

ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Safety Patrol Club
- Chorus
- Multicultural Club
- Music Club
- Student Council

COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Active Parent Teacher Association (PTA)
- School Advisory Committee (SAC)
- Partnership with St. Petersburg College School of Education
- Active classroom partnership program with various levels of financial participation
- Schoolwide business partnerships
- Reward programs for all grade levels
- Partnership with Tarpon Springs Police Department
- All Pro Dad
- After-school tutoring program with First United Methodist Church
- Annual Spring Fling
- Partnership with The City of Tarpon Springs

SCHOOL MISSION

To promote highest student achievement in a safe learning environment.



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Tarpon Springs

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

2009-2010



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QUICK facts

Principal: Leah Pappas

Grade Levels: K-5

Enrollment: 559

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

Attractor/focus: Commitment to highest student achievement in a safe learning environment.

Uniforms: Mandatory

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 39 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

Exceptional Student Education:

Full time: Emotional Behavioral Disorders (EBD)

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: Computer lab, Internet connection, computers and Smartboards in every classroom.

SCHOOL BACKGROUND

Tarpon Springs Elementary has been a community anchor since 1952. Our small-town family-oriented environment provides a solid base for our students who consistently receive high ratings from the state of Florida. Our experienced and highly trained faculty focuses on a positive learning experience for our students, who also receive support from our Title I program. This program gives students additional support, particularly in the areas of reading and math. The volunteer program has won the state Golden School Award for 29 consecutive years and received the 5 Star Award for 2009. Community provides support through school and classroom partnerships, and extracurricular activities.

SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS

- Fully secured fenced campus
- Technology-infused curriculum
- Student-led televised morning news program
- Full clinic with full-time nurse's aide and part-time nurse
- Eight National Board-certified teachers
- Multiple after-school clubs
- Part-time school-based School Resource Officer (SRO)
- Science/community grant program through a University of South Florida grant
- New school in 2008-09
- Title I parent & family programs

POINTS OF PRIDE

- 29-year winner of Golden School Award for volunteer program
- Participate in Battle of the Books
- Students selected for County Honors Chorus
- FCAT scores exceed state and district averages



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
- On-site gifted program for eligible students
- Library/media center
- Commitment to Character Education

SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS

- Title I resource teachers
- Students Targeted for Achievement, Recognition and Success (STARS) class for 3rd-grade students