

## SPCS Media Center: Description and Facts

Welcome to the St. Petersburg Christian School Media Center and the information portal for SPCS students, parents, and visitors. The St. Petersburg Christian School Media Center serves students in grades Kindergarten through 8th grade in finding great books and key resources for all their information needs. The SPCS Media Center serves each student in their reading interest and provides the necessary materials to assist each teacher in their students learning experience. By working collaboratively with the students and teachers, each is given the appropriate tools to create a solid foundation in the learning process. The Media Center is open each school day from 8:30 AM to 4:00 PM. Students are encouraged to visit the library daily to return books and look for new books to read for their enjoyment. Students in Kindergarten are able to check out one book at a time. First Grade through Third Grade students are able to check out 3 books at a time. Students in fourth Grade can check out 4 books and students in Fifth Grade and Middle School can check out 5 books at a time.

### Birthday Book Club

The Birthday Book Club has been in existence since January 2005 and has allowed the library staff to add over 750 new books chosen by the students. With the gift of a special book given to the library, each family has the opportunity to add to the legacy of committed families that have participated in making the SPCS library a diverse and special place for all students. Each student will choose a book to celebrate a special interest by the student, on their birthday, or as close as possible, each student will have his or her book presented to them while being featured as a special guest on



WSPC, the school's daily television news show. After the presentation, the child will be the FIRST to check out the book from the library. A DVD copy of the book presentation show will be made for their family to enjoy with others of their family. A bookplate with the child's name, birthday and a personalized birthday message will be placed inside the front cover of the book. At the end of the month, each child will enjoy a special party to celebrate their birthday and the donation of the new books.

### WSPC TV News and Video Production



WSPC is comprised of middle school students working together to create the WSPC TV morning show. The students meet each morning to televise the daily show and in the afternoon elective period prepare the set and script for the next day's show. The morning show airs daily throughout the school to all the classrooms. Students that are a part of the WSPC team work together to create informational pieces to assist in the day to day learning as well as informing our school community of current events and school news updates.

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## Podcasting 4th & 5th Grade

During the school year, 4th and 5th Grade complete two podCast to shared on iTunes. The Classes learn about the podCast process as they work together to research, take notes , create a script, record their work in Garage Band, and learn what is involved in finalizing the podCast project. The students also work to create print works to share with the younger age Classes and tell these students about what was learned in the experience. Go the [www.spcsmediacenter.com](http://www.spcsmediacenter.com) to enjoy some of our current and past podCasts.



## Author Studies

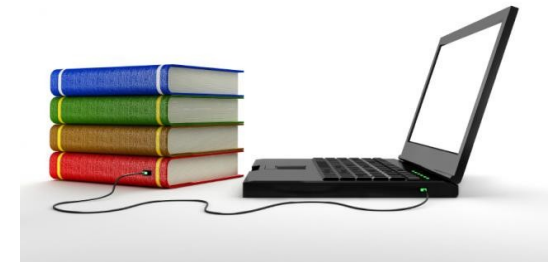


In the Kindergarten through Third Grade Classes, we work together to learn about current and past author's work that are found in the Media Center and the Student's local public library. During this time, the students will view information using United Streaming, Online author and book websites, and print resources. In addition, the students are read works by the author to allow the students to listen to the author's work and gain a better understanding of their writing.



## School & Library Resources

Britannica Online, BrainPOP, BrainPOP Jr., and Quizlist Interactive are the current subscriptions available to the students in the Media Center and in their classroom. Britannica Online Encyclopedia is available for use at school and home and has age appropriate encyclopedia websites to assist students in their information searches. BrainPop and BrainPop Jr. are creative animated curriculum resources that engage



the students and improves higher order thinking skills in the student. Finally, Quizlist is a database website for parents and students to locate books in the Media Center with an Accelerated Reader comprehension test. Users can create booklists and review national and state reading lists.