

## ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- 2nd Step
- Strings Music Program
- Battle of the Books
- Book-of-the-Month
- Computer Club
- Chess
- Gifted art
- *Good Morning, Garrison-Jones* – live student-produced news show
- LEGO League
- Principal Multicultural Advisory Club (PMAC)
- Mad Science
- Math Meet
- Peer mediation
- Student Council
- Student newspaper
- Think Quest
- Math Club
- Drum Circle

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Adopt-a-class
- All Pro Dad
- Award-winning Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Business/classroom partnerships
- Pioneer Day
- Volunteer tutors and mentors
- Reading Rendezvous
- Kiwanis Terrific Kid
- Spring Family Dinner and Curriculum Fair

### SCHOOL MISSION

At Garrison-Jones we believe that the purpose of education is to develop the whole child through a broad-based curriculum that fosters a positive self-concept, creativity, self-discipline, values and life skills.



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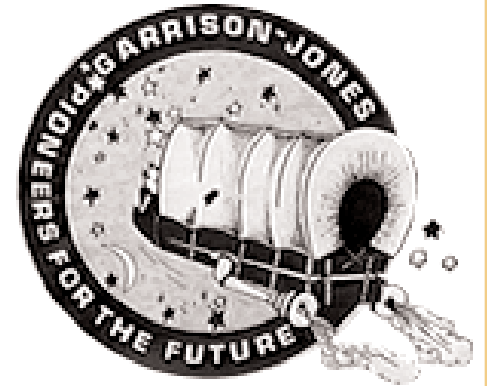
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# Garrison-Jones

## ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



Pioneers for the Future

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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Karen Buckles

**Grade Levels:** PreK-5

**Enrollment:** 740

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

**Attractor/focus:** Developing the whole child through a broad-based curriculum

**Uniforms:** No

**Before/after-school care:** Dunedin Recreation, 7:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 812-4530

**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 36 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), Emotional Behavior Disorder (EBD) and Gifted

**English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program:** Yes (part time)

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

**Computers and Technology:** Schoolwide technology lab, computers with controlled Internet access in each classroom

## SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Garrison-Jones Elementary is the learning community for approximately 760 “Pioneers for the Future.” We enjoy a rich tradition of academic excellence supported by strong partnerships with our parents, students, faculty and community. We seek to educate the whole child and provide opportunities for students to achieve at their highest potential academically, socially, emotionally and physically. We promote individual classroom learning systems. Our education program is rooted in the Sunshine State Standards and identified Essential Learnings for each grade level. We encourage active participation by parents and families in their child’s education through regular home-school communication, membership in parent organizations and volunteering. We know that when the school unites with families and the community great things are accomplished for the benefit of children.

## SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Clean, safe and attractive learning facility
- Innovative teachers and staff members
- Strong community and parent involvement
- Active Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Monthly “Round-Up” (student recognition)
- Pioneer Days
- Enhanced music and arts programs
- Forty-five percent of students in grades 3-5 achieved Honor Roll or Principal’s List.

## POINTS OF PRIDE

- Economic Expo first place, 2003-2009
- State of Florida Recognition Award for Sustained High Performance, 2003-2009
- Five National Board-certified teachers
- State of Florida Five Star Schools designation, 2006-2009
- Golden School Award for outstanding community involvement
- PTA Reflections winner at the district and state recognition, 2007-2008
- Battle of the Books, regional winner
- Student articles published in *Cross Creek Chronicle*
- Recipient of the Educational Media Award (EMA), 2008-2009
- Music students participated in All-County Chorus and All-State Chorus.
- Elementary Music Teacher of the Year, 2008

## CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Physical education daily
- Extra subjects on a weekly basis – art and music
- Teacher partners
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Character education
- Enhanced learning opportunities
- Focus on writing
- PE activities include Mileage Club and fitness grams, Presidential Challenge Physical Fitness

## SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Literacy Success
- Extended Learning Program

