

Tiger Talk



DAYS OF...



 Effort

 Attendance

 Positive Attitude

Port Orange Elementary's weekly newsletter full of all the amazing things happening at Florida's Best Elementary School!

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Do you believe?

Do you believe that Port Orange Elementary will become the #1 Elementary School in the State of Florida? **We do!** Do you believe that 100% of our 3rd grade students can score a 2 or higher on FSA this year? **We do!** Do you believe that 100% of our students can make expected annual gains on NWEA this year? **We do!**

Football coach Nick Saban says, "I think everybody should take the attitude that we're working to be a champion, that we want to be a champion in everything we do. Every choice, every decision, everything that we do every day, we want to be a champion." And when we focus our sights on being our very best, we have to follow that up with believing it is possible. Coach Dabo Swinney says, "To be an overachiever, you have to be an overbeliever." We continually have some of the best teachers, staff, students, and parents that grace our doors each school year. I hope you will start the 2017 - 2018 school believing that this school year offers 180 days of impact for our students and everyone in our community is committed to making a difference and bringing out the very best in everyone we interact with during our day! **Now do you believe?**

#PositivelyPortOrange Tweet of the Week:

Check out this section for positive pictures each week!

#Believein180 Days of Impact Tweet of the Week:

Check out this section for rigorous instruction each week!

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#positivelyportorange #believein180

Positive Behavior:

All Port Orange Tigers are working on demonstrating Effort, Attendance, and Positive Attitude. Students can be recognized for demonstrating these desired behaviors and will be given a Tiger Buck. Students can purchase items on Friday during lunch (but after they finish their food) with their Tiger Bucks.

NWEA:

NWEA testing begins for 3rd – 5th grade August 14th. We are working on students owning their learning. Ask your child their RIT score for ELA, Math, and Language Usage. Ms. Wallace will be checking in with students and they can earn a Tiger Buck for knowing their RIT score and projected growth target.

Upcoming Events

August

- 11 – Meet the Teacher (8-10 am)
- 14 – First Day of School
- 14 – NWEA testing for 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade this week
- 16 – Early Release, Dismissal (1:05 pm)
- 21 – NWEA testing for K, 1st, and 2nd
- 23 – Early Release, Dismissal (1:05 pm)
- 28 – PTA Meeting (5 pm), SAC Meeting (6 pm)
- 30 – Early Release, Dismissal (1:05 pm)

September

- 1 – Professional Development Day, No School for Students
- 4 – Labor Day Holiday
- 6 - Early Release, Dismissal (1:05 pm)
- 13 - Early Release, Dismissal (1:05 pm)
- 14 – PTA Meeting (5:30 pm), Open House (6 pm)
- 15 – International Dot Day
- 19 – Dad's Take Your Child to School (Donuts with Dads) – Café
- 20 - Early Release, Dismissal (1:05 pm)
- 27 - Early Release, Dismissal (1:05 pm)

Mission Statement: We, the Port Orange Tigers, inspire each other to learn, grow, and strive for excellence each day!

Vision Statement: We will collaborate to implement and monitor a highly rigorous

This week:

- Join us at Meet the Teacher. Enter through the cafeteria to find out your child's teacher then proceed on to the classroom. In the classroom, please sign in and provide us with a current email address to help us with **great communication**. The classroom with the highest attendance percentage for Meet the Teacher will receive a treat from Ms. Wallace.
- It's important to be **ON TIME FOR LEARNING!** First bell rings at 7:45 am and students are tardy if they are not in their classroom by 7:55 am.
- Daily attendance is very important. We intend to have 180 days of impact for each student and we can only do that if students are in school. Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more days of the school year – 18 or more days through the year. Last year, 12% of our students were chronically absent. This year, our goal is **0% chronically absent!** Please work with us to meet our goal!
- Students that ride a bike or scooter to school are **REQUIRED to wear a helmet**. If your child needs a helmet, please contact Ms. Otto, our guidance counselor.
- School uniforms are required each day. Shirts are to be polo-style shirts with a collar or button-down shirts with a collar. Shirt colors are **white, orange, gray, black, and blue**. Pants, shorts, skirts, skorts, jumpers, and dresses are allowed in **blue, black, and khaki**. Blue or black jeans are also acceptable.
- Students love it when a parent or family member comes to have lunch with them! To eat lunch with your child, you must sign in at the front desk and get a visitor's sticker. Proceed directly to the cafeteria and enter through the north entrance. Meet your child at the **VIP tables**. Only your child may join you at the tables. Friends of your child should remain with their class. At the end of lunch, please exit back through the north entrance and return your visitors sticker to the reception office.
- Almost half of our students leave campus each day through Parent Pick Up. And, after the first few days, the process only takes about 20 minutes. Safety is the most important factor in getting students home safely. At Parent PickUp, remember:
 - **P**ull all the way forward,
 - stay **I**n your car,
 - **C**ell phones down,
 - **K**eeep attention on cars and children at all times,
 - **U**se provided orange cards every day (or you need to go to the reception office to verify identity),
 - children enter car on **P**assenger side.

learning environment. We will assess student learning and respond to provide equity and meet the needs of every student.

Beliefs: We believe that all students will reach high levels of learning through the commitment of our school community.

Goals: If Port Orange Elementary collaborates as a Professional Learning Community and increases Collective Efficacy, then student achievement and growth will increase so that we meet 80% of the criteria for school grade.

Actions to achieve goal:

- We will build and sustain positive relationships to support efficacy, equity, and success throughout our Port Orange Elementary family.
- We will collaborate to develop standards-based instruction, common assessments, and small group intervention, and enrichment to ensure student growth.
- We will prioritize efforts to implement and monitor expectations for a highly rigorous learning environment using small group instruction and common formative assessments to ensure student growth.

5 Core Values:

Mission Driven – I am on a mission to inspire others to learn, grow, and strive for excellence.

High Rigor – I will set high expectations for learning and challenge myself to persevere through hard work.

Growth Mindset – I will try my best, and when things are hard, I will try again. When I face challenges, I will look for ways to get out of the pit.

Personalized Learning – I will assess my own learning so that I know what I need to learn, how I am doing, and where I am going next.

Supportive Learning Environment – I
will support and encourage
everyone around me because
we succeed as a team.