

October 3, 2016

Good Afternoon Turtle Families,

My name is Megan Hermansen and I just wanted to tell you a little bit about myself. This is my 19<sup>th</sup> year as a Pasco County educator. I am originally from Bucks County, PA. My husband and I moved to Pasco in 1998. I started teaching at Northwest Elementary. During my time as a teacher I taught all grades K-5. During this time I worked on getting my Master's Degree in Educational Leadership. I became an Assistant Principal in 2003. I was an Assistant Principal at Hudson Elementary, Oakstead Elemenatary and Deer Park Elementary schools. I have two children who also attend Pasco County schools. I believe that all children deserve quality instruction and I will ensure that I do my best to make your child's educational experience positive and memorable. I look forward to meeting all of you this year! -Megan Hermansen

## <u>myStudent</u>

Our new gradebook 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. You can log in through the Pasco Count School District's web site http://www.pasco.kt2.fl.us/, under Parents.

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. If you need assistance, please email <u>myStudenthelp@pasco.k12.fl.us</u>.

#### **Asbestos Notification of Inspection**

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 Lake Myrtle 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.

# Veterans Day

Please join us for our annual Veteran's Day Celebration on November 9<sup>th</sup> at 9 am. We would like to honor and thank retired and active military men and women for their service to this country. If you are serving or have served in our military, please plan to be a part of our ceremony. If you plan to be a part of our celebration, please come to the Media Center any time after 7:30 a.m. If you would like to be in our audience, please bring a lawn chair or blanket to sit on the grass.

# Calendar

- October 6<sup>th</sup>-IRLA Night 6 pm
- October 10<sup>th</sup> SAC Meeting
- October 14<sup>th</sup> -Last Day of Quarter 1
- ✤ October 17<sup>th</sup> –No School, Teacher Planning Day
- ♦ October 24<sup>th</sup> –Report Cards
- October 27<sup>th</sup> –LMES Family Spirit Night @ Jersey Mike's
- ♦ October 27<sup>th</sup> –Picture Retakes

## **Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments**

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 for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student. The following teachers have agreed to complete the requirements to obtain their certification in the areas noted below.

ALECCI, KAITLIN	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12
COOPER, LORI	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12
FIELDS, JENNIFER	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12
HAMILTON, SUSAN	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12
LOREN, SUSAN	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12
MARSHALL, KRISTINE	ELEMENTARY EDUCATION K-6
RIDDLING, BRIDGETTE	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12
SILVERS, GINA	GIFTED ENDORSEMENT
SMITH, AMANDA	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12
SWAGGERTY, CAROLYN	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-12