



Pinellas schools to try propane buses

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Pinellas OKays deal to try propane school buses

The Pinellas County School Board on Tuesday approved a plan to acquire 58 propane-powered school buses through a lease-purchase deal that officials said would lessen the financial impact on the district this fiscal year. The district will buy the buses from Tampa-based Florida Transportation Systems for \$6.4 million. Under a lease-purchase agreement with Banc of America Public Capital Corp., the district will pay a total of \$7.6 million over 10 years at an interest rate of 1.9 percent.

Clearwater High a 'model school'

Clearwater High has been recognized for the second consecutive year as a model school by the International Center for Leadership in Education based in New York. Representatives of the school will have the opportunity to attend the Model Schools Conference in Atlanta in June.

The school was recognized for its continued ability to raise rigor and relevance with students. With different academies focusing on areas including business, hospitality, sports, fine arts, science and technology, Clearwater High uses a personalized learning approach to give students multiple options to get industry certifications.

Open house at Lealman academy

Pinellas County's new "personalized learning" school, Lealman Innovation Academy, will hold an open house at 6 p.m. Wednesday at the school for students currently in grades 8-11. Personalized learning tailors what, when and how students learn to their individual needs, skills and interests. The academy at 4900 28th St. N in St. Petersburg is accepting a limited number of high school applicants for next school year. Parents can apply at reservation.pcsb.org. For information about the academy, call (727) 528-5802 or visit pcsb.org/Page/7688.

Elementary school lunches

All lunches include milk and choice of seasonal fruits.

Monday: macaroni and cheese with roll; crispy chicken sandwich; farmer's salad; chicken Caesar wrap; baby green peas; tossed or romaine salad.

Tuesday: mini calzones with marinara; bar-b-que pork on a bun; chef salad; Italian twisted combo; oven baked beans; and veggie dippers.

Wednesday: chicken tenders with dip; spaghetti and meatballs; fruit and yogurt plate; ham and cheese croissant; Prince Charles blend; romaine side salad.

Thursday: teriyaki beef dippers with rice and roll; max snax quesadilla with salsa; chicken Caesar salad; turkey and cheese sandwich; creamed spinach; and veggie dippers.

Friday: pizza variety; Baja fish stix with hush puppies; chicken dipper salad; school favorite sandwich; sliced carrot coins; and mixed or romaine salad.

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