North Shore Elementary Weekly Update
Week of 10/26/26

Getting You Connected!

Learning Hours: 8:45am – 2:55pm

Supervision Hours: 8:15am – 3:25pm

Gates open at 8:15am

Our Core Values are:

- Commitment to children, families, and community
- Respectful and caring relationships
- Cultural competence
- Integrity
- Responsibility
- Connectedness

Our Mission statement is: North Shore Elementary is a family-oriented community that provides a safe and positive environment to spark a lifelong love of learning.

Our vision statement is: 100% Student Success

Our school motto is: Carpe Diem. Carpe Success

Our Points of Pride are:

- Parent Involvement
- Student Enrichment
- Academic Excellence and Empowerment

Knight Shout Out for Families: Recognize a North Shore Elementary staff member, and I'll share it at our next staff meeting. Open your camera app, aim it at this QR code, and a link will appear for you to click on to fill out the 1-minute form, or use this link https://forms.office.com/r/jcEF68sVKH

October events

- National Principals Month: Thank you to our school leaders for all you do to advance the success of schools, staff and students. We appreciate your guidance and leadership!
- National Bullying Prevention Month is aimed at preventing bullying and promoting kindness, acceptance, and inclusion.
- Dyslexia Awareness Month raises awareness about dyslexia. One in five students has a language-based learning disability.
- Breast Cancer Awareness Month raises awareness about breast cancer and promotes screening and prevention. Each year, we encourage PCS staff to wear pink on a designated day to raise awareness about breast cancer

Weekly observances

- Disability History & Awareness Weeks – Oct. 4-17 (First two full weeks of October). The event promotes instruction to expand students' knowledge, understanding, and awareness of individuals with disabilities, disability history, and the disability rights movement.
- National School Lunch Week is Oct. 12-16. The annual observance highlights the importance of a healthy school lunch and its impact both in and out of the classroom.
- Digital Citizenship Week is Oct. 19-23. The annual campaign promotes a healthy, balanced, and positive approach to media and technology use for young people.
- National School Bus Safety Week is Oct. 19–23 (the third full week of October). Thank you to our bus drivers who transport students safely to and from school each day! Let them know how much you appreciate them.
- Red Ribbon Week is Oct 26-30. Red Ribbon Week is a national drug-prevention awareness

Date	Time	Activity
~~10/12~~		~~No school for students – Teacher planning day~~
~~10/14~~	~~6:00pm~~	~~Turkey Trot Meeting~~
~~10/16~~	~~7:45am~~	~~Knights in Motion (Walking Club)~~
~~10/16~~	~~8:15am~~	~~Castle Connections (All Pro Families)~~
~~10/19~~		~~Fall Student Pics (RETAKE Day)~~
~~10/19~~	~~4:00pm~~	~~Final grades due in FOCUS~~
~~10/20~~	~~3:15pm~~	~~School Advisory Council Meeting~~
~~10/21~~	~~10:00am & 1:45pm~~	~~School Tours~~
~~10/21~~	~~3:15pm~~	~~PTA Board Meeting~~
~~10/22~~		~~Report cards go home~~
~~10/23~~	~~9:00am~~	~~Knights in the Courtyard~~
10/30	9:00am	Fall “Halloween” Parade

October Events

Thanksgiving Food Drive

🍽️ Traditional Thanksgiving Staples

Stuffing mix — herb, cornbread, or traditional

Mashed potatoes — instant or potato flakes

Sweet potatoes & yams — canned or marshmallow toppings

Canned vegetables — green beans, corn, peas, or mixed veggies

Cranberry sauce — whole berry or jellied

Turkey gravy — canned or dry mix (no glass)

Casserole add-ins — cream of mushroom soup, French-fried onions, chicken or vegetable broth

🥧 Baking & Desserts

Canned pumpkin purée — for pumpkin pie

Pie fillings — apple, cherry, or peach

Baking mixes — pie crust, cornbread, muffins, or cake

Evaporated milk — for pies and side dishes

❤️ Helpful Extras

Proteins — canned chicken, canned ham

Breads & rolls — biscuit mix or shelf-stable dinner rolls

Kitchen supplies — disposable roasting pans or turkey cooking bags

Festive holiday napkins — to make the table feel special

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October Volunteer Newsletter

October NSE VOLUNTEER NEWSLETTER

Thank you to all of our amazing NSE volunteers!
We have several opportunities this month to support our students, teachers and school community. We would love to have you join us!

Media Center Help

Help keep our Media Center neat and organized by volunteering to shelve books.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA5AE2C7-45528788-nsemedia#/

Book Fair Volunteers Needed

The Scholastic Book Fair is returning to North Shore, and we need volunteers to help make this week a success!
Whether you can help students find books, assist with purchases, or keep things organized, we would love your support.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/9040C4EA5AE2C7-65881105-book#/

!URGENT NEED!

North Shore Patch – 2nd Grade

Our 2nd graders are participating in the North Shore Patch program this fall! Instructors will be on campus to help guide our Knights through the program, but we need volunteers to assist during the school day.

https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AA8AF2BA1FDC70-65258104-north#/

Great American Teach-In

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

The Great American Teach-In (GATI) is an annual community event where professionals, parents, and experts visit K–12 classrooms to share their careers, experiences, hobbies, and passions with students. We are looking for speakers who would like to share their knowledge and experiences with our Knights and help make this year's GATI a memorable experience!

https://app.smartsheet.com/b/form/019ce2167ebc7e11a7ca0c0e6929b05a

Turkey Trot Planning Meeting

- Wednesday, October 14, 2026
- 6:00 – 7:30 PM
- Golden Isles Brewery

Join us as we plan for our biggest fundraiser of the year!

Coffee Pot Turkey Trot Volunteers

Our biggest fundraiser, the Coffee Pot Turkey Trot, is fast approaching!
We need our wonderful volunteers to help make this event a success.

https://runsignup.com/Race/Volunteer/FL/SaintPetersburg/NorthShoreElementarySchoolCoffeePotTurkeyTrot

PTA Tour Volunteers

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https://www.signupgenius.com/go/10C054AA8AF2BA1FDC70-64859813-ptatour#/

Volunteer Fingerprinting

We will have a mobile fingerprinting service available during our STEM Night on October 8, 2026.

If you or a friend needs to update your fingerprints to maintain your volunteer status, please email snowla@pcsb.org to schedule an appointment.

Please note: Walk-ins will not be accepted. Appointments are required.

Lunch Pals Donations

Our Lunch Pals program is looking for gently used board games and card games for students to enjoy.

Please send donations to the North Shore front office.

Uniform Donation Closet

Our Uniform Donation Closet is currently in need of:

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- Girls' underwear
- Belts — boys and girls
- Larger socks — boys and girls

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Fall "Halloween" Parade

Veterans Day Camps

INNOVATE • CREATE • CAPTIVATE

Veteran's Day Camps - November 11, 2026

8:30am - 3:00pm

To register, log into the Student Reservation System (SRS) through Focus. Space is limited!

Registration begins on **Wednesday, October 14th at 9:00am.**

STEM INVENTOR'S WORKSHOP: BUILDING BIG IDEAS (grades 2, 3, 4, 5)	SPARK ART EXPLORERS EXPERIENCE (grades 4, 5)	IGNITE YOUTH CHOIR EXPERIENCE (grades 3, 4, 5)
Woodlawn Elementary 1600 16th St. N St. Petersburg, FL 33704	**Imagine Museum** 1901 Central Ave. St. Petersburg, FL 33713	**Leila G. Davis Elementary** 2630 Landmark Dr. Clearwater, FL 33761
Maximo Elementary 4850 31st St. S. St. Petersburg, FL 33712	**Museum of Arts & Crafts** 355 4th St. N. St. Petersburg, FL 33701	**High Point Elementary** 5921 150th Ave. N Clearwater, FL 33760
Safety Harbor Middle School 901 First Ave. N. Safety Harbor, FL 34695	**Safety Harbor Art and Music Center** 706 2nd St N. Safety Harbor, FL 34695	**Perkins Elementary** 2205 18th Ave. S St. Petersburg, FL 33712
Sandy Lane Elementary 1360 Sandy Lane Clearwater, FL 33755	**Tarpon Springs Fundamental** 400 E Harrison St, Tarpon Springs, FL 34689 **3D Printing & Minecraft*	

MORE INFO

- $25.00 non-refundable registration fee
- Meals will not be provided. Students will need to bring their own lunch and a snack
- Charter and private school students are not eligible to participate

Attendance Policy

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE POLICY 2026/2027

When a child misses two school days a month, he or she will miss 20 days a year. This calculates to 30 hours of math over the school year, 60 hours of reading and writing, and one whole year of missed school by graduation.

Attendance Policy

1. After 2 absences in a row, your student's teacher will make contact.
2. Missing 10% or more school days, will result in call from the Child Study Team (Attendance Team).
3. If absences continue, an attendance letter will be sent home and documented.
4. If absences continue, an Attendance Matters Letter will be sent home.
5. If absences continue, parents will be invited to a Child Study Team Meeting.
6. If absences continue with no contact from the parent, a home visit may be completed.
7. If absences continue, a 3-Day Certified Letter will be sent home.
8. If absences continue, a Truancy Intervention Program referral will be made to the State Attorney.

Reporting Absences

Message/email teacher
Call the front office 727-893-2181
Online on our school website- top right-hand corner "Report Student Absence"
Parents can upload notes through your parent Focus Account.

Tardy, Early Pick Up & Late Pick Up Policy

Tardies are when student arrive at 8:45 am or later.
Early Pick Ups are when students are picked up without a doctor's note before 2:55 pm.
Late Pick Ups are when students are picked up after 3:25 pm.

5- Written Reminder
10- Child Study Team Contact
15– Administration Contact
20- Invitation to Child Study Team Meeting

We want your students at school and on time every day. If you are having an issue getting your child to school, please contact the school. We are here to help, and can problem solve the issue together. Thank you for

Toys for Tots

PreK3 Openings

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Pre-K 3 openings!

13 spots available

NURTURING BRIGHT MINDS EVERY DAY

- For children who are 3 years old on or before September 1st
- Encourages creativity, problem-solving, and social interaction
- Integrates academic concepts through hands-on activities
- Daily routines that build confidence and independence
- Limited on-site before and after-school care available through community partners
- Drop off: 8:15 am - 8:45 am
- Pick up: 2:45 pm
- Follows PCSB schedule with fall, winter, spring, and summer breaks.
- Full school day tuition-based program
- Registration Fee: $100
- Weekly Tuition: $140

How to Apply

- Apply for a seat online. Create a new parent account or log into your existing account at focus.pcsb.org.
- Pay online registration fee once seat is granted. Log back into focus.pcsb.org with your parent account to open acceptance and pay registration fee.
- Enroll at assigned school. Please bring the following required documents to the school site:
  - Birth certificate/proof of child's age
  - Physical examination certificate signed by a licensed examiner
  - Proof of Florida residency

Contact US

(727) 893 - 2181

https://www.pcsb.org/learning/early-childhood-education/prek-3-program-for-2026-2027

Family Lunches

Family Lunches

We welcome our North Shore families to join their child for lunch Monday- Friday during their assigned lunch time excluding testing periods and special events. All Pre-K and ASD families must prearrange their visit with your student's homeroom teacher. **Family lunches are weather permitting.** To keep everyone safe and make the visit enjoyable, please follow these important procedures. They help ensure a smooth process for all families, students, and staff.

Procedures for lunch days:

- Every adult **must** bring a physical copy of their government issued ID to the front office and check in. You will receive a visitor or volunteer sticker that **must** be visible and worn during the duration of your visit on campus.
- Please arrive at your child's lunchtime since you will not be allowed in the courtyard before that time.
- Once you enter, if you are a visitor, you will be escorted to our courtyard area outside of the cafeteria. If you are a Level 2 volunteer, you will be allowed to go to the courtyard without a staff escort and may be asked to walk our visitors to the area. Please be aware of the limited space available and number of visitors per child.
- If you arrive after your student has walked through the courtyard, **a staff member will go into the cafeteria to bring out your child.** No other students are allowed to join, and **visitors/volunteers ARE NOT allowed in the cafeteria.**
- Please do not leave the courtyard area during lunch time- no visitors/volunteers are allowed to walk back to the child's class or stay for recess.
- **While in the courtyard, students and children visiting are to be seated at the table with their family and NOT playing in the area by the picnic tables or the green space.**
- You may bring outside food, or your student can get their lunch in the cafeteria and then join you outside. Families are not allowed to purchase school lunches.
- Please **remember not to take any photos or videos of other** students since this violates Pinellas County Schools Policy.
- At the end of your child's lunchtime, they will line up with their classmates and family members are to exit through the front office to return your visitor sticker. Please DO NOT exit through the gates without a PCSB staff member's permission as this is a safety issue.
- Please **make sure your student lines up and leaves on time with their class.** Tardiness back in the classroom causes disruption to students and the learning environment.
- If you come late, you still must leave at the end of your child's lunchtime. Extended lunch times will not be permitted.
- Please do not bring outside food for other students except your own child.
- Please be patient with the front office while checking in and escorting families- they are doing their best.
- Lastly, reminder to supervise your child(ren) eating outside- they are to be seated and not running around.

North Shore Clothes Bin

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

NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY & Clothes Bin® have partnered to collect and recycle old clothing, shoes and textiles!
So, please do not throw them away!
Just place the items in the ***green*** recycling bin near our parking lot.
Every pound of recycled items support
NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY!

Below is a list of items to be donated:

Clothing: pants, jeans, skirts, dresses, suits, shorts, shirts, tees, tanks
Footwear: shoes, boots, heels, sneakers, sandals, socks, tights
Undergarments: bras, underwear, slips, camisoles
Accessories: hats, belts, ties, scarves, headbands
Handbags: wallets, totes, luggage, backpacks, briefcases
Linens: towels, sheets, comforters, blankets, tablecloths

As you clean out the old and bring in the new, ***you*** can help the environment and **NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY** too!
Every pound collected earns funds for NSE students!

Fortify FL

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Join the PTA

JOIN THE NORTH SHORE ELEMENTARY PTA

Your unique voice is needed!

Sign up for PTA today! Select a donation amount, scan the QR code or use the links below.

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@NorthShore KnightsPTA

PTA SUPPORTS

- Afterschool programs
- Grade-level field trips
- Family events & socials
- Garden & Recycling
- School advocacy
- Professional Development for Teachers

Single Membership $5
https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/6b26a1c65eddce

Single Membership $10
https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/c55b6d614068

Single Membership $25
https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/2a725c0be9c4d2

Single Membership $50
https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/c3c6ba2ec7

Single Membership $100
https://northshoreelementarypta.givebacks.com/shop/items/c00cfa7cbc3c

HERE'S WHAT YOUR MEMBERSHIP CAN DO!

$5 can cover a single PTA membership
$10 can cover two PTA memberships
$25 can provide supplies for Birthday Boxes
$50 can support a Family Social
$100 can provide an after-school scholarship for 1 student

To keep you in the loop about North Shore PTA news & upcoming events, you will be auto enrolled to receive email and/or text message communications. You can opt-out at any time.

PTA Board Members

2026—2027

Principal - Mr. Michael Rebman
Assistant Principal - Ms. Anne Nelson
President - Rob Hasbrouck
Treasurer - Sarah McKenna
Recording Secretary - Madeline Bach
Corresponding Secretary - Mandy Neumann
VP Community and Membership - Sarah Nelson
VP Fundraising - Julie Pinkowski
VP Education and Advocacy - Katie Giroud

Remember to renew your membership yearly.

JOIN OR RENEW NOW!

Our History

To meet the needs of the children of the Masonic Children's Home, the Pinellas County School Board opened Coffee Pot School in January 1927. Because of expanded enrollment, the school was renamed North Shore Elementary School in 1940. Throughout the years many changes have occurred at North Shore, but the school has been, and remains today, steeped in history and tradition.

Our school encompasses Central Ave to 54th Ave N, 16th St N to the coast and 4th St N to the coast.

North Shore Elementary PTA

200 35th Ave NE
St. Petersburg, FL 33704
727-893-2181

https://www.northshore-es.pcsb.org

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Why Join PTA?

Students Benefit: Research shows that students perform better when parents are engaged in education both at home and at school. Parental involvement boosts student achievement. By joining PTA, your child will see first hand the importance you place on education.

Schools Benefit: PTA provides support for teachers and staff. It strives to create a positive and caring atmosphere in the school. PTA advocates partners with a variety of programs that enhance schools. Also, your volunteer hours both in or out of school contribute to the schools' yearly Parent Involvement Program with the district.

Make Connections: PTA involvement helps you stay informed and connected with the school and allows you to gain a broader perspective of how you can play a supportive role. You will make connections with other parents and business partners that share the common goal of student success.

Contact Us

nseptafl@gmail.com

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"The best part of being a North Shore Knight is being a part of the North Shore family. You are more than just a teacher to the students in your class. You get to know all the kids on campus, and we all support our fellow knights. Our students, teachers, and families all work together to make this school special!"
-Mrs. Edmondson, 3rd Grade Teacher

"What people first notice when they join the North Shore "castle" is the warm and welcoming culture we have here. North Shore is a prime example of how much students will succeed when teachers, families, and the community all work together."
-Mrs. Suarez, 5th Grade Teacher

"The one word that describes North Shore is "family." From the staff to the students, I love that I can come to work, walk the halls, and know pretty much every student by name. I always think the TV show Cheers, North Shore is a place where everybody knows your name! We may be a small school but our staff, PTA, and our students have big hearts. I wouldn't want to work anywhere else!"
-Mrs. Kohnle, Kindergarten Teacher

President's Welcome

On behalf of the North Shore Elementary School PTA, I would like to extend a warm welcome to our new families, returning students, families, and staff members! We are looking forward to a productive and fun school year ahead. Thank you for all of your past and future participation in the PTA and I hope to have you join or renew your membership for the 2026 - 2027 school year.

Our PTA supports the following:

- Provide supplies for classrooms
- Fund field trips
- Provide mini grants for teachers and classrooms
- Supply PBIS incentive program
- 7th Hour scholarships
- ... and many more

Your involvement is completely optional, but always appreciated! If you're able, we encourage you to volunteer, attend a PTA event, or join us at a meeting—your voice matters. This is your PTA, and the more families we have engaged, the better we can support and enrich our students' experience.

Rob Hasbrouck, President of NSE PTA

Let's help our students and staff keep our "A" rating!