

# PELICAN PRIDE

January 2024

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## Message from the Principal

### Happy New Year Mimosa Park Families!

Welcome back to school and to 2024! We hope that you and your family had a wonderful holiday season and spent time relaxing and reflecting on the many blessings we have been given. This is an exciting time of year, a time to reflect on the first half of the school year and revisit why we do what we do.

This is embodied in MPE's mission. *Mimosa Park Elementary is dedicated to delivering high quality instruction in order to develop empowered, empathetic, and responsible life-long learners.* It is also a time to look forward to where we are headed. Our MPE vision helps us to remain focused and driven. *At Mimosa Park Elementary, we have a shared responsibility to support the social/emotional and academic needs of all students to become productive global citizens. We embrace the diversity of our children by providing a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment.*

As we begin the New Year, we will revisit expectations and routines as we continue our core business of teaching and learning where **Every Student Matters** and **Every Moment Counts**. As we begin the spring semester, please continue to make maintaining a positive relationship with your child's teacher a priority. One of the most important components of a great school is the partnership between the school,

parents/guardians, students, teachers, community, and support from our district. With this support, our students continue to make significant gains in academics and social/emotional wellness. Anything is possible in 2024 as long as we continue to work together with the strength, wisdom, and collaboration that have transitioned MPE from **Good** to **GREAT**!

We are looking forward to an engaging and prosperous New Year of learning and continuous improvement!

Sincerely,  
Angi Butler  
Principal



### MPE 2024 Teacher of the Year

Congratulations to Annabelle Harter, who has been selected as Mimosa Park's Teacher of the Year. She has been teaching for 5 years and has been with Mimosa all 5 years. She is a valuable asset to the school. Ms. Harter will now go on to compete at the district level.

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# 3rd Quarter Report Card Indicators

## Kindergarten

### Reading Standards

- I can isolate and produce beginning, middle and ending sounds.
- I can use the relationship between letters and sounds to decode words.
- I can read emergent-reader texts.

### Math Standards

- I can write and represent numbers 0-20.
- I can count objects up to 20, arranged in a line, rectangular array or a circle.
- I can count out a number of objects when given a number.
- I can represent addition and subtraction with objects, fingers, mental images, drawings, sounds, acting out situations, verbal explanations, expressions or equations.
- I can solve addition and subtraction word problems within 10 using objects or drawings.
- I can decompose numbers 1-10 into pairs in more than one way.
- I can compose and decompose numbers 11-19 using place value.

## 1st Grade

### Reading Standards

- I can decode regularly spelled one-syllable words.
- I can decode two-syllable words by breaking the word into syllables and recoding the whole word correctly.
- I can read words that do not follow the spelling pattern (tricky/sight words).
- I can read on-level texts with understanding.
- I can read on-level texts with accuracy on successive readings.
- I can read on-level texts at an appropriate rate on successive readings.

### Math

- I can use addition and/or subtraction within 20 to solve word problems using objects, drawings/ models and numbers to represent various situations.
- I can add and subtract within 20 using various strategies, demonstrating fluency within 10.
- I can understand that digits of a two-digit number represent amounts of tens and ones.
- I can add numbers within 100.
- I can subtract multiples of ten.

## 2nd Grade

### Reading Standards

- I can know and apply grade-level phonics and word analysis skills in decoding words.
- I can read multiple texts with accuracy and automaticity.
- I can answer questions to demonstrate understanding of key details in a text.

### Math Standards

- I can solve one-step addition and subtraction word problems within 100.
- I can understand that the three digits of a three-digit number represent amounts of hundreds, tens, and ones.
- I can read and write numbers to 1000 in multiple ways.
- I can add and subtract within 1000 using strategies based on place value.



## Notes from our Nurse

### When Sickness Strikes: Know When to Keep a Child Home From School



School nurses frequently get asked questions from parents about when to keep their children home from school. With cold and flu season around the corner, school nurses may be assisted in their communication with parents by reviewing these questions and answers.

**Question:** When should I keep my child home from school with cold or flu symptoms?

**Answer:** If your child is exhibiting flu symptoms, keep him or her home from school. If your child has a cold, the decision to keep him or her home may depend on the severity of symptoms. Keep your child home if he or she has a fever of 100° or higher. If your child returns to school with a lingering cough or nasal congestion, send him or her with tissues and advise him or her to drink extra fluids.

**Know the difference between a cold and the flu.**

Flu symptoms include fever, chills, cough, sore throat, headache, or muscle aches. With the flu, symptoms come on very quickly. It is a good idea to contact the child's doctor if he or she has these symptoms.

Symptoms of a common cold include stuffy nose, sneezing, sore throat, and hacking cough. Often, cold symptoms come on gradually. Although the common cold is usually not serious, if symptoms are severe, it is a good idea to keep your child home to rest and get better, rather than spread the cold to other children at school.

**Question:** If my child does have the flu or a bad cold, how long should I keep him or her home from school?

**Answer:** Parents should keep their sick children home from school until they have been without fever (temperature under 100°) for 24 hours, to prevent spreading illness to others. Flu is spread from person to person through coughing and sneezing. Occasionally, people can get the flu from touching a germ-infested surface.

Research shows that people with the flu may be able to infect others 1 day before symptoms occur and up to 5 days after getting sick. This means it is possible to spread the flu to someone before you know you are sick.

**Question:** Should I call my doctor?

**Answer:** If a child experiences flu symptoms, parents should contact his or her pediatrician early.

Some children may benefit from an antiviral medication, which can be prescribed by a physician and can help lessen the symptoms and can reduce the risk of complications, allowing children to return to school sooner than expected. To be effective, antiviral medications must be taken within 48 hours after flu symptoms begin.

**Question:** What should I do to help prevent the rest of the household from getting sick?

**Answer:** Teach and Practice Healthy Habits

~ Wash your hands often with soap and warm water for at least 20 seconds.

~ You can help prevent the flu from spreading at home by disinfecting frequently-touched surfaces, toys, and other commonly shared items.

Mind Your Manners—Cover your mouth and nose with a tissue when coughing and sneezing, and throw away used tissues. Teach children to cough in their sleeve.

What's Mine Is Mine, What's Yours Is Yours — Make sure that the family does not share drinks, water bottles, or used eating utensils.

Consider Seeing Your Doctor — If someone in your household has the flu, a prescription of an antiviral medication to other household members can actually prevent them from getting the flu. Studies show that some antiviral medications are up to 92% effective in preventing the flu when taken once daily for 7 days. Antiviral medications are especially important for those children and older adults who have chronic health conditions.

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A big THANK YOU goes out to Father Stephen Dardis and members of the Holy Family Church of Luling for the donation of gifts for students at Mimosa Park Elementary.

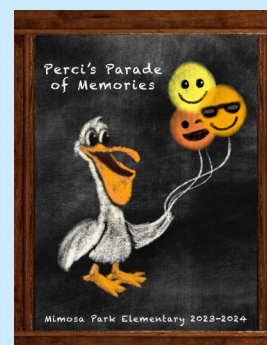


## MPE Yearbook online order is now open!

Visit website to order your 2023-24 yearbook!

[inter-state.com/order](https://inter-state.com/order)

code: 82284F



## Successful Fundraiser

Thanks to all those who participated in the 2023 annual fundraiser. Students and teachers sold \$20,683 in products. The Louisiana Fundraisers will be giving us 40% of the total amount collected from sales.

### **Congratulations to all of the top sellers:**

Top Seller: Logan Ledbetter  
2nd Place Seller: Kaizer Saunier  
3rd Place Seller: Aria Sheppard

### **The top classes:**

Pre-K: Mrs. Swint  
Kindergarten: Ms. McGowan  
1st grade: Ms. Alyssa Smith  
2nd grade: Ms. Bellotti  
The top selling classes will be treated to a pizza party.



**Students selling 30 or more items** will ride in a limo to eat at El Paso! The students are Magnolia Barre, Sawyer Caldwell, Braylen Coleman, Ryanne Davis, Leo Dube, Adelaide Eitmann, Michael Elliott, Layla Fonseca, Aubrey Gillard, Phoenix Jackson, Jaxon King, Landon Ledbetter, Logan Ledbetter, Kelsey Percle, Otto Richard, Hayes Risinger, Andrew Ritzmann, Kaizer Saunier, Aria Sheppard, Karlee Smith, Eloise Sonnier, Cain Speights, Kohen Tastet, and Karson Young.

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# Counselor's CORNER

## JANUARY 2024

### Counseling Monthly Focus:

New Year, New Goals, New You

A new year is a time for a fresh start! This month, we will be revisiting beginning of the school year goals as well as setting goals for 2024. We will also continue learning coping skills and how to manage feelings.

### Perci's Pointers

- ☐ MAKE FRIENDS! Lots of them!!
- ☐
- ☐ Bullies can't stand groups of happy, friendly, and smiling people. Your friends
- ☐ are back up in case something happens.
- ☐

### Let's CONNECT!



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### Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

Research suggests that 20 minutes of uninterrupted, quality time with your child is more valuable than hours spent together multi-tasking. This short burst of focused time together builds your connection and makes your child feel valued, important, and loved.





# Holiday Fun!



# Students of the Month

November's students of the month were recognized at December's  
Community Morning Meeting!

**KINDERGARTEN & PRE-K:** Evelyn Barbre, Tyree George, Lilly Griffin, Jordyn Gullage, Logan Ledbetter, Cohen Melancon, Gracie Richard, Rose Sylve & Cheynne Troxler

**FIRST GRADE:** Isla Cologne, Myles Daigle, Robert Medina, Luke Milster, Isaiah Ogborn, Olivia Templet & Glory Turner

**SECOND GRADE:** Lailah Alexander, Juliette Berry, Jonah Danos, Jackson Eilers, Abiel Emmanuel, Albert Fiffie, Noah Pigford, Reese Richard, Jolie Rogers & Kaydence Young



## MPE PTO News

Happy New Year from PTO! We have had such a successful year so far, and we look forward to a great second semester. Thanks to our administration, faculty and staff, families, and community for the support all year long!

We have lots of fun coming up, including more Pitstops, Cake Bingo, Employee Appreciation Week, and Student Appreciation Week. We look forward to seeing smiling students, cheering each other on at Bingo, and celebrating our faculty and staff.

Our next big event is Cake Bingo on March 15 at 6 pm in the G cafe. We had a great turnout last year, and we have some great raffle prizes planned for this year. Information will be distributed to students next month, so be on the lookout!

Don't forget to scan those receipts for Box Tops, and send in your Community Coffee labels! These are two easy ways to support MPE. Please email us with any questions: [mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com](mailto:mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com), and follow us on Facebook for updates.

Happy 2024!





Mrs. N. Campo— Librarian  
Ms. S. Stoney—Assistant

## Library Newsletter: January 2024

### Congratulations to our newest book club members!

50 Book Club Members: Ava Adams,  
Magnolia Barre, Aurora Bourg, Vivian  
Baudouin, Colton Barrilleaux, Valentine  
Bordelon, Austin Hall, Colin Irons, Kinsley  
Jacob, Otto Richard, Leland Savoie, Julia  
Shaw, Daxon Washington, Miles Williams

100 Book Club Members: Nathaniel  
Clark, Gabriel DeJean, Evie Dupre, Toni  
Gonzales, Aiden Griffin, Grace Jones,  
Harper Kroll, Adaleigh Nugent, Daley Stipe,  
Audrey Trauth, Cheyenne Troxler, Vera  
Williamson

200 Book Club Members: Kayleigh  
Muller, Taylor Vila, Ivan Zeringue

300 Book Club Members: Emma  
Dauphin and Noah Seither

### Important Dates:

Jan. 9: Dec. logs due

Jan. 15-26: Prize Weeks (Dec. logs)

Jan. 31: Jan. logs due

### Top Classes (November):

Mrs. Cindy - Pre K  
Mrs. Charmaine - Pre K  
Mrs. Tastet - K  
Mrs. Gallagher - 1st Grade  
Mrs. Todaro - 2nd Grade

### Library Book Recommendations

Is there a book, a book series, or a specific topic that you would like to recommend for our library? If so, please scan the QR code and complete the form!

English  
Form



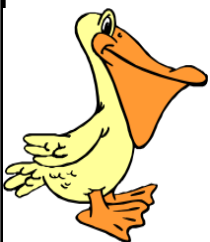
Spanish  
Form





# Excited About Enrichment

<b>Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade P.E. with Mr. Paradise &amp; Mrs. Dufrene</b>	<p>We have been working on team building skills while playing scooter hockey. We have also been discussing healthy food and exercise choices. This month we will continue team building activities and introduce more team games and sports. We will continue a more in-depth discussion about the food groups and different forms of exercises.</p>
<b>Kindergarten and 1st grade Art with Mrs. Matherne</b>	<p>Visual art students at Mimosa Park will revisit art room rules and procedures. They will continue to learn about famous artists and how the elements of art were used in their masterpieces.</p>
<b>2nd Grade Music with Mrs. Solomon</b>	<p>In the coming month, our Mimosa musicians will continue exploring musical elements through solo and ensemble performances in class. They will also be introduced to the joy of melodic percussion.</p>
<b>2nd grade Art with Mrs. Herbert</b>	<p>Second grade artists will review routines and procedures once they return from the break. They will learn about weaving. Students will also learn about tints and shades.</p>
<b>Kindergarten, 1st grade, and 2nd grade Music with Mrs. Pepperman</b>	<p>In the coming month, our Mimosa musicians will continue exploring musical elements through solo and ensemble performances in class. They will also be introduced to the joy of melodic percussion.</p>



## Ask Percy

Perci would like to hear from parents who might have suggestions for school improvement. Each month we will feature this section. Percy is interested in hearing your input. Please write your suggestions, positive comments or concerns and return it with your child. Percy (via the Parent Involvement Committee) will print a follow up letter in our next monthly issue.

Comments, Questions or Suggestions for School Improvement:

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Your Name (Optional) \_\_\_\_\_

# Responsibility

**SAY IT:** I can be trusted.

**KNOW IT:**

**FAMILY DISCUSSION TIME:**

- What are some of your responsibilities at work or school?
- How do you show responsibility at home?
- What does it mean to be trusted?

**SEE IT:**

As a family, watch a reading of the book *Pigsty* by Mark Teague or check out the book from your local library. This is a great representation of what can happen when we let our bedroom get really messy. This story shows the importance of being responsible when it comes to keeping our bedroom clean.

**BE IT:**

As a family, come up with a chore for the month and assign each member of the family something to be responsible for. Preschoolers are capable of doing chores, too! Some ideas of preschool chores are picking up toys, making their bed, putting dishes in the sink, or feeding a pet. It is important that everyone do their part to make the family successful. Completing chores is a great way to show we can be trusted with what is expected of us.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
	1	2	3	4	5 Teachers Return	6
7	8 Students Return  Start Quarter 3 Playgroup 10 AM	9	10 Report Cards Go Home  2ND GRADE TESTING	11	12	13
14	15 No School Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day	16 Community Morning Meeting 2:30  1ST GRADE TESTING	17	18  KINDERGARTEN TESTING	19 Early Dismissal 12:45  Dress Down Mix and Match	20
21	22 100th Day Kindergarten  Playgroup 10 AM	23 101st Day 1st Grade  KINDERGARTEN TESTING	24  School Board Meeting	25	26  Q2 Pelican Awards	27
28	29  Playgroup 10 AM	30	31	January 2024		





**ST. CHARLES PARISH  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL  
MENUS**

This institution is an equal opportunity provider and employer.  
Menus are subject to change.

**YOU'RE  
GOOD**



**ALL STUDENTS EAT ALL MEALS @  
NO COST ALL YEAR LONG**



**Monday, January 8**

**Breakfast**

Pancake  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Italian Beef & Cheese  
Steamed Carrots  
Broccoli Florets  
Peach Slices

**Tuesday, January 9**

**Breakfast**

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Fish Sticks  
Macaroni & Cheese  
Green Beans  
Cucumber & Tomato Salad  
Apple Wedges

**Wednesday, January 10**

**Breakfast**

St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Chili  
Fritos  
Shredded Cheese  
Corn, Garden Salad  
Banana

**Thursday, January 11**

**Breakfast**

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Chicken/Sausage Jambalaya  
White Beans  
Steamed Carrots  
Garlic Bread  
Pineapple Tidbits

**Friday, January 12**

**Breakfast**

Muffin Choice w/Cheese  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Hamburger/Cheeseburger  
Crinkle Cut Fries  
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle  
Orange Wedges  
Cookie



**Pro Football  
playoffs start  
Saturday,  
January 13.  
What team  
will wear the  
crown on  
Super Bowl  
Sunday?**

**Hey, You!**

**Put that book down!**

The American Academy of Pediatrics recommends that kids get up and do something else for 10 minutes every hour when they're reading to avoid eye, neck, and brain fatigue!

**January is National Book Month\***



\*Celebrated at different times by various organizations, so just read all year!

**Available daily**

With all meals  
Low Fat White Milk  
Fat Free Flavored Milk

**Cold Lunch Choice**

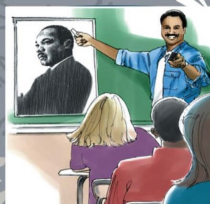
Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich  
Tuesday: Chef Salad  
Weds.: Deli Turkey or Ham Sandwich  
Thursday: Charley Box  
Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich

**GREAT  
STARTS.**

A fast start is so important. And what better way to start the New Year than by starting each NEW DAY with a healthy, complete breakfast? You'll have more energy, be more alert, and feel full through the morning!



**EAT BETTER. PLAY HARDER. LIVE HEALTHIER. LEARN EASIER.  
WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!**



School will be closed Monday, January 15 in recognition of Martin Luther King, Jr.'s birthday.

**Tuesday, January 16**

**Breakfast**

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Salisbury Steak  
Mashed Potatoes  
Peas and Carrots  
Dinner Roll  
Strawberry Cups

**Wednesday, January 17**

**Breakfast**

St. Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Beef Vegetable Soup  
Grilled Cheese Sandwich  
Garden Salad  
Banana

**Thursday, January 18**

**Breakfast**

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Beef Teriyaki Dippers  
Steamed Rice  
Edamame Beans  
Broccoli Florets  
Pineapple Tidbits w/Cherries

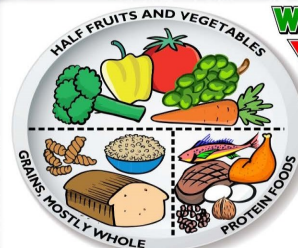
**Friday, January 19**

**Breakfast**

Waffle  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Early Dismissal Lunch**

Bosco Sticks  
Marinara Sauce Cup  
Green Beans  
Orange Wedges



**What's on  
YOUR  
plate?**



**Which of these prehistoric  
life forms is NOT extinct?**



STEGOMASTODON -- a six-ton elephant-like behemoth. MEGATHERIUM -- a four-ton giant ground sloth. And the AVOCADO?! The first two are extinct -- and the third probably should be. The avocado plant developed its large seed (it was even larger back then) because very big animals would eat the fruit whole in one gulp, seed and all, and help the plant spread to new areas. When most of the big mammals died off 10,000 or more years ago, the avocado should have disappeared with them -- birds and tiny mammals can't begin to swallow and disperse a seed that big! But somehow the wild avocado survived thousands of years until humans learned to cultivate the delicious fruit. And the avocado's future survival was guaranteed when man discovered the Super Bowl and started cranking out lots of guacamole every winter!!

Learn more at [www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov](http://www.CHOOSEMYPLATE.gov) or [http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay\\_healthy/food/pyramid.html](http://kidshealth.org/kid/stay_healthy/food/pyramid.html)

**Monday, January 22**

**Breakfast**

Yogurt Parfait  
or Breakfast Burrito  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Red Beans w/Rice  
Seasoned Mustard Greens  
Steamed Carrots  
Cornbread  
Peach Slices

**Tuesday, January 23**

**Breakfast**

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Tacos w/Cheese  
Steamed Corn  
Refried Beans  
Taco Salad Cup, Salsa  
Apple Wedges

**Wednesday, January 24**

**Breakfast**

St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Shepherds Pie  
Peas & Carrots  
WW Roll  
Banana

**Thursday, January 25**

**Breakfast**

Sausage Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Turkey Stew  
Steamed Rice  
Carrot Soufflé  
Steamed Cabbage  
Pineapple Tidbits

**Friday, January 26**

**Breakfast**

Fresh Donut  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Fresh Hot Pizza  
Marinara Sauce  
Garden Salad  
Green Beans  
Fruit of the Month  
Brownie w/Icing

**Monday, January 29**

**Breakfast**

Cheesy Grits  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Chicken Tenders  
Waffles w/Syrup  
Green Beans  
Carrots  
Applesauce

**Tuesday, January 30**

**Breakfast**

Chicken Biscuit  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Orange Chicken  
Fried Rice  
Broccoli Florets  
Asian Chopped Salad  
Tropical Fruit

**Wednesday, January 31**

**Breakfast**

St Charley Cinnamon Roll  
Cereal w/Graham Crackers  
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites  
Fruit or Juice Choice

**Lunch**

Chicken/Sausage Gumbo  
Steamed Rice  
Potato Salad  
Garden Salad, Crackers  
Banana

**The home stretch!**



Just a few more months to go in the school year! **YOU CAN DO IT!** And we want to help! While you concentrate on the finish line, we'll keep you fueled up with tasty, nutritious food!