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Perkins Elementary School to Hold “Pennies for Jackson” Coin Drive in Honor of Former Student

ST. PETERSBURG, FL – Perkins Elementary School – Center for the Arts and International Studies is proud to announce the upcoming “Pennies for Jackson” coin drive, a month-long fundraising event honoring the memory of former student Jackson Copeland. The drive will run from February 2nd through March 2nd, with all proceeds benefiting The Jackson Copeland Foundation.

To encourage student participation and school spirit, the classroom that raises the most funds during the drive will be awarded a pizza party.

Jackson Copeland, a beloved member of the Perkins family, attended the school from 2006 through 2012. Remembered for his intelligence, humor, and adventurous spirit, Jackson went on to graduate from Northeast High School and serve as an Intelligence Specialist in the United States Navy Reserve. He passed away in May 2024 at the age of 22 after a courageous battle with Acute Myeloid Leukemia (AML).

“We are honored to celebrate Jackson’s life and legacy here at the place where his educational journey began,” said a school representative. “This drive is not just about raising money; it is about our students coming together to support a cause that is deeply personal to our school community.”

About the Cause Funds raised from the "Pennies for Jackson" drive will go directly to [The Jackson Copeland Foundation](#). Established in Jackson’s honor, the foundation is dedicated to improving outcomes and accelerating cures for high-risk leukemia. It also provides critical financial and logistical support to patients and families, helping cover costs such as travel, housing, and treatment to ensure no family fights alone.

About Perkins Elementary Located in St. Petersburg, [Perkins Elementary](#) is a Center for the Arts and International Studies within Pinellas County Schools. The school is dedicated to its mission to "Educate and Prepare Each Student for College, Career and Life," fostering a culture of 100% student success through academic excellence and artistic enrichment.

For more information or to RSVP, please visit luma.com/vooyk4j0.

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