



Sexton Stingray News

Upcoming Events October 2026

- 7th. Picture Retakes
- 9th. Kona Ice during lunch
- 12th. No School!
- 12th. Community Meeting in Cafe
- 22nd. Honors Assembly & Report Cards
- 22nd. Book Fair starts
- 23rd. Trunk or Treat
- 30th. Halloween Parade
- 30th. Book Fair ends

A message from Mr. Pleshe

October at Sexton: A Month Full of Stingray Spirit!

October is shaping up to be an exciting month at John M. Sexton Elementary! We are looking forward to celebrating with our students, connecting with families, and creating some wonderful memories together. Please mark these important dates on your calendar:

October 22 – Honor's Assembly & Report Cards

We will celebrate our students and their accomplishments during our Honor's Assembly. **Report cards will go home with students that afternoon**, giving families an opportunity to celebrate their child's progress and talk about goals for the next part of the school year.

October 22 – Book Fair Opens!

Our **Book Fair** opens on **October 22**! We encourage students to explore the selection and discover a new book to enjoy. Thank you for supporting literacy and helping us build a love of reading!

October 23 – Trunk or Treat | 6:00 PM

Get ready for an evening of fun at our annual **Trunk or Treat**! Families are invited to join us beginning at **6:00 PM** for a fun-filled evening of decorated cars, costumes, treats, and Sexton Stingray spirit. We hope to see everyone there!

October 30 – Annual Halloween Parade | 9:00 AM

Our annual **Halloween Parade** will take place on **October 30 at 9:00 AM**, and parents are welcome to attend! Students may wear costumes to school that day. **Please remember to send a change of clothes with your child** so students can change after the parade. Costumes should be school-appropriate and allow students to participate safely in the school day. **We are looking forward to a fantastic October at Sexton! Thank you for continuing to make our school a place where students feel celebrated, connected, and excited to learn.**

Go Stingrays!

Tony Pleshe, Principal

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



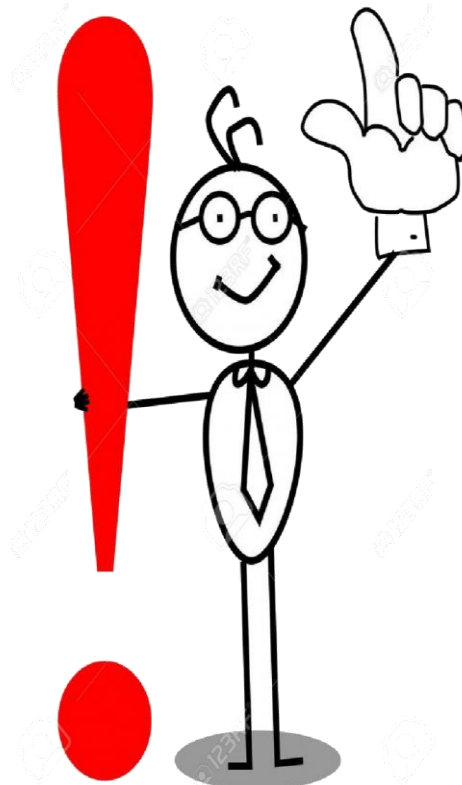
Students are **NOT** allowed to use cell phones, smart watches, and other electronic devices while at school. It is district policy **all** devices must be turned off and in backpacks during the school day. Please see our code of conduct for more information. Thank you!

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.



ATTENTION!

Starting the 2026-2027 school year, hoodies are **NOT** allowed at school.

Students may wear plain, solid, non-decorated sweatshirts and sweaters. All sweatshirts or sweaters must be white, powder blue, dark purple, dark teal, or navy blue.

Students may also wear Sexton sweatshirts.

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

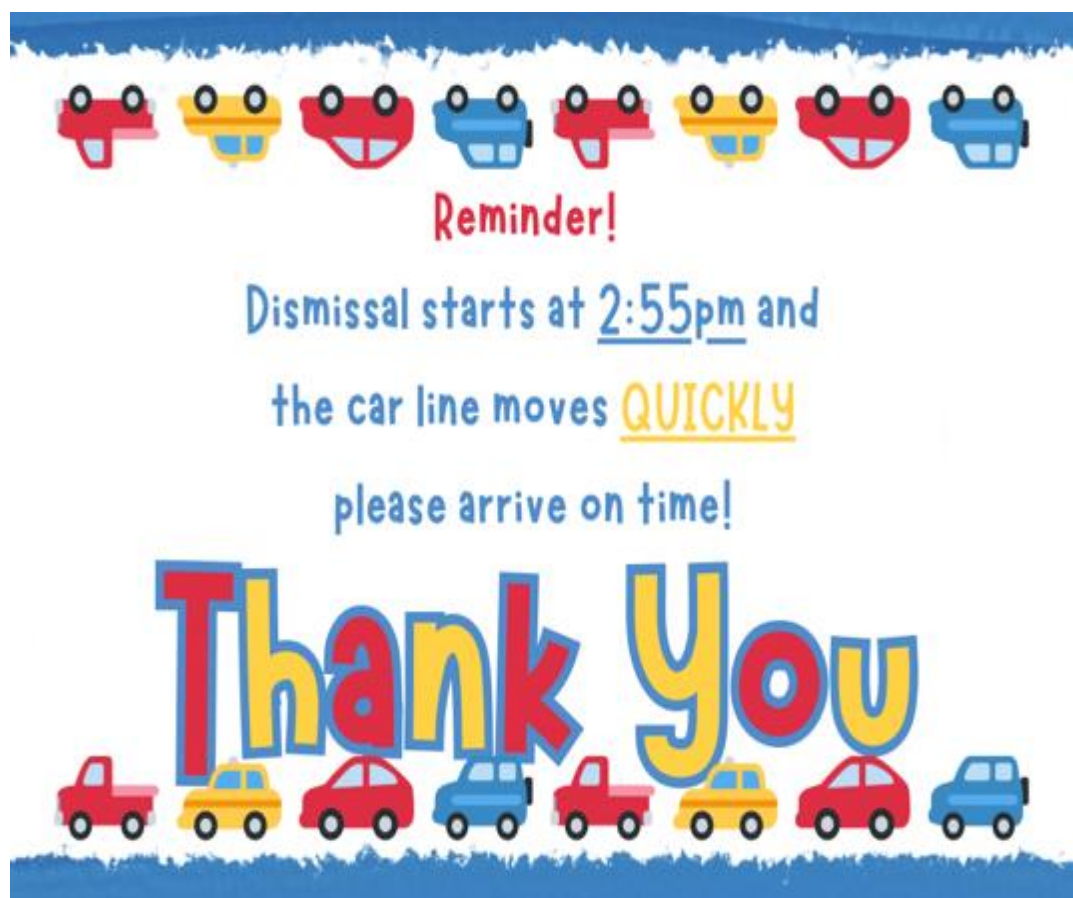


Permanent Resident Card



Tribal ID Card







For families of 5th graders, this is a BIG DEAL! Our children are growing up quickly, middle school is just around the corner, and opportunities to spend meaningful time with them are becoming fewer and farther between. What better way to connect with your child than by volunteering for Enterprise Village?

**This year's Enterprise Village field trip is scheduled for
Thursday, November 5, 2026.**

During this exciting experience, students will get a firsthand look at the world of work and financial responsibility. They'll have the opportunity to apply for a job, produce and sell products, receive a paycheck, as well as manage a checking account and purchase goods with the money they earned.

We are looking for at least **20 volunteers** to help make this experience a success. However, due to recent changes to the Pinellas County Schools Volunteer Program, all volunteers must be Level 2 approved. This includes being fingerprinted and undergoing a background screening through a state clearinghouse. There's a small fee associated with the process so if you're in need of financial assistance, please let me know!

Below is the link to complete the application. It's best if you use a desktop or laptop computer to complete the online application.

<https://www.pcsb.org/departments/district-services/strategic-partnerships/volunteer-information/level-2-volunteer-information>

If you have any questions, please contact **Sheila Salg** at salgs@pcsb.org or **(727) 570-3400 ext. 2045**.

Thank you for considering volunteering for this incredible experience! Your time and support will help make this a memorable and meaningful day for our 5th graders.



Welcome Back, Sexton Families!

Calling all bargain hunters and treasure seekers! After the incredible success of last year's event, we're thrilled to announce that **Sexton Elementary's 2nd Annual Community Yard Sale** is coming soon!

Now is the perfect time to start setting aside those gently loved items that are ready for a new home. Whether you're looking to clear out some space, earn a little extra money, or discover amazing bargains, this event is the perfect opportunity to connect with our community while shopping for great finds.

The event will be held on:

**Saturday, January 24, 2027
9:00 AM – 1:00 PM**

Interested in being a vendor? We'd love to have you join us! More information on reserving space will be shared soon.

Mark your calendars, we can't wait to see everyone for another fun-filled day of shopping, selling, and supporting our Sexton community!



When: **October 23–30**

Where: **Media Center**

We're excited to welcome the **Scholastic Book Fair** to Sexton Elementary School!

During the **Book Fair**, students will have an opportunity to visit with their classes to browse the selection of books. Students may purchase books during school hours throughout the week.

Payment Options the **Book Fair** will accept:

- **Cash**
- **Credit and debit cards**
- **Scholastic eWallet**

Scholastic eWallet is a safe and convenient cash-free payment option that allows parents and guardians to add funds for their child to use at the Fair. *Information and directions for setting up an eWallet will be sent home as we get closer to the Book Fair.*

We look forward to a wonderful week of books and reading! If you have any questions, please feel free to contact me at **jordanchr@pcsb.org**.

Thank you,

Christine Jordan Library Media Specialist



Sexton Elementary

Oct 9th 2026

Use QR Code Below to Preorder

Preorder Ends Oct 8th 7:00pm

We will accept payment at the truck day of event

A portion of all sales supports your school



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Tutoring and Enrichment Clubs

Focus for ELP-tutoring: This year our focus will be on **math** for tutoring for grades K-5.

Tuesday: Math Tutoring for Kindergarten, 1st (**1st is full**), 2nd (**2nd is full**), 3rd, 4th, & 5th (**5th is full**)

Thursday: Math Tutoring for Kindergarten and 1st Grade

Pick-Up time for tutoring and clubs is **4:15pm promptly**.

For **Enrichment Clubs**:

Tuesdays:

- Dance Club 3-5
- STEM Club-4th and 5th Grades
- STEM Club-2nd and 3rd Grades
- Girls on the Run 3rd-5th

Thursdays:

- Dance K-2
- Girls on the Run 3rd-5th
- PMAC Grades 3-5
- Movement with Music K-5
- Venture Club K-5 October 1st-December 17th



YREADS To enroll, please contact Ms. Suzanne Daniels through email: sdaniels@stpeteymca.org.

- Kindergarten & 1st Grades-Monday (**full**)
- 2nd Grade-Tuesday (**space is available**)
- 3rd Grade-Wednesday (**space is available**)
- 4th-5th Grades-Thursday (**limited space available**)

PBIS Points

(Positive Behavior Intervention System)

We have 230 parents on the **PBIS APP**. This is the way we communicate with our Sexton parents. Just download the app for free and then scan your child's **QR Code**. If you still need to join, please let your child's teacher know or the front office so we can get you the QR code to sign in.

You can instantly communicate with your child's teacher, see how your child is doing throughout their day, and see how many points they earn in a day-it should be **5**. The students need **15 points** to dress down for **R.A.Y.S Day** on Fridays.

RAYS DAY means they will have a non-uniform day on Fridays if they choose not to use RAYS non-uniform dress down day points will go into their **PBIS Bank**.

Reminder: the points go away on **October 9th** (end of the semester) so the students need to use their points and not save them like in the past. They start again on **October 12th**

They get points daily for the following behaviors:

2 points for **Behavior in the Classroom**

1 Point for: **Behavior in Specials (Art, Music, and PE)**

1 Point for: **Behavior in the Lunchroom**

1 Point for: **In Uniform Every Day**

1-3 Points for: **Specific Praise**

Very Important information

EVERY child in your house will have their **own QR code** and you must sign them up **individually** through the app. **Each child receives 50 points if their parent signs up.**

EXTRA points students can earn for the month of **October**:

· **Attending All Pro Dads and Moms Breakfast-10 points**

· **Specific Praise:** They can get **1-3 points** from any teacher/staff on campus for being **AMAZING!**

Music notes from Mrs. Núñez-Caicedo



Teacher's Note

As always, if you have any questions about performances or your student in music class, please reach out on Focus or at nunez-caicedov@pcsb.org.



5th grade students have been learning about different composers in preparation for their field trip to see The Florida Orchestra at the Mahaffey Theater on Friday, October 23rd. This field trip is during the school day, and students will eat lunch after returning around 12:30/45 PM (bagged school lunch or packed lunch from home). Permission slips are due back to their classroom teachers by Friday, October 16th.



- 5th grade Stingray Chorus students who are interested in participating in the Pinellas All County concert in early February need to start thinking about their audition for Mrs. Núñez-Caicedo ("Are You Sleeping, Brother John"). Info forms and requirements will be sent home in October/November.
- Stingray Chorus will also perform on Friday, December 4th at England Brothers Park in Pinellas Park at 7 PM for Holiday in the Park, a free event for the community. Come out and show your support for our young performers!
- Movement through Music club started last week, and students are using Eurythmics-inspired activities to connect with and extend their regular classroom learning.



- 2nd grade and Stingray Chorus are both preparing for the Winter concert on Thursday, December 3rd at 6 PM in the Sexton café. Students can access their concert music on my Clever page with the Stingray (chorus) or Snowman (2nd gr.) icons, which launches a Nearpod (may require students to log in using their school login info).



TRUNK OR TREAT

Come and Join Us!

October 23, 2026

6:00– 7:30 PM

**Sexton's Front Parking Lot
\$5 per family, paid at the door.**





FALL RETAKE DAY

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RETAKE DAY IS

El día de fotos es el:

Wednesday, October 7, 2026
miércoles, 7 de octubre, 2026

LOCATION

Ubicación:

Sexton Elementary



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Código:

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*Paga Online con tu Tarjeta De Débito, Tarjeta De Crédito, PayPal, Apple Pay o Google Pay.

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Digital Responsibility

October 19-23

Digital Responsibility Week is an annual campaign to promote a healthy, balanced, and positive approach to media and tech use among young people.

Digital Responsibility Week involves lessons and activities focused on topics like digital well-being, media literacy, online safety, internet etiquette, and cyberbullying prevention. The goal is to help students, families, and educators navigate the digital world and develop a healthy, balanced approach to technology.



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.