

Aug./ Sept 2018



# PIERCE TERRACE ELEMENTARY DRAGON DIGEST

We are building a global  
community of...

**Positive**  
**Tech Savvy**  
**Empowered**  
**Successful**  
**Lifelong Learners**

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Welcome back! We are looking forward to another school year focused on student learning. This school year, we will be "Raising the Bar: Building Learners for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century." "Building Learners for the 21<sup>st</sup> Century's" relevance is grounded in the fact that we are: (a) forming a foundation for the skills necessary to be successful academically, socially, physically, and emotionally, in the school environment, and (2) a new Pierce Terrace is currently under construction.

Our newsletter will be forwarded to our families once a month. Our faculty includes many important pieces of information within this newsletter. We ask that our learning community take time to review sections of this correspondence to remain updated regarding our school. In addition, our school website contains updated information pertaining to our educational program and school processes.

We encourage all parents/guardians to take an active role in their child(ren)'s education. Your support, whether helping in the classroom or assisting with learning extension activities, will promote your child(ren)'s academic, social and emotional development. In addition, your child(ren)'s teacher is your first contact. In the event you have a question regarding your child(ren)'s learning experience, call or email your child(ren)'s assigned teacher. Also, attendance at our school's parent/teacher events is a wonderful way to develop a collaborative partnership with your child(ren)'s teacher.

We look forward to an exciting and joyful school year with our students and families. If you have any questions or need assistance concerning our educational programming or your child(ren)'s learning experience, please feel free to contact the school. Together, we will "Raise the Bar."

## MARK YOUR CALENDAR

**3 Sep 18**  
Labor Day Holiday  
No Staff/Students

**5 Sep 18**  
First Day of School  
Pre- K  
AM PK – 8:00 am – 10:30 am  
PM PK – 12:15 pm – 2:45 pm

**12 Sep 18**  
Open House  
3:30 pm – 5:30 pm

**13 Sep 18**  
Picture Day

**19 Sep 18**  
Q1 Progress Reports Issued

**21 Sep 18**  
Parent Forum  
9:00 am

**27 Sep 18**  
School Board Meeting  
12:30 Pm  
CC Pinckney Conference Room

## **SCHOOL BOARD CONTACT**

You can now contact the School Board directly at [FJSchoolboard@gmail.com](mailto:FJSchoolboard@gmail.com)



-----Next School Board Meeting---  
**September 27, 2018**

**12:30 PM- CC Pinckney Conference Room**

**Attendance:**



## PK/PSCD News

Welcome back parents and students! Pre-K students' first day of school is on Wednesday, September 5, 2018. The Pre-K Team of teachers began Home Visits on August 22, 2018.

The purpose of Home Visits is to develop a collaborative relationship between home and school. Home visits expand teachers' knowledge of students' home life and cultural backgrounds. The home visit occurs during the first week of school and sets the stage for family engagement throughout the year.

### KINDERGARTEN NEWS

Happy Back to School from your Pierce Terrace Fab Five (Squared) Kindergarten Team! We are so excited to get started for the 2018-19 School year! The beginning of kindergarten is exciting, exhilarating, and exhausting! We will begin with the basics of building a solid foundation, establishing routines, expectations and procedures. The world of reading, math, science, social studies and beyond will open up quickly for your new kindergartener as we embark on this wonderful journey! As the days, weeks and months go by you will hear all the terrific things going on in your child's classroom. Again, welcome to Fort Jackson, welcome to Pierce Terrace Elementary, and most importantly, welcome to kindergarten! Stay tuned – the best is yet to come!

### Safety and Supervision

For the safety of your child, do not allow them to come to school (car rider or walker) before 7:30 a.m. daily. Staff members are not available to provide supervision until this time. Breakfast service begins at 7:30 a.m. Students who are not eating breakfast go to the cafeteria at 7:30 a.m., where they will be supervised by staff and their teacher will go down and pick them up to take them to the classroom at 7:55 a.m. All students will need to arrive to school by 8:00 a.m. Those arriving after 7:55 a.m. will not have access to breakfast.

Early dismissals are granted until the last thirty (30) minutes of the school day. School ends at 2:45 p.m. on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, **so early dismissals are granted until 2:15 p.m. The school day ends at 1:40 p.m. each Thursday and early dismissals are granted until 1:05 p.m.**

Please ensure that you have listed several persons who can pick up your child in the event of an emergency. The school cannot release students to persons who are not listed as emergency contact /pick-up for your child. For the safety of your child, the school cannot take changes in transportation by phone. However, parents may send a note with students.