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Community Buzz

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Gearing-Up for Summer

Education, Fun & Safety with COVID

We're just four weeks away from the start of the SPPF M.A.S.T.R. Kids Summer Program on June 8th at Friendship Missionary Baptist Church. We're all really eager to see the students on-site but, at the same time, we must ensure that we take all possible precautions to keep our community safe. We intend to follow CDC guidelines.

The CDC suggests that in Phase 2, the Phase Pinellas County has just entered, programs can expand to serve all children with enhanced social distancing measures.

CDC Guideline	SPPF Intended Action
Handwashing	Wash or Sanitize hands hourly
Cloth masks for staff	Staff & Students wear masks
Regular disinfection of surfaces	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2x daily by maintenance • End of class student ritual
Six-foot distance if possible	< 9 students per class
As much outdoor air as possible	
Restrict mixing of groups	Remain with group all morning
Restrict visitors	Outside drop-offs, pickups
Reduce contact among parents	Parents remain in car
Limit sharing of materials	Dedicated student tool boxes
Avoid toys not easily disinfected	ONLY easily disinfected materials used
Not using common areas like dining halls or playgrounds.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Meals in classrooms • Segmented outdoor areas
Monitor absenteeism	Daily attendance
	Temps taken on arrival

Community safety is our priority!



Over 100 student masks in fun patterns – thanks to our friend Kate Brass!!

Student Success

Fenton sets the Pace

Fenton Floyd works with Ms. Gladys using a special program called Winning Readers Boost



to develop his reading skills. He just moved from the “Breakaway” level to the “Pacesetter” level. Congratulations Fenton!! Your hard work is really paying off. Fenton will receive a trip to the book store for his choice of book to celebrate.

Teacher Profile

Teaching Outside



Ms. Keisha Snead loves to teach! When we moved to remote learning, she knew students would feel

restricted. She decided to host her “live” virtual sessions, outside in her backyard. The different venue was suggestive enough to make students feel like they’ve been outdoors. Great idea Ms. Snead.



Welcome JerJuan Green

JerJuan Green is a native of St. Pete, Boca Ciega grad. After a stint in the U.S. Army, JerJuan received an Associate degree from St. Pete College and a Bachelor of Science degree in Electronic Engineering from at Florida A&M University. He had the unique opportunity to work at Kennedy Space Center in the Operations and Checkout Building where he worked alongside NASA engineers on Expandable Launch Vehicles (ELV) that use disposable components to carry a payload into space. For the past 10 years JerJuan has held the position of Director of Operations at the Virginia M. Leonard Community Education Center where he led a tutoring service program for students in grades K-12th and a S.T.E.A.M (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, & Math) program that introduced students in our community to these rising career fields. He worked with the Boys & Girls Club of Suncoast as the Program Director at the Royal Theater before joining the Shirley Proctor Puller Foundation in March. Please help us welcome JerJuan to M.A.S.T.R. Kids community!

Our Everyday Heroes

“Feeding Our Community”

When COVID-19 became a reality we all wanted to ensure the health and safety of our students and community. Taking advantage of an opportunity to work with “Feeding Tampa Bay” these incredible staff members did not hesitate once. They found a SAFE way to make this opportunity accessible to our community. Since March 30th, these staff members alongside dear friends from the Friendship Missionary Baptist Church congregation have distributed prepackaged lunches and breakfasts to students from the church parking lot. They are currently delivering 100 Meals each day. A special “shout out” to Robert Henderson – SPPF MASTR Kids Head of Transportation and Chief Coordinator for the Food Distribution Program.

*Our heroes are all suited up for the day’s deliveries:
Left to Right: Robert Henderson, Cliff Howard, Brenda Jones, Lou Newkirk, Osker Davenport. Absent: Ernest Smith*



“Thank You” Notes

The African Proverb rings true – “It Takes a Village...”

- JWB Leadership (Beth, Judith, Danielle, Lori) and your entire staff – for pulling us together weekly to share news and resources, helping us answer questions and provide information to the community, continuing the funding lifeline, and creating an environment of collaboration.
- FMCB Leadership (Pastor Evans and the Board) and congregation – for keeping the church COVID free and surrounding our staff and families in a continuous virtual circle of prayer.
- Foundation for A Healthy St Pete – for keeping the equity discussion alive and ensuring leaders in community and philanthropy understand the long-term impact on communities like South St. Pete.
- Multitude of Friends and Family – for constantly brainstorming, volunteering, donating and helping us get through this together!