

OUR MISSION

We, as Trinity Elementary Trailblazers, will provide a safe, positive, and collaborative learning environment in which all students will be challenged through research based curriculum and instruction to reach their highest potential.

Children will be provided with innovative educational experiences that will enable them to become active citizens and seekers of new ideas and knowledge in our changing world.



THE TRINITY TRIBUNE

2016-2017

August- September 2016



The Gantt Grapevine

Dear Families,

Welcome back! I hope you have had a restful and relaxing summer. Our teachers and staff have been eagerly anticipating the arrival of our returning and new students. They have spent time this summer planning for an engaging and enriching school year.

I want to celebrate the accomplishments of our teachers, staff, students, and families. Trinity Elementary School was once again awarded the grade of "A" by the State Department of Education. Our hard work and dedication to continued learning and excellence has paid off. Way to go Trailblazers!!

As we kick off the school year, we look for the support of our families to ensure the success of our students. Communication with you is a key to our success. Please check your child's folder or planner daily, read your teacher's weekly email update, and stay in contact with your child's teacher. If you use Facebook, please like us on Facebook at www.facebook.com/trinityelementary. We post information daily about events, weather, and important notices. Our website is also constantly updated with everything you need to know to stay in the loop. It can be found at <http://tes.pasco.k12.fl.us/>. Our website also links you to our district website.

We encourage open communication to make sure your child is successful at school. The best communication tool is email. All staff members are available via email on our school's website. Please feel free to contact me with your questions, comments or concerns. I can be reached at cgantt@pasco.k12.fl.us or by calling the school's main office.

I am so excited to begin this school year. I hope to see all our Kindergarten families at the ABC's of Kindergarten Parent Night on August 31st at 6 PM and all our 1st-5th grade families at Open House on September 8th at 6PM.

Mrs. Gantt, Principal

RACING TO OUR FUTURE



Mrs. Gantt

This year we will prepare all students for college, career and life success!



Mrs. Middleton

This year we will make sure that every student is successful!

The Middleton Memo

Hello Everyone!

We will be racing to our future this year!!!

I want to thank all of our staff that has worked during their summer days to “tune up” our school so that we are ready for the coming year. We have the most dedicated and hard working staff!

For our families...I hope everyone is coming back ready to learn more and would like to welcome our new Kindergarteners, and their parents, that are joining our Trinity racing team!

As we start the school year, I'd like to remind everyone to ‘join the pit crew’ to develop a team effort between you and your child’s teachers in order to help your child move successfully towards their academic goals.

Please review and consider the following requests, as your part, in our team effort to help your child.

1. Please make sure your child attends school every day. They cannot learn if they are not here.
2. Make sure your child is dressed according to the school’s dress code.
3. Check nightly to see if your child has completed their homework and sign their planner/folder.
4. Review the standards of behavior that your child is expected to honor.
5. Support these behavior standards by responding to a request from a teacher or administrator, should there be a problem.
6. Communicate with your child’s teachers frequently.

We have a fun school year planned...filled with rigorous academics and exciting activities! Please feel free to contact the teachers, guidance counselor, and/or administration if you have any questions or concerns. We look forward to a successful school year!

Start your engines!!!
Mrs. Middleton



School Advisory Council

We are in the process of electing parents to our School Advisory Council (SAC). If you are interested in joining this group, please fill out the nomination form (which can be found in the packet that you received at Meet the Teacher Day) and return it to school by Friday, August 26th.

Ballots will be sent home on Thursday, September 1st. Ballots must be received back to school by Friday, September 9th. The first meeting will be held on Friday, September 23rd at 8:00 AM in the Media Center.

Notice to Building Occupants & 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 Trinity Elementary School 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.

Kindergarten ABC Night -

Kindergarten Parents join us on Wednesday, August 31st 6:00 - 7:30pm to review the ABC's of Kindergarten. We will **A**nswer your questions, help you to **B**etter understand student expectations and show you different methods of **C**ommunication between families and teachers. This is a parent only event and childcare will be provided if needed.

Grades 1st - 5th Open House

We invite you to join us for our open house on Thursday, September 8th from 6:00 - 7:00pm. The Scholastic Book Fair will be at the school and will be open for family night from 5:00 - 7:00 in the media center.

We look forward to seeing everyone there!



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

Florida Standards Information

Grade level standards information is available for you to view at our districts website pasco.k12.fkl.us, click the "Florida Standards" link.

Classroom Placement

Due to the number of students registering, **some classroom assignments may be temporary.** In order to comply with state statute, we may need to reorganize certain classrooms where student enrollment does not meet state requirements. Student placement moves may be necessary. Please be assured that we will utilize great care in student placement decisions. Parents and students will be notified in a timely manner concerning any classroom or team assignment changes. Thank you for your cooperation and support, as we work together to provide an optimal learning environment for all Trinity students.



Car Rider Guidelines

The following are guidelines for parents who drive their children to and from school. They are designed for the safety and welfare of our children. Please help us to ensure the children's safety by practicing these guidelines:

- Please remain in your car in the car loop (not in the parking lot). Cars are not to be left unattended.
- Please hang your child's name from the rearview mirror. If you need additional tags for other vehicles, please let the office know. Car pools should list all student names/teams.

- Always be aware of students walking on the sidewalks. Remind your children not to step off of the curb until your car comes to a complete stop.
- Please follow the directions of the supervising adults.
- Children are to enter and exit from the passenger side of the vehicle ONLY. Adults are to remain in the car at all times.
- In the event that you have an animal in your car upon drop-off or pick-up, neither staff member or the student safety patrol will be able to open your car door. For the safety of everyone, we ask that animals be left at home.
- When visiting or volunteering, parents are to use the side parking lot. Visitors and volunteers are asked to leave campus by 3:10 in order to prepare for dismissal. ***Please note: All vehicles in the visitor parking lot during dismissal (after 3:35) will remain parked in the visitor parking lot until all walkers and bike riders have exited the area.** According to Florida statutes and the Florida Department of Transportation Management "Vehicle and pedestrian traffic are prevented from crossing each other on the site..."
- The center parking is designated "Staff Parking Only" and closed to traffic during arrival and dismissal.
- In the interest of student safety, students who do not live in our walk zone (i.e.. Foxwood) must be picked up in the car loop or from the walk up parking area. Students may not walk off campus to meet parents in parked cars in parking lots.
- Please refrain from using cell phones while picking up and dropping off children in the car loop.

Please take a moment to view the car rider guideline video on the TES website.



INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW

PTO News

The PTO is excited to plan a fun and rewarding school year for our students. Our Executive Board Members are Toni Maxton (President), Tony Casarez (VP Business Partners), Aimee Loftus (VP Membership), Erin Armstrong (VP Communications), Lisa Lutz (VP Volunteers), Misty Hart (Treasurer), and Sharon Michael (Secretary). We are happy to have new faces on the board with fresh, fun ideas and we are always open to your suggestions as well. The Board is still in need of a chairperson and volunteers for our Campus Decorating Committee and a Box Top Coordinator.

Our PTO at Trinity Elementary is a vibrant and hard working group of families. We hope to have every family join our group. The Family Membership is \$15 and that money is used for mini-grants for the teachers to spend on necessary items for their classrooms. It benefits every child at our school. Your membership will also give you access to our PTO Facebook page where we post reminders, upcoming events and share fun pictures. We hope you will consider joining our fun group to make a difference.

Our PTO relies on volunteers to make our events successful. We will have our traditional events, like Fall Festival, Holiday Under the Lights, Field Day and we plan to add some new events throughout the year. We'll need your help; remember moms, dads, grandparents can help too! Please register NOW to be an approved Pasco County volunteer. If you have any questions or would like more information on becoming a chairperson, please contact Toni at tmaxton@tampabay.rr.com.

Welcome 2016-17 Business Partners

We are excited to welcome the following business partners for the 2016-2017 school year:

Dr. Jeffrey Stein - Braces by Stein
Excel Creative Learning Academy
GTE Financial
Knowledge Points Tutoring
Marco's Pizza
Mathnasium of Trinity
Publix
The Montessori at Trinity Oaks

Business partnerships offer exposure for local businesses and offer businesses the chance to support the local schools. Our business partners give us the opportunity to celebrate the students through reward incentives, monetary donations and much more. If your business would like to partner with Trinity Elementary, please contact the office at (727)774-9900 or Annette Sajecki at asajecki@pasco.k12.fl.us.

thank
you!



PUT THIS
on YOUR
CALENDAR!



'S OF
KINDERGARTEN
PARENT
EVENT

August 31st
6:00 - 7:30

OPEN
HOUSE
1st - 5th
Grade Open
House

Sept. 8th
6:00 - 7:00



Family Book
Fair Night
5:00-7:00

Media Release Non-Consent

Each year, parents are given the opportunity to opt out of allowing their children to have their information or photographs used for media in relation to the school. Typically, the school uses student images to share with families through iMovies of events, photographs in the newsletter, on the school website, in the school yearbook, on the school Facebook page or on the school Twitter account. In most instances, student names are not released, unless the image is being used for outside media (i.e.: the newspaper). If you do not grant permission for the district to release your child's name, photo, etc., you must complete, sign and return the media release non-consent form. **The media non-release form can be found online at the TES website under the parent link.**

Volunteering at TES

Don't forget to fill out your volunteer application! A new application must be completed every year after July 1st. Go online to the TES website at tes.pasco.k12.fl.us, click on the "Parents" heading and click on "Volunteers". You must be an approved volunteer to help on field trips, assist with class parties, help in the classroom, etc.

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Clinic Policies

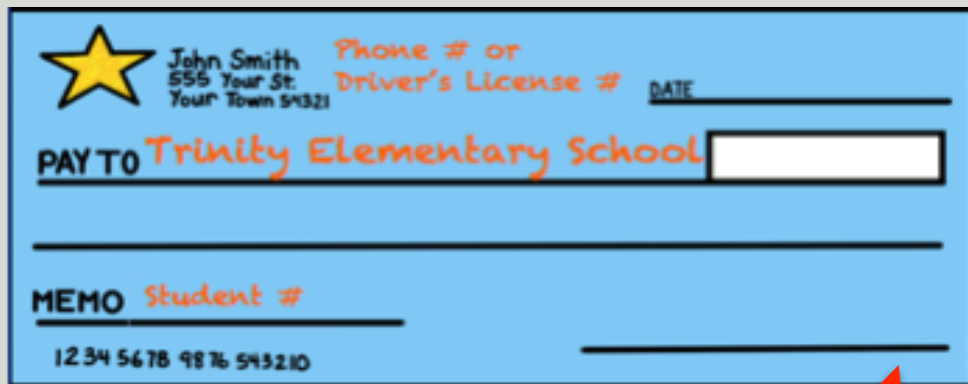
Information about medication: School board regulations state that in order to administer prescription or non-prescription medication to students during school hours, the following requirements must be met:

1. Medicine must be prescribed by a physician.
2. Medicine must be in its original container with proper labeling and current date.
3. Parent/guardian must have completed and signed "medical procedures" form on file with the clinic.
4. Medication must be counted and verified by both a parent/guardian and authorized school employee.
5. A second bottle must be provided for field trips, with only enough medication for that day.



Check Policy

If you write a check for your child, please make sure that on the check you include: **YOUR CHILD'S STUDENT # AND YOUR HOME/CELL # OR DRIVER'S LICENSE #**. If your bank returns the check unpaid, the school's bank will automatically forward the check to CheckCare. The check will not be returned to the school; therefore CheckCare will be responsible for recovering the face value of the check plus a Florida state-authorized fee.



John Smith
555 Year St.
Your Town 54321

Phone # or
Driver's License # DATE

PAY TO **Trinity Elementary School**

MEMO **Student #**

1234 5678 9876 543210

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome back Trailblazer families!

I am your child's school counselor and I am looking forward to seeing all returning students and to meeting new friends. My role at TES is to support the development of ALL students' academic, personal, and social/emotional strengths and skills in order to help them achieve their personal best. I work with students, teachers, and families in many different ways throughout the year. I will start lessons in the classrooms the second week of school where I will talk about the role of a school counselor and how I can support students and families. Your student will bring home more information after this lesson.

Every classroom will see me for a lesson about once a month covering content related to bullying, internet safety, personal safety, conflict and problem solving, career awareness and other important topics. In September, I will also begin working with students in small groups to support growth and skills in many different areas such as friendship, family changes, social skills and self-control. I will send out an electronic newsletter through your child's teacher with more information about these lessons, groups, and other aspects of the school counseling program.

I look forward to meeting all of you!

Thank You!
Whitney Batista



IMPORTANT DATES



August 15

1st DAY OF SCHOOL

August 31

KINDERGARTEN ABC NIGHT

September 5

LABOR DAY - NO SCHOOL

September 2 - 9

SCHOLASTIC BOOK FAIR

September 8

OPEN HOUSE GRADES 1-5

6:00 - 7:00

September 16

PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME

September 23

FIRST SAC MEETING

September 29

FALL PICTURES

NEED MORE?

Check the parent calendar on our website for more upcoming dates:

tes.pasco.k12.fl.us

& like us on...



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