

## 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

November 2016

## The Gantt Grapevine

Dear Families,

November is a time to reflect on the many things we have to be thankful for in our lives. I am thankful for my family, the students, staff, and families of Trinity Elementary. I am also truly appreciative that our students get to come to school each day and learn!

On November 11th, we honor the wartime service and sacrifice of men and women in the armed forces. Originally proclaimed Armistice Day in 1919 to commemorate the end of World War I, it was renamed Veterans Day in 1954 to include American veterans of all wars. November 11<sup>th</sup> is a day for us to be thankful for the brave men and women who have served our country. At school on November 11<sup>th</sup>, we will be teaching the students about Veteran's Day and what this special day represents. I encourage your students to dress in red, white and blue to show off their Patriotic Spirit!

I wanted to share some exciting news with our families. Our school district has provided us with a brand new playground. The installers are putting on the finishing touches and it will be ready for use soon. Our students are so excited about our new playground.

As always, thank you for your support of our school! With your support, together we truly make a difference, for our children and our community! Have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Gantt



**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

November is already upon us. We have just finished up our October fun: Fall Festival was a blast, Red Ribbon Week was filled with daily fun and a fabulous parade...it was great to see so many fun costumes and we have an exciting new playground!

As we slip into the second quarter, I want to thank all the parents that attended the parent conferences last month. It was an important step for you to better know your child's teacher and expectations he/she has for your child. Please stay in touch with your child's teacher via notes, phone calls, and email. Remember, communication can prevent many problems and misunderstandings. When in doubt...please email or call your child's teacher.

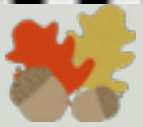
Next, I want to take a minute to remind everyone that regular attendance in school is the primary thing a parent can do to help their child succeed in school. Although spending family time is an important element in family dynamics, school is very different from when we went to school. If a child misses class, or a portion of the day, gone are the days where they can do a worksheet, or a few pages out of the book, and catch up with the class. As our standards have moved more to application and have incorporated "listening and speaking" standards, lack of attendance can really hinder a child's progress. We cannot recreate the rich class discussions and collaborative process that children go through, in the classroom, for homework or make-up work. Children get to deeper levels of understanding when they can share their ideas, experience different perspectives and can explore hands-on, so please try to make a concerted effort to ensure that your child is not missing out on any of these experiences.

Finally, as we move towards the Thanksgiving holiday, it is a great time to stop and remember to thank your child's teacher for the hard work and dedication they put in to teaching your child. Many of our staff, go well beyond their regular job descriptions and put in countless personal hours to create this wonderful rigorous learning environment we have here at Trinity. So please take a moment to share your thanks and I know that I am thankful each and every day to be part of such a wonderful staff and such a supportive community!

Happy Holiday,  
Mrs. Middleton



# INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW



## myStudent Parent Portal



Our new grade book and attendance platform, myStudent, is available for parents to login for the 2016-17 school year. This portal will allow you to monitor your child's progress and enhance communication and involvement in your child's education. The myStudent platform which includes a parent portal for you to view important information about your child. As a part of this portal, there is a tab on the left navigation panel called Child Info. Under this tab, there will be another tab called Local Assessments. Results from the Quarterly Checks will be uploaded to this tab each quarter that Quarterly Checks are administered. For students who take a District Final, these results will also be reported in this area.

Click [here](#) to learn more. If you need assistance, please email [myStudenthelp@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:myStudenthelp@pasco.k12.fl.us).

## Dismissal Changes and Early Dismissals

Any changes to your child's dismissal including early dismissals must be completed by 3:00. This allows us to have the maximum instructional time and helps us to have a safe and organized dismissal each day.



## Book Nurses Needed

We are currently looking for a few Book Nurses who can help us repair books in the classrooms. We are looking for a few approved volunteers who can devote an hour each week to help us out. If you would like more information or are interested in working on this project please contact Annette Sajecki at 727-774-9900.



## Lunchtime Visitors

We welcome lunchtime visitors to our school. First, check in the front office. We will need to see the drivers licenses of all visitors. You are



able to sit with your child only. Picnic tables are located outside near the cafeteria. Please keep this in mind when it is raining.



**WEAR RED, WHITE AND BLUE**

# INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW



## Art News

Hello TES Art families!

I hope you had the opportunity to order some of the great products from our Square 1 Art fundraiser. One of our parents did inform me that if your Square 1 Art products are ever damaged or lost, you can call the company and they will replace the item for you – even from past years!

At the beginning of the year, you received sign-in information for your child's digital art portfolio. If you have not had the chance to check out your child's digital portfolio on the *Artsonia* website, I hope you will take a look. If you no longer have the code to sign in, please contact me and I will happily get the code to you asap. As the students complete projects, they upload their work and the system sends you a notification to check out their current art! It's a great way to stay up to date on what your child is doing in art. Ask them about their artwork and what they are learning - I'm sure they will have plenty to share!

We have a treasure box in art that I try to keep filled, but with 600 students, it can be a feat. The art room always welcomes item donations for treasure box, such as small toys, candy, stickers, tattoos, etc. If you have

any items available to add to our treasure box, please send the items with your students in a bag marked for the art room. I truly appreciate the support!

Have a wonderful Thanksgiving break!

Mrs. Fenton  
[Jlfenton@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:Jlfenton@pasco.k12.fl.us)  
TES Art



## Yearbook Club

Congratulations to our 2016-2017 Yearbook Club members: Joey Benedettini, Ava Byrd, Lola Gonzalez, Isaiah Jones, Linsey Kerr, Jeffrey Kessler, Emma Lewis, Riley Mazur, Mackenzie Parks, Cassidy Thurber, Zachary Tracy & Audrey Weyer.

Yearbooks will be going on sale November 28th.



Congratulations to our  
Teacher of the Year- Mrs. Blynt and  
School Related Personnel of the  
Year- Mrs. White.



# INFORMATION YOU NEED TO KNOW



## PTO News

The PTO is thankful for our families, teachers & staff who support all our efforts and make us a successful group. We are happy to report that the Painless Fundraiser and Fall Festival raised over \$10,000 for the school. The PTO also gave every teacher a mini-grant of \$50 from our Membership Fees. These grants are used to purchase materials for their classrooms

Due to low attendance at our previous years' evening PTO meetings, we now post all our Board Meeting minutes online to review at your convenience. If you ever have a question, comment, and/or suggestion, please email our president, Toni Maxton ([tmaxton@tampabay.rr.com](mailto:tmaxton@tampabay.rr.com)).

The next big event is the Holiday Boutique and we will be looking for volunteers to help our little shoppers with all their gift giving needs. Please consider donating a shift or two to the boutique. It is during the school days December 12-16. We will also be hosting our annual Holiday Under the Lights celebration on December 15<sup>th</sup>. This is a fun family night of crafts, snacks, stories and Santa will be there for family pictures! See the flyer in early December for details. Our boutique will be open on that evening for family shopping and we will be in need of volunteers.



Remember to support our TES business partners and be sure to thank them on behalf of TES when you use their services or purchase their products. It's important they know that their efforts are noticed and people are seeing their ads and promotions. Many of our activities are supported with their generous donations.

Thank you to each and every family that helps our PTO through time, talent and donations. YOU are appreciated!


## Thank You

Thank you to the following businesses who participated in our Fall Festival:

Ignite Dance Company  
Thirty-one Gifts  
Jazzy Jewels Parties  
Origami Owl Independent Designer  
Culvers of Port Richey  
Sport Clips INC  
Mathnasium of Trinity  
GTE Financial  
CC's Southern Charm  
Team Vergadamo - Keller Williams Realty  
Iced T's  
LuLa Roe  
Younique  
Rodan and Fields  
Forester's Financial  
Five Guys  
Celestial Creations  
Kemp, Ruge and Green  
World Financial Group

## 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 Your St. Your Town 91321	Phone # or Driver's License #	DATE
PAY TO <b>Trinity Elementary School</b>		<input type="text"/>	
MEMO <b>Student #</b>		<input type="text"/>	
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## Picture Retake Day

November 9th is picture retake day. If you received your child's pictures and would like them retaken please send the pictures back by November 9th and your child's picture will be retaken. We will also take the pictures of any new students as well as those who were absent on picture day. The pictures are for the yearbook so we hope to take everyone's picture.



## GOUNSELOR'S CORNER

During classroom lessons in November, students will be continuing Safer Smarter Kids lessons. The following topics will be covered this month:

- K - Trusted Triangle (Grown Up Buddies)
- 1 - Safety Stop Sign and I Mean Business Voice
- 2 - Safety Goggles (Awareness of Surroundings)
- 3 - Digital Citizenship and Internet Safety
- 4 - Kid's Bill of Rights (Voice - The Right to be Heard)
- 5 - Peer Pressure and Cyberbullying

All students will bring home a parent letter at the end of each lesson. This letter describes the topic that was taught and ways you can practice each skill at home with your child.

Small groups are starting this week along with 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade lunch bunches. During lunch bunch time, students are able to sign up to eat lunch with me in the office. We play a game or do an activity and have fun!

Thank You!  
Whitney Batista  
TES School Counselor  
wbatista@pasco.k12.fl.us



## IMPORTANT DATES



**November 9**  
PICTURE RETAKES

**November 11**  
VETERANS DAY  
Wear **Red**, **White** and **Blue**

**November 11**  
BREAKFAST WITH DAD

**November 18**  
PROGRESS REPORTS GO HOME

**November 19 -27**  
THANKSGIVING BREAK

**November 28**  
YEARBOOKS GO ON SALE

**NEED MORE?**  
Check the parent calendar on our website for more upcoming dates:  
[tes.pasco.k12.fl.us](http://tes.pasco.k12.fl.us)  
& like us on...



Facebook at [facebook.com/trinityelementary](https://facebook.com/trinityelementary)



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