

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- After-school band
- Annual science fair
- Art/Music/Technology Clubs
- Grades 4 and 5 chorus
- *Ponce News for Kids* (WNFK)
- Student safety patrols
- Annual talent show
- Annual Author's Showcase
- Annual Reading Under the Stars
- Annual Math/Science Family Night
- Bi-annual Arts Showcase

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Active Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Active School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Financial partnerships with area businesses through our Adopt-a-Class Program
- Volunteer program that encourages all parents to participate in school experiences
- Mentoring program that pairs students with adults in a nurturing partnership

SCHOOL MISSION

The mission of Ponce de Leon Elementary is to provide every child with a safe and challenging learning environment. The entire school community will be involved in a partnership designed to foster highest student achievement so that all students will reach their maximum potential and become responsible citizens.



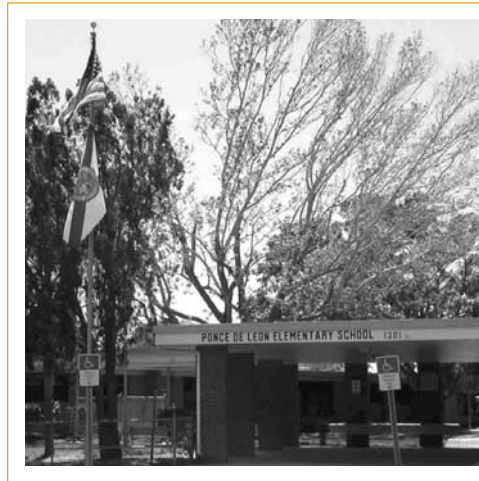
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Ponce de Leon ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



**PONCE = Proud, Outstanding,
Nurturing, Caring, Enduring**

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QUICK facts

Principal: Thea Saccasyn

Grade Levels: K-5

Enrollment: 736

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

Attractor/focus: Reading Units of Study, affiliation with Columbia University; emphasis on higher-level thinking skills and problem solving

Uniforms: Voluntary

Before/after-school care: Largo Recreation, 6:45 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 587-6720

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 41 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: Independent Varying

Exceptionalities (IVE), Grades PreK-5

Part time: Varying Exceptionalities (VE), Speech Impaired (SI), Language Impaired (LI), Deaf/Hard of Hearing (DHH), Visually Impaired (VI), Occupational Therapy (OT), Physical Therapy (PT) and Gifted

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

Academic Information: Visit www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools

Computers and Technology: Internet connection in every classroom, four mobile labs, average of five computers in every classroom

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Ponce de Leon is implementing cutting-edge, research-based teaching practices. We work with Professional Learning Communities and the district's Professional Education Department to provide a delivery model for each curricular area and a thinking curriculum that empowers students to grow ideas and solve problems. Our classrooms are filled with gathering areas surrounded by hundreds of books at many levels and for varied interests. Our efforts are supported by Title I SAC and PTA, providing us with materials, additional personnel who work with students and multiple curriculum specialists.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- School-wide Instructional coach
- Full time math coach and reading coach
- PreK-2 intervention specialist
- Varying Exceptionalities intervention specialist
- Extensive classroom library in every room
- Curriculum aligned with standards
- More than 250 computers and four mobile labs
- Agenda books for parent communication
- Schoolwide focus on Commitment to Character education
- Daily news show produced by students
- Parent workshops
- Supportive Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- Partnership with the Univ. of Florida's Lastinger Center for Learning

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Scholastic Schools of Distinction, semifinalist
- Golden School Award
- CTIP (Classroom/Technology Integration Program) certified art and music teachers
- National Art Education Foundation Teacher Incentive Grant
- Integrating Technology to Enhance Curriculum Grant
- A-TIP (Administrators Technology Integration Program)
- Library Information Specialist of the Year Recipient 2009

CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies, physical and health education
- Special subjects on a weekly basis – art and music
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Inviting library/media center
- Uninterrupted 90 minutes of instructional reading/language arts time
- Extensive use of multiple reading and math computer programs and online resources
- Everyday Counts math calendar program

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Title I provides:
 - Full-time learning specialist/instructional coach
 - Materials, computers
 - Technology specialist
 - Hourly reading and math teachers
 - Parent workshops
- Reading Under the Stars family night
- Author's Showcase
- First Mate mentoring program
- Book of the Month
- Battle of the Books/Reading Is Fundamental reading grant
- All Pro Dads