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**ACTIVITIES & CLUBS**

- After-school band
- Battle of the Books
- Chorus, 4th and 5th grades
- Progress Energy Great American Teach-In
- Multicultural Club
- Safety Patrols
- Student Council
- Student-led conferences
- YMCA-sponsored after-school enrichment programs

**COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS**

- Award-winning Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Business/classroom partnerships
- Volunteer tutors and mentors
- Annual volunteer recognition
- PTA/SAC-sponsored workshops and trainings

**SCHOOL MISSION**

To enable students to reach their highest level of learning within a safe and positive environment.



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**Brooker  
Creek**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Donna Gehringer

**Grade Levels:** K-5

**Enrollment:** 623

**School Hours:** 8:35 a.m.-2:50 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 8:35 a.m.-1:35 p.m.)

**Attractor/focus:** High student achievement and high volunteer involvement

**Uniforms:** No

**Before/after-school care:** YMCA, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 467-9622

**Average Class Size:** The class-size reduction amendment requires that each elementary school have a primary grades (K-3) average of 18:1 and an intermediate grades (4-5) average of 22:1. These averages include all programs providing services to students in each school.

**Teaching Staff:** Approximately 35 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

## **Exceptional Student Education:**

**Part time:** Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

**Academic Information:** Visit [www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools)

**Computers and Technology:** Computer lab, approximately six computers in each classroom with Internet access, schoolwide website, teacher websites, mobile labs, teacher/student SMART boards, PowerPoint presentations and document cameras

## **SCHOOL BACKGROUND**

Named after and located next to a tranquil preserve, Brooker Creek Elementary challenges and enables students to reach their highest level of learning. FCAT scores continue to remain high due to an emphasis on student, small group and teamwork strategies, technology use and instruction, and a highly qualified staff. Data drives instruction through county and school-based assessments and is shared with parents and the community through the school website, newsletters and the School Improvement Plan. Parents and community members donated approximately 18,000 volunteer hours tutoring, mentoring and assisting students in school activities. Students leave Brooker Creek well prepared for middle school with a high number enrolling in advanced and gifted classes.

## **SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

- FCAT scores exceed district and state averages.
- Active parent involvement
- Involved and supportive PTA
- *Bobcat News* produced daily by students
- Weekly student character recognition program
- Battle of the Books
- P.E., Art and Music Nights
- Band program after school
- Exceptional student education services

## **POINTS OF PRIDE**

- Participants in North County Gifted Math Competition
- 4-H Tropicana Public Speaking Program
- Battle of the Books
- Music awards for outstanding performances
- Mighty Mu math competition
- PTA Reflections program
- Pinellas County Educational Media Awards
- Education grants

## **CURRICULUM**

- Subjects include math, reading, writing, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Physical education daily
- Art and music classes weekly
- Teacher partners
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Guidance lessons/character education
- Differentiated instruction

## **SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

- Literacy Success and Extended Learning Program – extra reading help
- Reading Counts!
- FCAT Explorer
- Riverdeep
- SuccessNet

