

Double Branch Elementary

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RANCHER TIMES



Principal's Message

Hello Ranchers!

Welcome back to the Ranch! The 2018-2019 school year is well under way and the students are already hard at work. A big thank you to families for an amazing Open House! We had the biggest turnout ever! We hope you enjoyed visiting your child's classroom and spending some time with us here at DBES. I wanted to let you know that during the month of September, we will be hosting curriculum nights to share more information with families about what students are learning. More details about these sessions will be available soon. Be sure to visit our school website dbes.pasco.k12.fl.us (parent calendar) often to keep updated about other upcoming school events. Other ways to stay connected: Twitter @DoubleBranchEle; Facebook @DoubleBranchElementary; or sign up for text updates by texting 810-10 with the words "join dbesfamily." Dr. Tidd and I look forward to working with you this year!

Mrs. Chandler

Guidance Corner

Ten things parents can do to help their child's school year be a huge success:

1. Periodically (but not continuously) communicate to your child the importance of education.
2. Build up your child's confidence and self-esteem.
3. Work with your child to help him or her develop a positive attitude toward homework and school.
4. Provide encouragement to your child whenever possible.
5. Be a good listener. Make it a point to give your child eye contact.
6. Be available to discuss problems your child is having, whether they are large or small.
7. Set up your child's time schedule to include a balance of work, play, and study.
8. Establish a time for sharing and caring.
9. Take part in your child's education- be active in his or her school.
10. Show your love and affection to your child often.

Girls On The Run

Girls on the Run is more than running... it's life-changing! Double Branch Elementary will be a site host for the Girls on the Run program this fall. Girls on the Run is a 501(c)3 non-profit organization that inspires girls to be joyful, healthy and confident using a fun curriculum which integrates running. Girls on the Run is open to ALL girls in grades 3rd-5th. Registration for the 2018 Fall session starts 9/25/18 thru 12/8/18. It is a 10-week program that will meet after school at Double Branch from 4:00–5:30 pm on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning Tuesday 9/25. The season wraps up with the girls participating in a special Girls on the Run 5K. Registration fees are \$150; scholarships and payment plans are available. A flyer will be coming home with all girls grades 3rd-5th. For additional information, please visit www.gotrtampa.org or email our school based contact person (Amanda Szymanel) directly at aszymane@pasco.k12.fl.us

Upcoming Events

Sept 5

Kg-3rd Grade and Students New To Florida Health Screenings

Sept 6

**Kindergarten Curriculum Night
6:00-7:30 pm- Media Center**

Sept 7

**All Pro Dad's Breakfast
8:45-9:30 am-Cafeteria**

Sept 10

**School Advisory Council Meeting
8:15-9:30 am-Media Center**

Sept 11

**Cub Scouts Registration Night
6:30-7:30 pm-Cafeteria**

Sept 14

Progress Reports Go Home

Sept 14

Relay For Life Hat Day

Sept 19

**PTA Family Spirit Day
Chick-fil-A @ Cypress Creek**

Sept 20

**1st-5th Grade IRLA Parent Night
6:00-7:30 pm- Media Center**

Sept 25

Fall Picture Day

Oct 4

**1st-5th Grade Math Parent Night
6:00-7:30 pm-Media Center**

PTA Junction - September 2018

Hello, Rancher families!
Welcome to the Ranch!

We're off to a great school year and I can't believe we're already into September. Thanks to each of you that have already joined PTA and committed to partnering with us to give the best learning environment possible to our students this year. As always, we welcome our parents and grandparents as volunteers at events throughout the year, but joining PTA doesn't require your time for volunteering or meetings – it's an advocacy role for our children and the more members we have, the stronger our voice will be. You can join ANYTIME during the school year and your support is greatly appreciated.

Our 2018-19 Executive Board:

- Courtney Wine – President
- Lynn Cristina – 1st VP of Ways and Means
- Jenny Fuentes – 2nd VP of Programs
- Tanya Przepis – Treasurer
- Kathryn Gaudens - Secretary

Did you know you can support our PTA when you shop on Amazon? You can choose us as your charitable organization and we received an Amazon donation every time you make a purchase. How great is that?! Use this link to get signed up today: <https://smile.amazon.com/ch/75-3244345>

Don't forget to mark your calendars for upcoming PTA events:

- September 19 – Family Spirit Day (Chick-fil-A at Cypress Creek) – Mention Double Branch whether you eat breakfast, lunch, dinner, or go through the drive-through and we receive 20% of your total order for our school!
- November 2 – BBQ Round Up (Double Branch)

Be sure to “like” our Facebook page (<https://www.facebook.com/DBESPTA/>) and bookmark our website (<https://dbespta.org/>) so you're in the know about what's coming throughout the year!

Courtney Wine, PTA President

We Need Your Help

Every school year, we have countless lunch boxes, water bottles, sweaters, and jackets that end up in Lost and Found. We make several attempts to find the owners, very often to no avail. Literally hundreds of items go unclaimed. Please help us to ensure that lost items get returned to students by simply writing your child's name somewhere on the inside (for water bottles, just on the bottom) of these items. Use a permanent marker. We appreciate your help with this! Thank you!

Notice To Building Occupants and Parents

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers. All inspections for Double Branch have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.