

BELIEFS AND COMMITMENTS:

- We work collaboratively to improve the school experience for parents/caregivers, students, faculty, administration and community.
- We recognize each child as an individual with different needs and strengths and will work to meet each child's needs by implementing the best research-based instructional practices.
- We consistently use performance data to create work that includes rigor, depth and complexity for students.
- We continually strive to grow professionally and remain flexible and open to new ideas.
- We maintain open communication between and among parents/caregivers, students, faculty, administration and community.
- We model a positive attitude and treat all members of the school community in a respectful and caring manner.
- We provide a clean, safe and nurturing environment that is conducive to learning.
- We maximize instructional time by focusing on high standards, aligning curriculum, and providing explicit instruction to achieve our expectations.
- We use current technology as an interactive, instructional tool to challenge and engage students in digital learning experiences.

Parent Portal

Student records and progress are maintained and updated through PowerSchool. PowerSchool is an Internet-based student information system. Through Parent Portal, one of the components of PowerSchool, administrators, teachers, and parents have access to appropriate student information including assignments, report card grades, teacher comments, and attendance history, enabling all stakeholders to support teaching and learning. Parents/guardians are also able to review and submit pre-completed back-to-school forms online and customize how they hear from the school system. The Parent Portal can be accessed at <https://ps.stcharles.k12.la.us>.

MISSION:

- Mimosa Park Elementary School is dedicated to producing self-directed, life-long learners by engaging our students through varied, meaningful and rigorous learning opportunities in a safe and nurturing environment so all students reach their potential.

VISION:

- Mimosa Park Elementary School is a learning organization in which teachers, parents/caregivers and the community support teaching and learning by providing students with the necessary tools to become independent and self-directed, life-long learners. We embrace the diversity of our children through a safe, respectful and nurturing environment that focuses on rigorous standards. Through the collaboration of all stakeholders, there is a commitment to help all students become future ready so they may lead productive and fulfilling lives to meet the challenges of tomorrow.

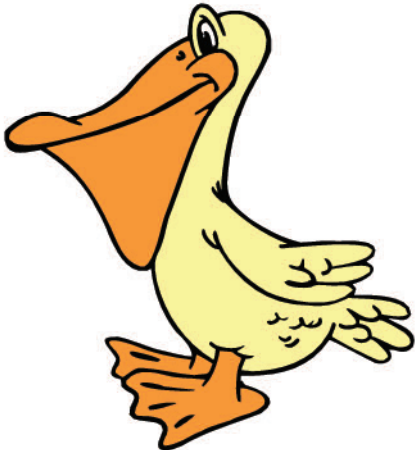


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ABOUT US

Mimosa Park Elementary School,

a public school approximately 25 miles from New Orleans, currently serves students in grades Pre K-2. The school first opened its doors in 1961 when it served the communities of Luling and Boutte as a K-8 school. Population growth during the past 30 years has resulted in the building of other nearby schools, thus establishing a feeder-system of which Mimosa Park is a member. Since then, the school has changed its grade level configurations to eventually serve primary grades.

In 2011, the community supported the passing of a bond issue which allowed the most recent reconfiguration of the school. The bond issue included the construction of a new state-of-the-art building addition that would house primarily Kindergarten and other Kindergarten related services.

Beginning in 2014-2015, Mimosa Park began functioning as a Pre K-2 school, serving more than 600 students. With more than 50 years of academic service, Mimosa Park remains a vital, well respected institution in the community, revered for its tradition of academic excellence, steadfastly clinging to its motto...

"We hold high expectations for all."

School Snapshot

Grade Levels: Pre-Kindergarten-2

- Enrollment: 653
- Free/Reduced Meal Percentage: 41%
- Ethnic Distribution: White 69%, Black 25%, Hispanic 4%, Other 2%
- Number of Teachers: 55
- Number of Counselors: 1
- Number of Nurses: 1

ACADEMICS

CURRICULUM:

- Students are offered a core curriculum that is driven by rigorous state standards. These standards define the knowledge and skills students should acquire throughout their K-12 education careers in order to graduate from high school prepared to succeed in their post-secondary education and workforce pursuits. The standards:
 - are aligned with college and work expectations.
 - are clear, understandable and consistent.
 - include rigorous content and application of knowledge through high-order skills.
 - build upon strengths and lessons of current state standards and are evidence-based.

CORE ACADEMIC COURSES:

- Language Arts (Reading, Writing, Literature, Spelling, Handwriting & Phonics)
- Science
- Social Studies
- Math

- Health
- Vocal Music
- Library
- Gifted
- Talented Art
- Technology
- Talented Drama
- Counseling
- Math Resource
- Special Education
- Literacy & Math Interventions
- Kindergarten Career Centers
- Makerspace

PROGRAMS:

- Art
- Literacy/Reading Recovery
- Physical Education

Technology

Promethean Boards with Active-Slates are utilized for interactive instruction in all core content classrooms. All classrooms are equipped with computers, Active Expressions, and Activue Cameras, and all classrooms have iPads. Makerspace, a way of teaching and learning, allows students to incorporate inquiry, technology, and material to develop students' creativity and critical thinking skills through the library enrichment. Students also have the opportunity to become Technology Buddies which allows them to become a technology leader in their classrooms and support other students with technology, as well as problem-solve basic technology hardware issues.

ACTIVITIES

SCHOOL INITIATIVES:

- Literacy
- Math and Science Nights
- Parents as Partners
- Parent-Teacher Organization
- Counseling
- Library
- School Building Level Committee
- Response to Intervention
- Push-in Literacy/Math Interventions
- Grade Level Parent Nights
- School Improvement Committees
- ELL Program
- Speech Pathologists
- Field Trips
- Guest Speakers
- Monthly Community Morning Meetings
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- Educational Performances
- Homebound Instruction
- Cooperative Learning
- Character Education
- Math Resource
- Responsive Classroom
- Parent Learning Walks
- Pre-K Pelican Prep Night
- BOOST Summer Reading Extension
- Summer Arts Camp
- Back-to-School Bash
- United Way
- Book Fair
- Octoberfest
- Cake Bingo
- Thanksgiving Food Drive
- Student and Teacher Appreciation Weeks
- "Because I Love" Breakfasts
- Lunch Bunch
- Perci's Pelican Prize Patrol
- Second Grade Award Program
- Red Ribbon Week
- Mardi Gras and Easter Parades
- Multicultural Events & Parade
- Young Authors' Contest
- Family Center & Playgroups

ARTS

CLUBS:

- Mimosa Park second grade students have the opportunity to audition and participate in the Ukulele Club and the after school choir. Students perform at school and community events throughout the school year. An Arts Club is also offered to second graders each fall and spring, providing engaging opportunities for participation in the visual arts. Students build leadership, self-motivation, cooperation, teamwork, positive attitudes, enthusiasm, friendship, commitment and a desire to learn through these program offerings. Mimosa Park also hosts the MPE Wonder League Robotics Club! This after school extracurricular club offers second grade students the opportunity to develop problem solving and creativity skills, learn about issues facing the world around them, and build meaningful relationships with their peers. Children work in teams to participate in the Wonder League Robotics Competition by programming and building extensions for Dash & Dot robots as they design solutions to real-world science and technology challenges.

GRADE LEVEL PERFORMANCES:

- Students in first and second grade perform annually at the Dr. Rodney R. Lafon Performing Arts Center for either the Christmas or spring performance.
- Pre-Kindergarten students participate in an annual Christmas and end-of-year showcase held at the school.

AWARDS

- 2010 Exemplary Reading Program Award
- AdvancED Accredited School System
- Five National Board Certified Teachers
- Administration and teachers serve on District Planning Teams, as LA Teacher Leaders and on state curriculum review panels
- Young Authors winners at school, district, and state level