

Double Branch Elementary

Vaughnette Chandler,
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RANCHER TIMES



Principal's Message

Hello Rancher Families!

It's hard to believe that we are close to the end of third quarter and that spring break is upon us! Students and staff continue to focus on learning! Students are hard at work preparing for the FSA assessments that are coming-beginning with FSA Writing with our 4th and 5th graders next week. You can assist us by talking to your child about how these tests are simply opportunities for students to show what they know. Encourage your student to do his/her best. Our district will be providing a free breakfast for all students on the days they test! Check out the Upcoming Events section of this newsletter for the exact dates your child will be testing and encourage him/her to take advantage of the free breakfast offer on those days. Thank you so much for all that you do!

Mrs. Chandler

Odyssey of The Mind Save The Date

Come cheer on our DBES Odyssey of The Mind teams at the upcoming district tournament on Saturday, March 3rd. DBES has two teams participating this year. Both teams have returning and experienced members! We are hopeful that we will be able to advance to the state level competition! More information about specific competition times will be forthcoming.

Relay For Life Team Update

March 9th DBES Relay – come out for our first annual mini relay. Bring fold up chairs, have fun walking laps and raising money for the American Cancer Society. We will have music, food, raffles, and a silent auction. Bring money for vendors: Lulalaroo, Thirty-one, Gold Canyon Candles, Practical Magic Salon.

Raffle items: lunch with principals, basketball one-on-one with a teacher, car line fast pass for rest of the year!! Action items: gift baskets with values up to \$200- tickets to Crayola World, crafts, coffee, gift cards galore!! Hope to see you there!

PLACE Registration Information



CAMP WOW!
at **PLACE**
"Quality...Integrity...Trust"

Exciting Activities
Field Trips
Outdoor Recreation
Guest Presentations
Special Interest Clubs
...And Much More!

Where The Adventure Never Ends!

All Special Activities and Field Trips INCLUDED!

- Tampa Bay Rays - 3rd through 5th grades
- PKs Playzone and Grille - K through 2nd grades
- Play N Around Children's Theatre
- Swimming
- Roller Skating
- Pasco Schools Center for the Arts - "PLACE'S Got Talent"
- Pasco Schools Center for the Arts - Movie Days
- Special Onsite Presentations
- ... and So Much More!!!

2018 Summer Dates and Hours
June 4, 2018 - August 8, 2018
(6:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.)

Pasco County Schools
Kurt S. Browning, Superintendent of Schools

Registration begins March 26, 2018
placeprogram.com/campwow

Visit your school's PLACE program or call
(813) 794-2298
(727) 774-2298
(352) 524-2298

Fees
(includes ALL field trips and special events)
\$25 non-refundable registration
\$64 weekly, per child
Summer T-Shirts Available
\$6 youth, \$7 adults

Upcoming Events

- March 2nd
All Pro Dad's Breakfast
8:45 am
- March 3rd
Odyssey of The Mind
Tournament At TEWMS
- March 5th
FSA Writing Assessment
4th and 5th Graders
- March 6th
PTA Family Fun Night
Burger Monger
5:00-9:00 pm
- March 9th
Spirit Day Wear College Attire
- March 9th
Field Trip Amalie Arena
Cookie Dough Fundraiser
Top Sellers
- March 9th
Relay For Life Event
Double Branch Elementary
6:30-8:30 pm
- March 13th
PTA Open House @ DBES
5:00-6:00 pm
- March 14th
Kindergarten Field Trip
Wesley Chapel Performing Arts
- March 16th
Teacher Planning Day: No School
- March 19th
No School-Spring Break Begins
- March 26th
Students Return From Spring
Break
- March 26th
SAC Meeting 8:15 am Media
- March 29th
Cookie Dough Pick-Up
More Information To Follow
- March 30th
Relay For Life Hat Day
- March 30th
Spirit Day-Wear College Attire
- March 30th
Rancher of The Quarter 10:00 am
- March 30th
Club Day

PTA Junction – March 2018

Happy Spring, Rancher families!

We appreciate everyone that stopped by our Chick-Fil-A Family Spirit Night in February! We had almost 100 transactions for Double Branch and earned nearly \$300.00 for our school that night – yahoo!

Ever wondered what partnering with the PTA would look like and what types of things YOU might be able to do with our team? Stop by the Double Branch Media Center on Tuesday, March 13th between 5:00-6:00pm for an informal get-together where you can ask questions about PTA activities and find out how your interests and availability might match our team's projects for Double Branch. Refreshments will be available and children are welcome. We would love to talk with you and have you meet our team (and there's no obligation required by stopping by)!

Don't forget to mark your calendars for these events this spring (and stay tuned for more family spirit nights being planned for April and May):

- March 6 – Family Spirit Night at Burger Monger (Wesley Chapel)
- March 13 – PTA Open House (Double Branch)
- March 16 – 23 – Spring Break
- April 26 – Art Show/Ice Cream Social/General PTA Meeting (Double Branch)

We still have some apples left for our Giving Tree to provide wish list items for our teachers' classrooms! Don't have time to shop for specific items? You can donate \$10 gift cards to Target or Walmart! Just put them in a sealed envelope marked "PTA" and send them in with your student and we will take care of the rest.

Be sure to "like" our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DBESPTA/>) and bookmark our new website (<https://dbespta.org/>) so you stay in the loop about everything going on at the Ranch!

Courtney Wine
PTA President

FSA Assessments

Students in grades 3, 4, and 5 will have the opportunity to show what they know in reading, writing (4th & 5th grade only) math, and science (5th grade only) on the upcoming state assessments. Below are the dates that students will be testing. Please plan accordingly with doctor and other appointments for your child. We would love to have 100% attendance on testing days. Please also be aware that on some of the testing days, students may test in either a morning or afternoon session, so schedules, including lunch times, may be adjusted that day. If you plan to visit campus to eat lunch with your child any time during the testing window, we ask that you come on non-testing days as testing days will be considered "Quiet Campus" days and no visitors are allowed. Thank you for your assistance with this!

Test Dates and Times

FSA Writing (Paper based) 4th & 5th Grade:
March 5th

FSA Reading (Paper based) 3rd Grade:
April 9th & 10th

FSA Reading (Computer based) 4th Grade:
April 16th & 17th

FSA Reading (Computer based) 5th Grade:
April 18th & 19th

FSA Math (Computer based) 4th Grade:
April 23rd & 24th

FSA Math (Computer based) 5th Grade:
April 25th & 26th

FSA Math (Computer based) 3rd Grade:
April 30th & May 1st

FCAT Science (Paper based) 5th Grade:
April 30th & May 1st

Clinic Items Needed

We are in need of donations of girls and boys pants and shorts sizes 5-10. Any support would be greatly appreciated! Thank you!

Sunshine State Updates

The students have been very busy reading and taking the quizzes for the Sunshine State Young Reader's Award books. The following students have read and passed all 15 books!

Jr. Sunshine State (Grades K-2)

Anthony Bonomo
Avery Debus
Ava Lettieri
Sophia Maldonado
Mariela Perez Martinez
Thomas Moon
Dominic Paradiso
Paige Paradiso
Ryleigh Weihman

Sunshine State (Grades 3-5)

William Marsala
Cody Milne
Noah Noblit
Stephen Nussbaum
Jazmine Ramirez
James Sheridan
Eliana Webster

Congratulations students, we are very proud of you!

Mrs. Bradarich and Mrs. Bonomo

Box Tops Information

The following classes collected the most box tops in October and January, and received ice pops for being the grade level winners!

October

Mrs. Hamwey (Kindergarten)
Mrs. Brett (1st grade)
Mrs. Richard (2nd grade)
Mr. Klauka (3rd grade)
Mrs. Beeman (4th grade)
Mrs. Szymanel (5th grade)

January

Mrs. Hamwey (Kindergarten)
Mrs. Simpson (1st grade)
Mrs. Richard (2nd grade)
Mrs. Baig (3rd grade)
Mrs. Patterson (4th grade)
Mrs. Schultz (5th grade)

The Golden Scissors Award is given to the top 2 classes in each month. Mrs. Richard was the primary class winner for October and January. Mrs. Szymanel's class was the intermediate winner, collecting the most box tops in October and Mrs. Schultz's class is the intermediate winner for January.

Congratulations to all of our winners!

Our final collection of the year will be May 18th. Please clip and collect those box tops, so far this year our school has earned \$1385!

Thank you for all of your support!

Mrs. Bradarich