



ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Curriculum Nights
- Multicultural Advisory Committee for staff and students
- Reading recognition program for at-home reading
- Sawgrass Lake Buddies (mentoring program)
- Student Council
- Service Learning K-Kids Chapter
- *WSAW* – live student-produced news show
- Citizen of the Month Program

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Award-winning Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- Classroom partnerships
- Business partnerships
- Corporate Sponsors; Coca-Cola Bottling Company and Sweetbay Super Markets
- Membership with CEP
- Partnership with Kiwanis
- Partnership with Washington Mutual Bank

SCHOOL MISSION

Sawgrass Unites the Community,
Challenges Educators and
Strengthens Students!

SUCCESS!



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Sawgrass Lake ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2008-2009



2008 State School of Character

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QUICK facts

Principal: Jean C. Marks

Grade Levels: K-5

Enrollment: 612

School Hours: 8:50 a.m.-2:50 p.m.

Attractor/focus: High expectations for all students, strong community involvement program and high emphasis on character education.

Uniforms: Mandatory

Before/after-school care: YMCA, 6:30 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 895-9622

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 42 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE)

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

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program: No

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

Computers and Technology: Five networked computers in every classroom 1-5, four in kindergarten classrooms, fully networked lab with new Dell computers and wireless portable lab

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Sawgrass Lake was built in 1991 in the northeast section of St. Petersburg. Sawgrass Lake is unique in that it is located on 44 acres and is well-known for the design of the campus, which greatly enhances safety. Sawgrass Lake is not housed on a public street but is built on a large piece of land removed from city traffic. There is one way in and out of Sawgrass Lake, which allows the staff to carefully monitor all visitors to the campus. Sawgrass houses 35 classrooms. It is a Title I and Reading First school, which allows the staff to provide additional support in reading and math.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Family-friendly atmosphere
- Commitment to high-quality education for every child
- Involved and supportive SAC and PTA
- Very active volunteer program
- Award-winning, student-produced news show
- High rate of technology usage at all grade levels
- Many family events held throughout the year, including our annual Celebration of Success with accomplishments highlighted in a fun, carnival-like atmosphere
- Many nationalities represented in our student population
- All-Pro Dad
- Student incentive programs

POINTS OF PRIDE

- Multicultural Advisory Committee Award for two years
- Top Apple Award
- Golden School Award for 10 years
- Educational Media Awards
- 2008 State School of Character Award

CURRICULUM

- Subjects include math, reading, language arts, science, health and social studies
- Physical education
- Extra subjects on a weekly basis – art and music
- Teaching partners
- Gifted education for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Character Education Partnership School
- Weekly classes in the computer lab, co-taught with a technology specialist
- Partnership with Columbia University's Reading/Writing Units of Study Program

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Reading First school – reading coach, improved classroom libraries and training for teachers
- Title I – supports all students in reading and math
- Students Targeted for Achievement, Recognition and Success (STARS)
- Reading Is Fundamental
- Character coach
- School savings program in partnership with Washington Mutual