



**MIMOSA PARK**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# PELICAN PRIDE

August 2024

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Angi Butler/Principal

Theresial Chatman/Assistant Principal

Aimie Heiden/Assistant Principal

## Welcome Back Mimosa Park Elementary School Family,

I would like to officially welcome all of you to the 2024-2025 school year. I am thrilled to introduce the administrative team that is proud to be leading the Mimosa Park Pelicans for the third year in a row. I, Angi Butler, will be serving as your Principal alongside Assistant Principal Ms. Aimie Heiden and Assistant Principal Ms. Theresial Chatman.

We would also like to introduce our Pelican Families to a few new members that will be joining our Pelican Faculty. Ms. Annie Francioni will be supporting our Family Center, Ms. Crystal Hebert will be in Pre-K supporting our Pre-K students, Ms. Alyssa DiSalvo will be our new Mental Health Professional and Ms. Amanda Ledoux will be supporting our ELL students. We also have three resident teachers joining our team this year. Ms. Katherine Kunkel, Ms. Hope Bran and Ms. Lindsey Rossano. Welcome aboard ladies. We are lucky to have these additions to our MPE team. We are looking forward to a phenomenal year and all the excitement and success it will bring.

As we begin this new school year, I understand a child's elementary years are paramount in providing the foundation for academic and social development. During this journey, I want to make sure that all of our students are provided with the tools needed to be successful, the proper paths in which to take, and the support needed to accomplish all of their goals.

You will see many improvements and enhancements to our previous operations to ensure the safety and social/emotional development of our children. Our mission at Mimosa Park Elementary School is dedicated to delivering high quality instruction in order to develop empowered, empathetic, and responsible life-long learners. Working together as a team with our faculty, staff, and parents, we are committed to helping students achieve their very best. Every student is valued and worthy of our best efforts. In order to accomplish this, high expectations will be expected from our students, faculty, staff, and administration.

Please join us in supporting your child to accomplish excellence every day by providing a supportive learning environment at home. Together, we will ensure that your child is provided with an excellent school year both academically and socially. I am extremely excited and looking forward to working with you and your child this year and know that the future will be better than Good...it's going to be GREAT!

Sincerely,  
Angi Butler  
Principal, Mimosa Park Elementary School  
Where Good... Becomes Great!

## PTO Online Store Open!

Visit [mpe24-25.itemorder.com](http://mpe24-25.itemorder.com) to purchase uniform shirts, sweatshirts and more! The online store will close Sunday, August 25th.



Pictured left to right: Aimie Heiden, Angi Butler, Theresial Chatman



# meet The Library Team!

*Mrs. Natalie Campo*

Librarian



I am excited to begin my 18<sup>th</sup> year as an educator in St. Charles Parish. I am honored to teach all of our Mimosa Park Pelicans as the Librarian. Among many exciting learning opportunities, students will actively engage in read alouds, create STEM projects, and participate in various reading challenges, when visiting the library. Library book checkout will begin soon, and our reading program will begin in September! More information will be sent home as these special events draw near. Please don't hesitate to reach out with any questions!

Email: [ncampo@wearescpps.org](mailto:ncampo@wearescpps.org)

*Mrs. Sierra Robinson*

Library Technical Assistant



I am SO excited to begin my 6<sup>th</sup> year as a Library Technical Assistant. I am a product of St. Charles Parish School System and thankful to be able to be a part of such a great school district. I assist Mrs. Campo with all of our Mimosa Park Pelicans. I'm looking forward to all of the events that will be taking place this year! I love working with the littles and I can't wait to work with your children! Please don't hesitate to reach out if you have any questions.

Email: [srobinson1@wearescpps.org](mailto:srobinson1@wearescpps.org)





# Nurse's Notes



Welcome back to school! I would like to review a few things that are important to assure your child has a safe and healthy year:

#1 If your child has any medical conditions that requires medication at school, please call me so I can send you a medication packet(s). This may include asthma inhalers, Benadryl or Epi Pens for allergic reactions, ADHD meds, etc... As a reminder, **NO CHILD CAN BRING ANY MEDICATION TO SCHOOL WITHOUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK BEING DONE.** This includes topical creams or ointments, any oral medication, inhalers, cough drops, medicated lip balm, etc. Also, medication paperwork has to be new every year; it does not carry over from year to year.

#2 PLEASE keep your child home if they have fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, suspicious rashes, or anything that may be contagious. **IMPORTANT:** If your child has fever over 100.4 degrees they cannot be at school. They have to be free of fever for 24 hours without the aid of medication to return to school.

#3 Please remember to keep your phone number and all emergency contact numbers up to date. Should an emergency arise, we would need to get in touch with you!

#4 If your child has any dietary allergies or restrictions or needs special dietary accommodations, please pick up a dietary packet at the school or email me to send one home with your child. This is a form that is required by Child Nutrition in order for them to flag your child's account in the lunch line and assure they don't get foods or drinks that they are allergic or sensitive to. It must be completed and signed by a Doctor/Nurse Practitioner. A new form is required every school year.

Tanya Street, R.N.  
School Nurse  
tstreet@wearescpss.org

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# Counselor's CORNER

## AUGUST 2024

We are excited to introduce a new member to our counseling team! Mrs. Alyssa DiSalvo will be joining us from New Orleans. She comes with 11 years of experience of working with students as a school psychologist. We also have Mrs. Lori Gonzales returning for her 5<sup>th</sup> year at Mimosa Park Elementary School. We are ready for a great school year!

MPE Counseling Crew



Let's CONNECT!



[lgonzales3@wearescpps.org](mailto:lgonzales3@wearescpps.org)



[adisalvo@wearescpps.org](mailto:adisalvo@wearescpps.org)

**Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:**

Prepare children to transition back to school by having frequent, open conversations about it – before the first day! Answer their questions, set expectations, and get excited together!





# THANK YOU

Thank you to our wonderful neighbors at Holy Family Catholic Church for the generous donations of school supplies to our students! We appreciate our community!



## Back to School Bash

We loved seeing so many new and old pelicans and their families at Back to School Bash! It's going to be a great year!



## STUDENT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

At this time, current Louisiana laws and policies relative to compulsory attendance, instructional minutes, and state assessments remain in place. Attendance restrictions are set by the state of Louisiana. Attendance will be recorded daily for all students as prescribed by the Louisiana Department of Education during the 2024-25 school year.

Elementary school students shall be in attendance a minimum of 167 days per school year. Elementary students who accrue more than 10 absences will not be eligible for promotion.

Beginning with the 2022-2023 school year, the parent or legal guardian of a child who is eligible, as provided in Subsection A, to attend full-day kindergarten shall send the child to a public or nonpublic kindergarten in accordance with R.S. 17:221. All other attendance guidelines can be found in the 2024-25 Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook on pages 5-7.



# Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

Welcome back from PTO! The PTO board is excited for a great year and hopes that you are able to join in on the fun! You will soon receive some information from PTO, including a membership form. If you haven't already, we encourage you to join the general PTO so you can stay up-to-date on volunteer opportunities and fun events throughout the year, such as Perci's Pitstop, the Fun Run, and Cake Bingo. We will also raffle off prizes for PTO members, as well as provide a pizza party for the class with the most members by Friday, Sept. 27!

The online uniform store is currently open through Sunday, August 25. We also have some royal blue tshirts in stock. Contact PTO to purchase our in-stock items.

Order forms for themed spirit shirts will also be sent home soon.

MPE PTO wishes all faculty and staff a great start to the new school year! We are looking forward to working with both teachers and parents throughout the year. Be sure to like us on Facebook at Mimosa Park Elementary PTO, and feel free to message the Facebook page or email us at [mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com](mailto:mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com) with any questions or concerns.



Don't forget to Like us on Facebook! We can be found at [www.facebook.com/MimosaParkElementaryPTO](https://www.facebook.com/MimosaParkElementaryPTO) or by scanning this QR code!



## 2024-2025 MPE PTO BOARD MEMBERS

President: Sarah Sacra	Members at Large:
1st Vice President: Megan Daigle	Simone Bourg
2nd Vice President: Pamela Petit	Kristina Brown
Secretary: Katie Ayo	Jovan Jenkins
Treasurer: Madison Pigford	Leslie Ledbetter
Uniform Coordinator: Stephanie Smith	Nicole Noel
Membership Coordinator: Karen Muller	Dwaynea Washington
Fundraising Assistant: Amy Hall	
Teacher Appreciation Assistant: Kellie Vila	



## District Dress Code

The following guidelines have been established and are included in the Code of Conduct Handbook. Any apparel, male or female, should be worn as designed, i.e. belts, pants at waist, shoestrings tied, etc. All students must conform to the official uniform guidelines below.

The official school dress code for boys and girls is described as follows.  
Boys: Shirt - Collared WHITE or ROYAL BLUE polo-type shirt. MPE students may wear the royal blue or white uniform t-shirts sold by PTO.

Pants/Shorts - Navy or Khaki (no shorter than 2" above the top of the kneecap). Cargo pants and cargo shorts are not allowed.

Girls: Collared WHITE or ROYAL BLUE polo-type shirt. MPE students may wear the royal blue or white uniform t-shirts sold by PTO.

Pants/Shorts/Skirt/Skort/Jumper - Navy or Khaki (no shorter than 2" above the top of the kneecap). Cargo pants or cargo shorts are not allowed.

Shoes - Must have a full restraint around the entire foot. Backless shoes are not allowed. Crocs® and similar shoe apparel are strongly discouraged.

NOTE: Students must wear tennis shoes for PE classes.

If your child is not in uniform he/she will be changed if clothing is available, if not you will be called for a change of clothing.



## MPE SUPPLY BAGS \$5

Please fill out the bottom portion of this form and return to you child's teacher.

Please send cash or make your check payable to Mimosa Park Elementary. Students will use these bags each year while at Mimosa.



Student Name \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of bags @ \$5.00 \_\_\_\_\_



# Transportation Information

## MPE Drop-off Procedures

Between 8:30am - 8:40am students may be dropped off in the circle drive in front of the school. Duty teachers will greet your child and direct him or her to the breezeway. Please only release students from the passenger side of the vehicle. When dropping your child off in the morning, the vehicle must be moving in the direction from St. Anthony Street toward the school and turn left into the school drop-off circle. Students are not allowed to be dropped off on Birch Street. Cars must turn into the drop-off circle and stay to the right.

## BEFORE & AFTER CARE -Location MPE

AM Before Care Drop Off - During the hours of 6:00am - 8:30am please park in one of the designated Before & After Care Drop-Off parking spots in the parking lot. DO NOT PARK IN DESIGNATED FACULTY/STAFF SPOTS OR IN FIRE ZONES.

PM After Care Pick Up - During the times of 3:50pm - 6:00pm please park in one of the designated Before & After School Care Drop Off parking spots in the parking lot. You MUST enter and exit from the appropriate lanes to avoid going against the traffic flow.

At MPE, please observe the following rules when picking students up from school in the afternoon:

Individuals picking up students in the afternoon must park in one of the school parking lots and wait for students to be dismissed to complete the check out process. Do not park in the drop-off circle in front of the school at any time, especially during dismissal. This is a fire lane. Do not double park or block other vehicles. Car riders will be dismissed at 3:40pm. Please do not park in parking spots reserved for faculty members (secretary, principal, etc...)

## NOTES FOR DISMISSAL CHANGES:

All notes must be given in writing and brought in with the student or emailed to [mimosa1@weareSCPPS.org](mailto:mimosa1@weareSCPPS.org) before 2:30pm each day. All notes should be on a full sheet of paper, written with a dark color ink and include your child's full name, the teacher's name, and dates of the changes with clear instructions and your signature. If you e-mail a dismissal change, expect a confirmation by e-mail. A dismissal change form can be obtained from your child's teacher, the office, or downloaded from our website: [wearescpps.org](http://wearescpps.org)

## WE ID!

St. Charles Parish Public Schools will continue using the visitor management system, Raptor, in all district schools to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system better allows us to track visitors in our schools providing us with a safer environment for students and staff.

Upon entering a school, visitors are asked to present a valid state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system checks to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings.

It is important to note that the Raptor system only scans the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore any other information on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

If you are interested in learning more about the Raptor visitor management system, please visit the Raptor Technologies website ([www.raptortech.com](http://www.raptortech.com)).

The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, all visitors to the school must be scanned into the system and obtain a visitor badge. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in St. Charles Parish Public Schools.



BACK-TO-SCHOOL FORMS NOW ONLINE!



Back-to-school forms are now available to complete online through the Power School parent portal. This process will provide parents with a more efficient, time saving method of completing paperwork. The parent portal also allows parents to monitor school assignments, grades, attendance and more throughout the school year.

If you have not yet created a parent portal account, or if you need to add a child to your current account, please contact the school as soon as possible to receive a letter containing important information regarding how to set up your account.

After logging into the parent portal, there will be a "Back to School Paperwork" link in the bottom left section of the screen. Click this link to complete your annual forms.

Visit the Parent Portal at: <https://stcharles.powerschool.com/public/>



# August 2024



Sun	Mon	Tues	Weds	Thurs	Fri	Sat
BACK TO School				1	2	3
4	5	6 Kindergarten Orientation 4:00 Back to School Bash 4:30	7	8 K-2 First Day Last Name A-K	9 K-2 First Day Last Name L-Z	10
11	12 All students report	13	14 Beginning of Year Testing 1st grade	15 Pre-K First Day Last Name A-K	16 Beginning of Year Testing 2nd Grade Pre-K First Day Last Name L-Z	17
18	19 Beginning of Year Testing 2nd Grade	20 Beginning of Year Testing Kindergarten	21 Beginning of Year Testing Make-Ups	22 K-2 Open House 5:30-6:00 Report Card Overview 6:00-7:00- Open House	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30 Saints Dress Down Day 	31



# Elementary Menus August 2024

St. Charles Parish  
Public Schools



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## AVAILABLE DAILY

With all meals  
Low Fat White Milk  
Fat Free Flavored Milk

### Cold Lunch Choice

Monday: Sunbutter Sandwich  
Tuesday: Charley Box  
Weds.: Deli Sandwich  
Thursday: Entrée Salad  
Friday: Sunbutter Sandwich

All of our complete meals are always  
**NO CHARGE**  
for all students  
**All School Year Long!**

We are excited to share that St. Charles Parish Public Schools will continue to participate in the Community Eligibility Provision offered by the USDA.

This means that all students will receive FREE meals at school each day during the 2024-2025 school year.

Each student will receive one healthy breakfast and one healthy lunch at no cost.

No further action is required! Your children can participate in these meal programs without having to submit a meal application.

If students would like to purchase additional meal items, a meal payment system is available to make payments and check account balances.

To register, please visit [www.MySchoolBucks.com](http://www.MySchoolBucks.com).



We're SO GLAD to see you again! It's going to be a **GREAT YEAR!**

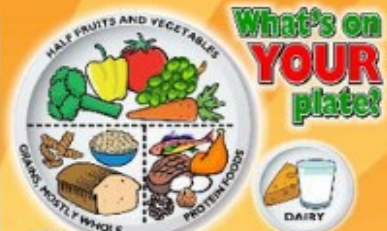


Every complete meal we serve comes with your choice of lowfat or nonfat milk!

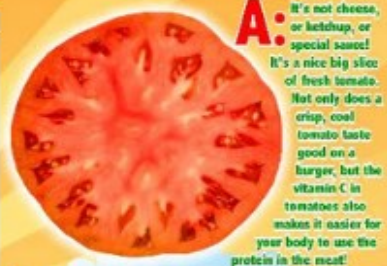
Monday, August 12	Tuesday, August 13	Wednesday, August 14	Thursday, August 15	Friday, August 16
<b>Breakfast</b> Confetti Pancakes Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> French Toast Sticks Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b> Red Beans w/Steamed Rice Seasoned Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Cornbread Sliced Peaches	<b>Lunch</b> Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Steamed Corn Refried Beans Taco Salad Cup, Salsa Apple Wedges	<b>Lunch</b> Pot Roast Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Florets WW Roll Banana, Cookie	<b>Lunch</b> Turkey Stew Steamed Rice Candied Sweet Potatoes Steamed Cabbage Strawberry Cup	<b>Lunch</b> Fresh Hot Pizza Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Fresh Orange Wedges

Monday, August 19	Tuesday, August 20	Wednesday, August 21	Thursday, August 22	Friday, August 23
<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake on a Stick Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Scrambled Eggs w/Toast Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b> Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cal Blend Veggies Cinnamon Apple Slices	<b>Lunch</b> Fish Sticks Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Pears	<b>Lunch</b> Chili, Fritos Shredded Cheese Garden Salad Steamed Corn Banana Cake or Fruit Crisp	<b>Lunch</b> Chicken/Sausage Jambalaya Broccoli Florets Steamed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits	<b>Lunch</b> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges

Monday, August 26	Tuesday, August 27	Wednesday, August 28	Thursday, August 29	Friday, August 30
<b>Breakfast</b> Breakfast Pizza Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b> Chicken Tenders Waffles Green Beans Steamed Carrots Sliced Peaches	<b>Lunch</b> Orange Chicken Fried Rice Asian Chopped Salad Edamame Beans Tropical Fruit	<b>Lunch</b> Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Cucumber/Tomato Salad Banana	<b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Italian Salad Broccoli Florets Garlic Bread Pineapple Tidbits Jell-O w/Topping	<b>Lunch</b> Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dip Orange Wedges



**Q: What's a Burger's Best Friend?**



**A:** It's not cheese, or ketchup, or special sauce! It's a nice big slice of fresh tomato. Not only does a crisp, cool tomato taste good on a burger, but the vitamin C in tomatoes also makes it easier for your body to use the protein in the meat!

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)

YOU ASKED FOR IT,  
YOU'VE GOT IT!

WE ARE PLEASED TO ANNOUNCE THAT THE NEW BURGER PATTY THAT WAS TASTE-TESTED AND APPROVED AT OUR MINI-FOOD SHOWS HELD LAST SCHOOL YEAR IS ON THE MENU FOR YOU NOW. ENJOY!!



# Only an Illusion

Which line is longer, A or B? Most of us would say that line B is obviously longer than A, but that's actually not the case — they are exactly the same length. The perspective of the railroad tracks creates the illusion that the line between the tracks must be shorter! And, by the way, the "B" is also exactly centered on the "A" if you're interested, you can learn more by searching on line for "Ponzo Illusion".

