBIS Store PCS Dress Day</b>     | 27  |
| 28                                                                                          |                                                                                                                                         |                                                        |     |     |                                               |     |

## **Dress Code**

All students must follow the dress code found in the Code of Student Conduct. In addition, all Fundamental students must adhere to the following guidelines:

### **Students Should Wear:**

- Solid Khaki, navy or black traditional or cargo style uniform shorts or pants (such as brands by Cherokee, French Toast, At-Class, In-Design, etc.) fitted and worn at the waistline, length no lower than knee length for shorts and no shorter than the ankle bone for pants. Shorts should be no higher than 3 inches above the knee.
- Solid Khaki, navy, or black uniform skirts, dresses or skorts worn no higher than 3 inches above the knee. Shorts may be worn underneath if covered by skirt or dress.
- TSFES sold or school provided shirt or any plain solid color shirt each day (may have a logo no larger than 2 inches in diameter). Sleeves must fully cover shoulder.
- Solid blue, loose-fitting jeans (no patterns or designs) are permitted on Fridays only.
- Athletic shoes with rubber soles with socks are to be worn daily.
- Solid color leggings only may be worn under a uniform skirt, dress or skort and no shorter than the ankle bone.
- Any color/pattern jacket, sweater or sweatshirt may be worn.

### **Students Should Not Wear:**

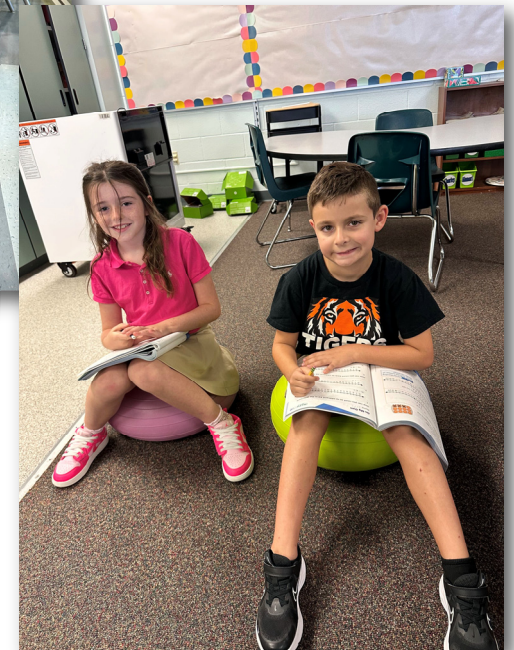
- Athletic wear (unless it is a TSFES sold shirt – ie.: dry fit)
- Tight jegging style jeans or any form-fitting clothing
- Shirts that show a child's midriff when both hands are raised
- Capris, sweatpants, athletic shorts, denim shorts, overalls
- Clothing with holes, rips, frays, patches, or tears
- Hair coloring
- Temporary tattoos
- Sleeveless shirts, tank tops, cap sleeves, spaghetti straps
- Pants shorter than ankle length (unless approved shorts)
- See-through shirts or blouses, halter tops
- Backless shoes, flip-flops, Crocs, sandals, shoes with wheels, spikes, cleats, clogs, boots
- Hats, sunglasses, bandanas (indoors)
- Any clothing which displays profanity, sexually suggestive phrases, alcohol, tobacco, drugs, or advertisements for such products or other phrases.

Students will receive a letter for wearing clothes which do not conform to the student dress code. If there is a question regarding the appropriateness of

student dress, please consult the principal. The principal shall have the final decision regarding the enforcement of the student dress code.

**Students receiving (3) three dress code violations within an infraction period will receive a written warning.**

► We also expect parents to use good judgment in their attire while volunteering in the building. Parents are expected to adhere to the Pinellas County Schools dress code. No bare midriffs, short shorts, "spaghetti straps", sleeveless shirts and visible undergarments. The dress code will be strictly enforced for students.



# March 2027

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

## RESPONSIBILITY

Doing your best and taking ownership  
for your words and actions

| Sun | Mon                                      | Tue                                                                                                          | Wed                                                                                      | Thu | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                   | Sat |
|-----|------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|---------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|     | 1                                        | 2<br>PTA Board<br>7:45am                                                                                     | 3                                                                                        | 4   | 5<br><br>Spring Pictures<br>(Individual & class)<br><br>National Support Staff<br>Appreciation day | 6   |
| 7   | 8                                        | 9<br>PTA<br>Art & Music<br>Showcase K-2<br>Kindergarten - 5:30pm<br>1st Grade - 6:00pm<br>2nd Grade - 6:30pm | 10                                                                                       | 11  | 12<br>Field Day<br><br>Infraction Period #3 Ends                                                                                                                                      | 13  |
| 14  | 15                                       | 16                                                                                                           | 17<br> | 18  | 19                                                                                                                                                                                    | 20  |
|     | Spring Break<br>No School                |                                                                                                              |                                                                                          |     |                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |
| 21  | 22<br><br>Infraction Period<br>#4 Begins | 23                                                                                                           | 24                                                                                       | 25  | 26<br>NO SCHOOL                                                                                                                                                                       | 27  |
| 28  | 29                                       | 30                                                                                                           | 31                                                                                       |     |                                                                                                                                                                                       |     |



## Volunteers

TSFES values volunteers and encourages community support throughout the year. By volunteering, we strengthen our abilities to help students and teachers. A few ways you can make an impact through volunteering include serving as a mentor, becoming a field trip chaperone, helping in the classroom, or supporting the media center. We appreciate any volunteer hours you can offer throughout the year.

### All volunteers must be registered Level II volunteers.

- Volunteers must submit a Volunteer Registration Form and government-issued ID. Visit [www.pcsb.org/volunteer](http://www.pcsb.org/volunteer) for new and current volunteer information.
- Level II status is required for field trips, class parties, and other specific school events.
- Volunteers must wear their Level II badge at all PCS events and campuses.
- Classroom visits require 24-hour pre-approval from the teacher.
- **Volunteers** must follow the **PCSB dress code** while on campus or on field trips. (No bare midriffs, short shorts, "spaghetti straps", sleeveless shirts and visible undergarments.)
- Younger siblings and non-TSFES students may not accompany volunteers.

Contact the Family and Community Liaison with any questions.



Please be sure to record your volunteer hours :  
<https://focus.pcsb.org/volunteer>



## Enrichment Activities

Enrichment activities are fun and educational experiences to help students learn beyond the regular classroom lessons. These activities encourage creativity, teamwork, problem-solving, and confidence while making learning fun. A few Enrichment Activities offered at TSFES



Art Club

Chorus

Drama



Multicultural

STEM

Student Council

Violin



Garden

Green Team

Cyber Ambassador

SAVE

Girlfriends

Safety Patrol

National Elementary  
Honor Society



(Detailed Information regarding Enrichment Clubs will be sent home throughout the school year.)

# April 2027

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

**HONESTY**

Using truthful speech and behavior.

| Sun | Mon                                                       | Tue                                                                                                                        | Wed | Thu                               | Fri                                                                                                                                                                                                                                     | Sat |
|-----|-----------------------------------------------------------|----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|-----------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|     |                                                           |                                                                                                                            |     | 1<br><br>Report Cards Distributed | 2<br><br><b>All Pro Dads</b><br>Pinewood Derby<br>6:00pm<br><br>  | 3   |
| 4   | 5<br><br>National Media<br>Specialist<br>Appreciation Day | 6<br><br><b>PTA Board</b><br>7:45am                                                                                        | 7   | 8                                 | 9<br><br><b>5th Grade Cap &amp; Gown Photos</b><br>8:15am<br><br><b>Pawssembly</b><br>8:30am                                                                                                                                            | 10  |
| 11  | 12                                                        | 13                                                                                                                         | 14  | 15                                | 16<br><br><b>PTA Meeting</b><br>Spring Fling &<br>Science Showcase<br>5 – 7pm<br>                                                                   | 17  |
| 18  | 19                                                        | 20<br><br><b>SAC</b><br>7:30 am<br><br> | 21  | 22                                | 23<br><b>NO SCHOOL</b><br><br>Teacher Planning<br>                                                                                                 | 24  |
| 25  | 26                                                        | 27                                                                                                                         | 28  | 29                                | 30<br><br><b>Volunteer Brkfst</b><br>8:30am<br><br>National School<br>Principal's Day                                                                                                                                                   |     |

Drama

### Appointments

If a student must leave school before dismissal, the parent must pick the student up from the front office prior to 1:45pm. No student is to leave the school grounds at any time without permission from the office staff.

### Lockdowns

When certain safety issues arise, the school will be put in a lockdown, during which time no one may leave or enter the building. This is an unusual circumstance and is only used to ensure everyone's safety. If such a lockdown is in place during dismissal, no parent may enter the school and no students will be dismissed until the lockdown is lifted by local law enforcement officials.

### Weapons

It is the policy of the Pinellas County School Board that no student may bring a weapon, including toy weapons, or other dangerous object into a school building or onto school grounds at any time. Included in this category are common articles such as pencils, files, combs, compasses, etc. that are being used to inflict bodily harm and/or intimidate others. Possession of these objects shall be considered serious misconduct and may warrant suspension, dismissal from the Fundamental school program, or expulsion without consideration of alternative punishment. Please do not allow your child to bring any weapon, toy or otherwise, to school. At no time are toy weapons acceptable for costumes or for "class sharing."



### Severe Weather

Each school in Pinellas County is equipped with a Plectron unit & weather radio which relay information from the district's weather center. All students wear emergency tags during a tornado watch. If a watch becomes a warning, we will normally go to the duck and cover locations.

Due to the imminent danger, students will not be dismissed during a tornado warning. If a parent comes to school while students are in duck and cover positions, he or she must stay in the main office. If you wish to take your child with you, you must sign them out in the office. You may not pick up students in your car pool unless you are listed on the child's office card.

# May 2027

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

**RESPECT**

Treating yourself and others with courtesy and consideration.

| Sun                                                                                                       | Mon                       | Tue                                       | Wed                                 | Thu                                                                                                                                                                   | Fri                                                                                                                                  | Sat |
|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|---------------------------|-------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----|
|                                                                                                           |                           |                                           |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      | 1   |
| 2                                                                                                         | 3                         | 4<br><b>PTA Board Meeting</b><br>7:45am   | 5                                   | 6                                                                                                                                                                     | 7<br><b>All Pro Dads</b><br>7:00am                                                                                                   | 8   |
|                                                                                                           | Teacher Appreciation Week |                                           |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                       | National School Lunch Hero Day                                                                                                       |     |
| 9<br>                    | 10                        | 11<br><b>PTA Meeting</b><br>6:00pm        | 12<br><br>National School Nurse Day | 13                                                                                                                                                                    | 14<br><b>KG Moving Up Ceremony</b><br>8:30am<br> | 15  |
| 16                                                                                                        | 17                        | 18<br><br>National Speech Pathologist Day | 19                                  | 20<br><b>Pawssembly</b><br>1:00pm<br><br><b>PBIS Store PCS Dress Day</b>                                                                                              | 21<br><b>5th Grade Moving Up Ceremony</b><br>   | 22  |
| 23                                                                                                        | 24                        | 25<br><b>PCS Dress Day</b>                | 26<br><b>PCS Dress Day</b>          | 27<br><br><b>Last Day for Students PCS Dress Day</b><br>Report Cards Distributed | 28                                                                                                                                   | 29  |
| 30<br><br>MEMORIAL DAY |                           | 31                                        |                                     |                                                                                                                                                                       |                                                                                                                                      |     |

### **Field Trips**

A school field trip is an educational outing where students leave the school campus to visit a place to enhance learning. These trips are connected to classroom subjects and are designed to make learning more engaging and practical.

- Students must return a signed permission form from a parent or guardian to attend the field trip.
- Only Registered Volunteers may serve as chaperones.
- Siblings or other students may not attend.
- The family can be at the location of the activity, but they cannot participate with other students or interfere with PCS employees and chaperone supervision.
- Students and chaperones must ride the bus to participate.
- Chaperones must follow PCSB policies.
- Do not post photos of students other than your own on social media.
- Students must leave from and return to TSFES with their class group.
- Field trip payments must be submitted by the class due date and are non-refundable.
- Families with financial hardship should contact the principal at least 10 days before the trip for assistance.

### **Parties**

Two parties will be planned for students during the school year. Food must be “store bought,” not home made. Parties should offer educational and social experiences for the students. Only registered volunteers may attend parties. Individual student birthdays are not celebrated with a class party at school.

### **Birthdays**

A Florida law was passed to encourage schools to assist with nutritional health issues facing our students. Therefore, we no longer acknowledge students’ birthdays with food. **As per Florida State Law, NO birthday invitations may be distributed at school.** Parents are requested not to bring food items, flowers, balloons, or other gifts for birthday celebrations.

### **Clinic & Health Services**

Students who become ill at school are sent to the school clinic until they can be picked up by the parent. **Emergency phone numbers must be on file at school in the event your student becomes ill.** We attempt to prevent accidents, however, should one occur, first aid will be administered. In case of a serious accident, emergency services will be called and the parent will be notified.

### **Medications at School**

State law requires that all medications administered to students by school personnel be counted upon arrival at school. Prescription medications must be delivered to school by the parent in the original container with a prescription label indicating the student’s name, physician’s name, name of drug, dosage, etc. Parents must sign an Administration of Medication form for each prescription medication administered at school.

**\* STUDENTS MAY NOT TRANSPORT MEDICATIONS TO OR FROM SCHOOL OR BETWEEN HOUSEHOLDS.**

### **Permanent Records**

An active record of each student’s progress is kept at school. The student’s records remain after he/she graduates. The major items found in the permanent record include the following:

- Original registration papers
- Grades the student has earned
- Physical & Immunization records
- Standardized Test Scores.

**Parents may view these records by making an appointment with the principal through the school office.**

### **Reporting Student Progress**

- Kindergarten–5th grade report cards are issued four times per year.
- Mid-term progress reports are given to students who currently have an N, U, D, or F at mid-term.
- Progress reports are also given to students who received an N, U, D, or F on the previous report card.
- **Honor Roll** (Grades 3–5): Students must earn no grade lower than a “B” in academic subjects.
- Honor Roll students must also receive all “E” or “S” grades in conduct, work habits, PE, art, and music.
- **Principal’s List** (Grades 3–5): Students must earn all “A”s in academic subjects.
- Principal’s List students must also receive all “E” or “S” grades in conduct, work habits, PE, art, and music.

### **Promotion-Retention Policy**

Parents are notified by February 2025 if their student is being considered for retention. In deciding on retention, the following will be considered: test scores, reading and math levels, daily class performance, previous retentions, and special programs. Third grade retention is determined by Florida State Law.

### **Withdrawals**

If your child is leaving TSFES during the school year, please notify the principal in writing.

## MAKE-UP WORK FOR ABSENCES (EXCUSED, UNEXCUSED OR SUSPENSION)

Make-up work for full credit and without a grade penalty is allowed for all absences. It is the student's responsibility to get the missed work. The number of days allowed to make up the work shall be the same as the number of days the student was absent, however in all cases the work should be turned in before the end of the grading period or whichever is the shortest period of time in compliance with the number of days absent as mentioned above.

## Notice of right to not participate in Pledge of Allegiance

The pledge of allegiance to the flag shall be recited at the beginning of the day in each public elementary, middle, and high school in the state. Each student shall be informed by a **written notice published in the student handbook or a similar publication** pursuant to s.1006.07(2) that the student has the right not to participate in reciting the pledge. Upon written request by his or her parent, the student must be excused from reciting the pledge, including standing and placing the right hand over his or her heart.

## Notice of Funds Expended per Student per School

The school financial report must be provided to the parents and indicate the average amount of money expended per student in the school, which must be included in the student handbook or a similar publication.

## Notice of Availability of the School Public Accountability Report 2025-2026

The annual school report for 2025-2026, including the average amount of money expended per student in each school, is available at your child's school and the school's website which can be reached at [www.pcsb.org](http://www.pcsb.org). Please contact your school to obtain a copy or visit the website if you would like to review the report.

# Information

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Information Services .....588-6297

Pupil Assignment/Zoning .....588-5000

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### Pinellas County Important Numbers

Tampa Bay Cares (Guide to Social Services) .....211

Household Hazardous Waste .....464-7500

Human Services Dept.....464-8400

Juvenile Welfare Board.....547-5600

M.A.D.D. (24 hr).....556-0633

Poison Control Center.....1-800-222-1222

Sheriff's Office.....911 or (non-emergency) 582-6200

Child Support & Civil Records.....464-3267

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