



MIMOSA PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PELICAN PRIDE

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Principal's Message

Fabulous MPE Families,

I want to **share the love** this month because not only it is February, but also because of the support you have shown our school, staff, and students! You are the most important "teacher" in your child's life and without you as part of our team, we would not be as successful as we are. I have no doubt that with continued support and commitment from all stakeholders, the individual hopes and dreams of our students will be achieved. I am looking forward to having a successful spring semester!

February is a busy month with so much to celebrate! We will kick-off **Black History Month** by focusing attention on the contributions of African Americans. During the week of February 5th-9th, we will celebrate **National School Counseling Week** by acknowledging our **amazing counselors**, Ms. Lori Gonzales, Ms. Renisha Oubre and Ms. Angie Martin for their dedication and service to **all** students. On Friday, February 9th, MPE students will participate in our annual Mardi Gras Parade.

Mark your calendar for **PTO's Bingo Night**, which will be held on **March 15th!** Order forms will be sent home to purchase bingo cards and tickets in advance. Do not miss out on taking a chance to win dozens of prizes! What could be more fun than coming together with our Pelican community to play games and win prizes?!

Consider ways you can become an active member of our PTO! Letters to indicate your interest in serving on the **MPE PTO Board** for the 2024-2025 school year will be coming soon. Take this opportunity to serve on the Board. The MPE PTO Board members volunteer as well as help to generate funds to purchase materials, supplies and additional items for our students and teachers throughout the year.

Even though February is the shortest month of the year, take the time to make memories and foster relationships that will last a lifetime!

Sincerely,

Angi Butler, Principal

MPE...Where Good Becomes GREAT!



Black History Dress Down Days February 20-February 23rd

Students may wear jeans and the official colors of Black History Month.

Tuesday-RED symbolizes the fight for freedom.

Wednesday-YELLOW symbolizes the sun and prosperity.

Thursday-GREEN symbolizes Mother Nature.

Friday-BLACK symbolizes African Americans' shared identity.

NOTES

It is the parent's responsibility to provide a written, dated excuse for your child's absence(s), tardy, or early checkout on the first day back from the absence(s). Up to two (2) parental excuses per 9-week period will be accepted. Once student goes over 10 missed days, parent notes will no longer be accepted. A doctor must provide any additional excuses during the 9-week period in writing. Only original notes from a counselor, dentist, physician or a nurse practitioner will be accepted. Valid written excuses must be provided to the school office specialist within **3 days** of the student's return following an absence from school.

For complete information on the attendance requirements please consult the St. Charles Parish Student Code of Conduct District Handbook.

Mardi Gras Parade

MPE will hold the annual Mardi Gras Parade on Friday, February 9th at 9:45AM. This event is put on by the 2nd grade students. This year's theme will be **"It's Great to BEE at MPE"**. Come join in the fun and watch our parade. For safety reasons, **NO ONE** will be allowed on campus before or during the parade. *Thank you for your understanding.* At 1:00 the students will also enjoy the Lakewood Elementary Mardi Gras Parade. The king and queen of the Mimosa parade will toast the king and queen of the Lakewood parade.



MPE PTO NEWS



Going into February, PTO is busy planning our annual Cake Bingo. Not only is this a fundraiser, but it is a chance for our Pelican families to get together and have a great time!

Cake Bingo will be held on Friday, March 15 at 6 pm in the G cafe. Each Bingo winner wins a cake, and we also have great raffle prizes up for grabs. Prizes include a pizza oven, a game night bundle, an arts and crafts bundle, an Amazon tablet, as well as gift cards to Painting with a Twist, First Tee, and more! Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and you do not need to be present at Cake Bingo to win.

In previous years, PTO has asked Mimosa families to contribute by donating snacks to the event, as well as items to be used as raffle prizes. This year, in an effort to make it easier and more convenient for families, we are simply asking each Mimosa student to buy or sell 20 (or more!) \$1 raffle tickets. That's it! No extra shopping, no delivery to school. These tickets are being sent home this week.

Be sure not to cut your tickets out and to include your student's name and homeroom teacher's name when raffle tickets are turned in. We will offer prizes for classes who sell the most raffle tickets each week. Also, if a student's 20 tickets are sold before Mardi Gras break, he or she will be entered into a raffle for a special prize!

We hope these changes make participation in Cake Bingo a bit easier on families! Order forms for Bingo cards and food tickets will be sent home later this month. We can't wait to see you there!

Please message us on Facebook or email mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com if you have any questions!

FUN WITH SLIME

At this month's community morning meeting, students were able to watch some of their teachers being SLIMED by PTO members! This was an incentive for meeting their goal for our Fun Run Fundraiser! Thanks again for the support! The students really enjoyed it!



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Students of the Month

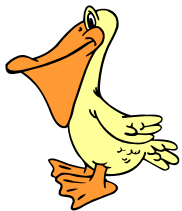
December's students of the month were recognized at January's
Community Morning Meeting!

Pre-K & Kindergarten: Lillian Bourgeois, Justin Byrd, Vivian Camus, Jackson Judge, Otto Richard, Hayes Risinger, Cali Shepard, Averie White, & Alexander Wutke

1st Grade: Katelyn Brown, Autumn Cardwell, Cade Dufrene, Ray Gray, Mya Louviere, Ava Petit & Taylor Vila

2nd Grade: Brooklyn Brown, Israel Crayton, Riley Gorden, Brayden Harris, Miguel Harris, Phoenix Jackson, Gunner Kremer, Aiden Lynch, Graham Morris, & Waylonn Winkler

Congratulations to all of you!



Ask Perci

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

Comments, Questions or Suggestions for School Improvement:

Your Name (Optional) _____

Counselor's CORNER

FEBRUARY 2024

Counseling Monthly Focus: Diversity

This month in enrichment, we are learning about and celebrating our differences! We are having some great discussions on what makes us special. We are reading the story, The Colors of Us, by Karen Katz, and learning about all different types of skin colors. Students are mixing paint colors to create their own unique color.



Let's CONNECT!



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Happy, Healthy Kids TIP

Talking with children about diversity:

- Keep it simple and let them express themselves freely.
- Get comfortable talking about differences. "Yes, people do have different skin colors and that's what makes the world beautiful."
- Read books and watch movies with diverse characters.



2ND QUARTER AWARDS



NURSE'S NOTES



TIPS FOR HEALTHY SMILES FROM YOUR SCHOOL NURSE

February is National Dental Health Month! Help your kids have a healthy smile by making dental hygiene fun. Making brushing, flossing and dental check-ups a positive experience can help to keep your child excited about good oral care. Your child will not only grow up with a beautiful smile, but also with healthy habit that can last a lifetime.

Brush & Floss Together

Kids mimic what their parents do. Show your child how to brush and floss by example.

Special Brush

Another way to make brushing interesting is to have a fun toothbrush. Opt for colorful, soft bristle brushes with your child's favorite characters on it.

Special Toothpaste

Young mouths may not like adult toothpastes since the flavors can be strong or overpowering. There are many kid friendly toothpastes you can get that are great for children and they will enjoy using. Choose one that is anticavity with fluoride.

Keep Track of Time

The American Dental Association advocates brushing for two minutes twice a day. Try using a two minute sand timer.

Books and Videos

Look for books and/or videos about good dental hygiene at your local library or online. Kids are open to learning, especially when it is coming from an animated character!

Gold Stars

Create a reward system. Have a fun time decorating a poster with teeth, toothbrushes, dental floss, healthy snacks, pretty smiles, etc...on a monthly calendar. Give your child a sticker to place on the calendar every time they brush their teeth.

Dental Visit

Your child should see a dentist every six months, NOT just if there is a problem. This will ensure healthy and sparkly teeth. Plan to do something fun after the visit to make them look forward to this day. Having a picnic, a visit to the park or shopping for healthy foods are some ideas.

Good habits from an early age will set the tone for a lifetime of good hygiene. Happy Dental Health Month everyone!

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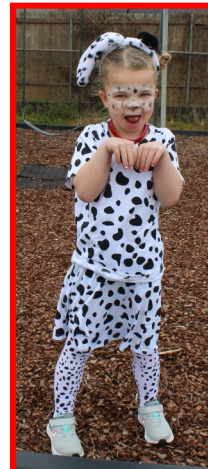
Kindergarten
celebrates
100 Days of
School!



Happy
100
Days!



101 Days of
1st Grade!



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WELCOME!

Mrs. N. Campo- Librarian

Ms. S. Stoney-Assistant

Library Newsletter: February 2024

Congratulations to our newest book club members!

50 Book Club Members: Jad Alhusseini, Kira Boullion, Dalton Dominick, Lynnen Lanaux, Jaxon Miller

100 Book Club Members: Kinsley Alexander, Violet Bennett, Lucas Besse, Meghan Bickham, Isla Bourg, Jax Bourg, Lillian Bourgeois, Brody Broussard, Kenley Brown, Andrew Buckel, Killian Canedo, Caleb Celestine, Channing Celestine, Chloe Cheung, Layla Coronado-Phillips, William Dempster, Luke Eid, Edward Fierro, Tyree George, Jude Gray, Cullen Gros, Brian Hill, Aiden Lafleur, Savannah Landeche, Cohen Melancon, Lukas Medina, Mavryck Norman, Jude Petit, Gracie Richard, Parker Rojas, Za'Kaila Simmons, Austin Smith, Vivian Sumpter, Teigan Tucker, Audrey Vinet, Ellie Waits, Jaycee White

200 Book Club Members: Ava Petit and Eli Sacra

300 Book Club Members: Chase Bozzelle, Maxx Dugas, Emery Lawrence

Important Dates:

Jan. 31: Jan. logs due

Feb. 5-9/Feb. 19-23: Prize weeks (Jan. logs)

Feb. 29: Feb. logs due

Top Classes (December):

Mrs. Cindy - Pre K

Mrs. Charmaine - Pre K

Ms. McGowan - K

Mrs. Bozzelle - 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 This Month

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Kindergarten, 1st grade, & 2nd grade P.E. with Mr. Paradise and Mrs. Dufrene	<p>This month we will continue to work on teamwork while playing scooter hockey.</p>
2nd Grade Art with Mrs. Herbert	<p>Second grade artists enjoyed finishing their owl weavings. For the month of February our artists will learn about patterns in art. In addition, we will investigate shades and tints when painting.</p>
Kindergarten, 1st grade, & 2nd grade Music with Mrs. Pepperman	<p>We are having such a terrific time in music! This month, our young musicians will continue exploring the world of musical opposites such as high and low, fast and slow, etc. These skills will be applied in various vocal, instrumental, solo, and ensemble class performances.</p>
Kindergarten, 1st grade, & 2nd grade Art with Mrs. Matherne	<p>This month our artists will be inspired by all things color. We will look at famous artists who use a multitude of colors in their artwork. We will create pieces with oil pastels and paint to explore our colors. We can not wait to start our masterpieces.</p>
2nd grade Music with Mrs. Solomon	<p>Welcome to Second Grade music! Our students are reading the pitches of so and mi on the staff. They can sing the pitches and play them on our classroom instruments. We will be adding a new pitch next week and the students will be creating their own music for their class to sing and play.</p>

This month, students took part in the voting process for the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice Award, a program organized by the State Library of Louisiana. This year marks the first time the program has been made available to Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grade students.



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Kindness







SAY IT: I care for others

KNOW IT:
Family Discussion Time:

- What does kindness look like to you? How does it make you feel?
- Who is someone who has shown you kindness recently?
- What is one thing you can do today to show kindness?

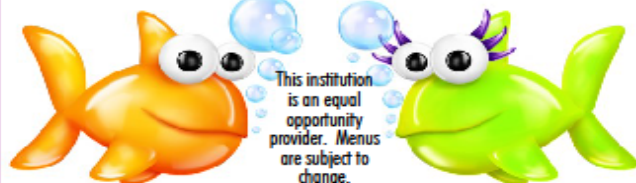
SEE IT: It's time for a family dance party! Watch and sing along to "Kindness is a Muscle". After watching, talk about ways you can flex your kindness muscles as a family. Maybe you need to work on speaking kind words to each other or helping each other. Kindness starts at home and is something you have to practice daily, just like exercise. Encourage each other to flex those kindness muscles!

BE IT: Make a list of ten things your family can do this week to show kindness to the people you come in contact with. Think of other family members, neighbors, classmates, coworkers, etc. Create some random acts of kindness that would be small blessings to the people you come in contact with. They could be small gifts, acts of service, cards of encouragement, or just spending some quality time with someone. You will definitely make a positive impact on someone's life, and you may just find that it feels great to show others that you care.

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1 Early Dismissal 12:45 Parent/Teacher Conferences	2 Early Dismissal 12:45 Parent/Teacher Conferences Perci's Pitstop	3
4 Progress Reports go home this week →	5	6	7 Kindergarten & PreK Zoo Field Trip	8 Class Pictures	9 MPE 2nd Grade Parade 9:45 LWE Parade 1:00	10
	National School Counselor's Week					
11	12	13	14  Valentine's Day	15	16	17
	 Mardi Gras Break No School 12th-16th					
18	19	20 Dress Down- RED	21 Dress Down- Yellow	22 Dress Down- Green	23 Community Morning  Dress Down- Black	24
	Pre-K & K Lunch Visitors are welcome					
25	26	27	28 F.A.C.T Night 5:30-6:30	29		
February 2024						
	1st Grade Lunch Visitors are welcome					

Elementary Menus February 2024

ST. CHARLES
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Thursday, February 1

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

Lunch
Mini Corn Dogs
Baked Beans
Celery & Carrot w/Ranch Dip
Pineapple Tidbits

Friday, February 2

Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce Cup
Green Beans
Fresh Orange Wedges

TRUST YOUR HEART.



Your heart knows: WHAT TIME you eat matters. Eating a healthy meal early in the day is linked to a lower risk of heart attack, while eating late at night before bed is linked to an increased risk. Listen to your heart!

WELLNESS IS A WAY OF LIFE!

Monday, February 5

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

Lunch
Chicken Alfredo Pasta
Carrots
Broccoli Florets
Peach Slices

Tuesday, February 6

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, February 7

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

Lunch
Chili
Fritos
Shredded Cheese
Corn, Garden Salad
Banana

Thursday, February 8

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, February 9

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
Fresh Orange Wedges
Cookie

AVAILABLE DAILY

With all meals

Low Fat White Milk
Fat Free Flavored Milk

Cold Lunch Choice

Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich
Tuesday: Chef Salad
Wednesday: Turkey or Ham sandwich
Thursday: Charley Box
Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich



Every complete meal we serve comes with your choice of milk!



JUDGE JANE

Jane Bellin was the first black woman to graduate from Yale Law School and the first black female judge ever in the United States. After her appointment in 1931, she remained the sole black female judge in the country for 20 years. After serving as a judge for nearly half a century, she retired and volunteered as a reading instructor in New York City public schools before her death at 93 years old in 2007.

AFRICAN AMERICAN HISTORY MONTH



Monday, February 19

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

Lunch
Red Beans w/Steamed Rice
Seasoned Mustard Greens
Steamed Carrots
Cornbread
Peaches

Tuesday, February 20

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

Lunch
Nachos
Steamed Corn
Refried Beans
Taco Salad Cup, Salsa
Apple Wedges

Wed., February 21

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

Lunch
Shepherd's Pie
Mashed Potatoes
Peas & Carrots
WW Roll
Banana

Thursday, February 22

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, February 23

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

Lunch
Cheese Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad, Green Beans
Fruit of the Month
Brownie w/Icing

NUTRITION 1000

Winter is the season when the fresh orange crop is at its juicy peak -- and that's also when we can really use the color, flavor, and aroma of fresh oranges, tangerines, and clementines. Oranges (mainly in juice form) are easily the primary source of vitamin C for Americans, but choose whole fresh oranges for a good shot at fiber, too.

A QUICK BITE FOR PARENTS

Monday, February 26

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, February 27

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

Wed., February 28

Breakfast
St. Charles 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

Thursday, February 29

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

Lunch
Spaghetti & Meatsauce
Peas
Italian Salad
Garlic Bread
Pineapples



Floo Powder?

Many parents and the public are skeptical FLOO Powder is more harmful than useful, but in our world there's no single cure for the FLU. But there are three ways you can help keep yourself and others healthy during the season.

