

## Double Branch Elementary

**Dr. Lori Wiggins,  
Principal**

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# RANCHER TIMES



## Principal's Message

Hello Rancher Families!

It's hard to believe the end of the first quarter is almost here! Dr. Tidd and I are so excited to see students engaged in complex tasks and working hard! Way to go Ranchers! Remember, as our first quarter closes out, if you have any questions about your child's progress, be sure to contact the teacher about setting up a conference. Also, make sure you check out our school website <https://dbes.pasco.k12.fl.us/> and follow us on Facebook for ongoing communication about news and events happening on the Ranch. 😊

*Dr. Wiggins*

### Student Council

Elections for student council will be held in the beginning of October. Students running for officer positions have put a lot of work into their posters and speeches! ☺



And, our Teacher Of The Year is .....

### Therese Patterson!



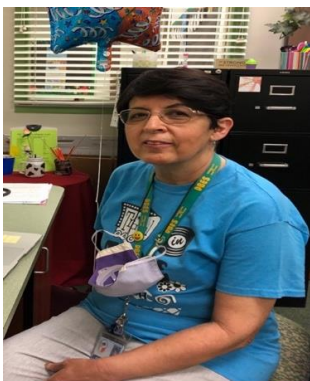
### Teacher & School Related Personnel Of The Year

Our DBES 2021-2022 Teacher and SRP Of The Year nominees are as follows: School Related Personnel (SRPs): **Yahaira Pagan** and **Alba Victoria**.

Teachers: **Gwen Lee** and **Therese Patterson**. We are so proud of all of our nominees! And now the winners..... Drum roll please.....

Our DBES 2021-2022 SRP of The Year is.....

### Alba Victoria!



Ms. Victoria says that when she came to the United States, the first door that she knocked was Pasco County School District's. She began her career in Pasco County working in the PLACE Department. After three years, she transitioned to an instructional position and taught Spanish to students at Anclote High School. She chose to follow her passion to help students learn English, and became an ESOL Instructional Assistant. Ms. Victoria has worked on the Ranch since 2014. She loves the connection she has here with the students, families, and teachers. She feels that receiving the recognition of SRP Of The Year is the result of her good intention to help those who need it most. Ms. Victoria has had such a positive impact on the students at DBES. ☺

Mrs Patterson joined the Ranch in 2018. During her 23 years of teaching experience, she has taught New York, South Carolina, and United Arab Emirates as well as Florida. ☺ Her Bachelor's degree is in Elementary Education with a 7<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade Social Studies and she also holds a Master's degree in Reading. Mrs Patterson loves teaching and encourage her students to become lifelong learners. Congratulations and well deserved, Mrs Patterson! ☺

We are excited to have these wonderful staff members represent our school! Congratulations Ms Victoria and Mrs Patterson!!!

### Rancher Reminders

#### Student Arrival:

We appreciate our families supporting our arrival and dismissal procedures. It is important to adhere to practices for the safety of all our students. See below our procedures for morning arrival.

#### Parking Lot Procedures

##### **Morning**

In the morning, there are two lanes that vehicles utilize to access the parking lot and car rider drop-off area. The two lanes will eventually merge into one lane. When directed, please pull up to the designated number area. A staff member will assist with students exiting the car on the passenger side of the vehicle. Prior to merging, it is important to not crossover/cut off Parents/guardians must remain in their vehicle to assist us in maintaining social distancing to the extent possible. If you are parking outside of our arrival and dismissal timeframes, it is required that you escort your child to the office area. **Do not drop off your child in the parking lot.**

Pre-K parents with designated lanyards or parents of students with special circumstances (which are pre-approved), may walk students to the designated Pre-k drop off area during the arrival time. In the mornings, please remember that vehicles are not allowed in the bus loop for safety reasons.

### Reporting Your Child's Absence:

Along with reaching out to your child's teacher to report an absence, please also fill out the MachForm located on the DBES website.

**Cafeteria Notes:** All students are eligible for both free breakfast and lunch this year. ☺ For any Food & Nutrition Services (FNS) needs, please contact our Cafeteria Manager, Robin Ladig at [rladig@passco.k12.fl.us](mailto:rladig@passco.k12.fl.us)

**Clinic Corner:** The clinic would appreciate clothes and underwear of all sizes. Students of all grade levels should have an extra pair of clothes in their book bag in case of any kind of accident.

## Sunshine State Readers

Welcome to the 2021-2022 Sunshine State Young Reader Award Program. We are so excited to offer this reading program again. Below you will find some useful information regarding both the K-2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> program.

### K-2<sup>nd</sup> Program

Students in K-2<sup>nd</sup> grade will no longer take quizzes through my learning to earn a dog tag for the SSYRA Jr. books. Instead, they will have three different options. They can now complete a poster with drawings explaining the book, write their favorite part of the book and include a small drawing, or use the attached book report. Attached is the template that can be printed at home and turn in.

Whatever option picked will need to be on an 8 ½" x 11" piece of paper (copy paper) and include:

1. Student's Name
2. Student's Teacher
3. Title
4. Parent's signature

Posters will need to be turned into the media center in the basket labeled SSYRA JR on the main desk by Thursday of every week. Tags will be delivered to students in their classrooms or placed in the teacher's mailbox on Fridays.

Unfortunately we do not have the books yet. We are experiencing delivery delays. Once we do they will be delivered to pods to be housed there all year.

### SSYRA 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Program:

- Course has been published and invitations to join the course have been sent to all students.
- Course is called **SSYRA 21-22 for K-8 (2021-2022 Books)**
- Students join the course through their my learning icon in MPC.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> grade book quizzes are available.
- Our order of SSYRA books have not come in yet. We ordered 10 of each title.
- Once they come in they will be distributed by pod and kept in the pod the entire school year.
- Dog tags are earned weekly for the prior Friday-Thursday quizzes and will be delivered to their classroom or teacher's mailbox each Friday.
- Students can take the quizzes now if they have read the book.
- Students have 3 tries to score 80% or higher.
- Program concludes on Friday, May 13<sup>th</sup> with the final dog tags given out on Friday, May 20<sup>th</sup>.

Thank you so much for your participation and **Happy Reading!!!**

## Science Showcase

It is time for the Science Showcase! The theme for this year will be "Science is our Super Power". This year's theme for the Pasco Science and Engineering Showcase highlights the goal to help our students recognize the science superpower in each of them. Our students are tackling real world challenges everyday.

Showcase provides them an avenue to learn to apply what they know, research to build their knowledge and seek & design solutions for real world problems. Students in grades 3-5 will have the opportunity to choose one of three paths for their research. The pathways are Challenge Design (similar to last year), Science Experimentation (similar to pre-pandemic years) or Computer Science. Regardless of the path they choose, all students will focus on a question or problem related to our six focus categories that were introduced last year. Additional information and guidelines are being sent home by classroom teachers.

## Science Week

Join us in celebrating *Science week!*  
Each Day will be a different theme!

**Monday, Oct 11**

### Space Science Superheros

Wear your best Space gear.

**Tuesday, Oct 12**

### Animal Science Superheros

Dress like your favorite animal.

**Wednesday, Oct 13**

### Health Science Superheros

Dress like a doctor/healthcare worker.

**Thursday, Oct 14**

### Engineering Science Superheros

Dress in your best business outfit.

**Friday, Oct 15**

### My Science Superhero

Dress like your favorite scientist/ or what you think a scientist looks like.

## Red Ribbon Week

*Theme: Drug Free Looks Like Me!*

**Monday, Oct 25<sup>th</sup>**

*Catch The Wave To Be Drug Free!*

**Wear Hawaiian shirts to school.**

**Tuesday, Oct 26<sup>th</sup>**

*Be All You Can Be Drug Free!*

**Wear camouflage gear.**

**Wednesday, Oct 27<sup>th</sup>**

*Team Up Against Drugs!*

**Wear your favorite sports team gear.**

**Thursday, Oct 28<sup>th</sup>**

*Be A DBES Rancher and Book Drugs Out!*

**Wear your DBES gear.**

**Friday, Oct 29<sup>th</sup>**

*Pledge To Be Drug Free and Show Good Character!*

**Dress up like your favorite storybook character.**

## PTA Junction

We are excited to have students back on campus this year. We hope the start of the school year has been smooth for all of our Rancher families. While the campus is temporarily closed to visitors, the DBES PTA Board is working hard to plan an eventful Spring session. Did you know that being a member of the PTA and volunteering on the PTA Board of Directors are two different things? As a PTA member, you are making a donation via the cost of your membership. The money raised from memberships is reinvested into the school for projects and special initiatives. To become a member of the PTA, please visit

<https://dbes.new.memberhub.store/store> to sign up.

The PTA Board is the volunteer arm of the PTA. Board members help plan special events and recognition programs, design spirit wear, organize fundraisers, and much more. The PTA Board meets once a month via Zoom. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact us for more information.

Our 2021-2022 Executive Board:

Lynn Cristina-President

Open-VP of Ways and Means

Jena Tittle-VP of Programs

Katie Paradiso-VP of Membership

Jamie Bryan-Treasurer

Tanya Przepis-Secretary

### Stay Connected

Be sure to “like” our Facebook page

<https://www.facebook.com/DBESPTA/> so you are in the know about what’s coming throughout the year. We post school updates and events here.

### Save The Date

**October 7<sup>th</sup>** at 7:00 pm: General Assembly Meeting via Zoom. Join us to find out what is happening on the Ranch this Fall. To RSVP, please email [doublebranchpta@gmail.com](mailto:doublebranchpta@gmail.com) and the meeting link and password will be provided.

**October 20<sup>th</sup>:** Our next Spirit Night, head over to Menchie’s Frozen Yogurt for a cool after school treat. A portion of the proceeds will be donated back to our school.

### Shop for a Cause

Did you know that you can support or PTA when you shop on Amazon? Choose the Double Branch PTA as your charitable organization and will receive a donation every time you make a purchase. Use this link to get signed up today: <https://smile.amazon/75-3244345>.

Questions? Please contact us.

Sincerely, Lynn Cristina

[doublebranchpta@gmail.com](mailto:doublebranchpta@gmail.com)

## Upcoming Events

<b>Oct 7</b>	<b>PTA General Meeting (Zoom)</b>
<b>Oct 15</b>	<b>End of Quarter 1</b>
<b>Oct 18</b>	<b>Teacher Planning Day No school for students</b>
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>PTA Spirit Night Menchie's Frozen Yogurt</b>
<b>Oct 22</b>	<b>Rancher of The Quarter (Virtual)</b>
<b>Oct 26</b>	<b>Report Cards</b>
<b>Oct 27</b>	<b>Picture Make Up Day</b>
<b>Oct 29</b>	<b>Storybook Character Parade (Virtual)</b>

## Out of Field Notification

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course-work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/Inservice towards an English Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher of an ESOL student. The following teachers have agreed to work to obtain the ESOL endorsement: Sara Blanco, Stephanie Liebman, Karey Morris, Mia Petersen, Nancy Rosso and Teresa Taylor. The following teachers have agreed to teach outside their field while completing their course work/in-service/exams in the area of Gifted: Morgan Brooks, Karlee Diamond, Kathleen Noble and Nancy Rosso.

## 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 Elementary 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.