

## ACTIVITIES & CLUBS

- Chess
- CROP – College Reach Out Program
- Go Green
- Drama Club
- Multicultural Committee
- Sports (basketball, track, volleyball, cheerleading)
- Student Council
- Students Targeted for Educational Performance (STEP)
- The Unclub
- Robotics
- National Junior Honor Society

## COMMUNITY INVOLVEMENT AND PARTNERSHIPS

- Parent-Teacher-Student Association (PTSA)
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- DOORWAYS scholarships
- Career Day
- Business partnerships and Adopt-a-Class – Publix, St. Petersburg College, Wal-Mart, Sam's Club, Domino's, CiCi's Pizza, First State Bank, Pizza Hut, Celebration Station, Liberty Tax Services, and many more

### SCHOOL MISSION

The Pinellas Park Middle School learning community will provide a safe and caring environment that will encourage excellence in academic achievement and character development. To transition our students to be productive members in an ever-changing world, we will focus on career awareness, the integration of technology into the curriculum, and character building.



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# Pinellas Park

MIDDLE SCHOOL

2009-2010



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# QUICK facts

**Principal:** Robyn Witcher

**Grade Levels:** 6-8

**Enrollment:** 1,133

**School Hours:** 9:30 a.m.-4:15 p.m. (Early release on Wednesdays – 9:30 a.m.-3:00 p.m.)

**Attractor/focus:** Technology, character education, MEGSSS and IMAST

**Before/after-school care:** Yes  
YMCA, 7 a.m.-6 p.m.; Phone: 895-9622

**Average Class Size:** District average class size complies with the class-size reduction amendment with “core” academic courses for middle school at 22:1.

**Teaching Staff:** Approximately 28 percent of faculty members have advanced degrees.

## **Exceptional Student Education:**

**Full time:** Independent Varying Exceptionalities (IVE), Emotional Behavior Disorder (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](http://www.pinellas.k12.fl.us/schools)

**Computers and Technology:** Nine computer labs, one portable laptop lab

## **SCHOOL BACKGROUND**

Pinellas Park Middle School first opened its doors to students in 1959. The desire to meet the needs of our diverse student population always has been the driving force behind every decision and plan implemented. “The Park Way” is our character education program; puppets are used to communicate with our students about nine character traits that we know are important for success.

## **SCHOOL HIGHLIGHTS**

- “The Park Way” – a character education program designed to teach our students courtesy, commitment, respect, appreciation, initiative, honesty, cooperation, discipline and responsibility
- Technology integrated throughout all curriculum areas
- A live morning news show, produced and directed by students
- A positive, upbeat school climate
- Excellent communication with parents via school newsletters, phone messaging and e-mails

## **POINTS OF PRIDE**

- Educational Media Awards second place, 2004-05
- High placement in county chess tournaments, 2004-06
- MATHCOUNTS, second place, 2004
- Superior rating at Music Performance Assessment, 2005
- Economics Quiz Bowl, finalist, 2005

## **CURRICULUM**

- Core courses: language arts, math, science and social studies
- Other required courses in various grades: reading, physical education, health
- Elective courses: band, chorus, foreign language (Spanish), computers, family and consumer sciences, guitar, art, drama, etc.
- High school credit classes in math, science and Spanish
- Advanced science, math, language arts and social studies at all levels
- Gifted education elective for eligible students
- Mathematics Education For Gifted Secondary School Students (MEGSSS)
- Integrated Mathematics and Science with Technology (IMAST)
- Advancement Via Individual Determination (AVID)
- Introduction to Spanish
- H.S. English Honors Pilot

## **SPECIAL SERVICES AND PROGRAMS**

- Students Targeted for Educational Performance (STEP)
- Model School Achievement Program (MSAP)
- Extended Learning Program (ELP) – After-school program helps students with homework and test-taking skills.
- Read 180 and *REACH* – remedial reading and language arts programs
- MATHCOUNTS
- Project Success
- Peer mediation
- Dimension M
- Plugged in to Reading
- Broadcast Journalism
- Social Studies Fair
- Oweleus Bullying Prevention Program
- Second Step Violence Prevention Program