



**MIMOSA PARK**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

# PELICAN PRIDE

October 2024

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## Principal's Message

Happy October Pelican Families!

The 2024-2025 school year is well underway. Students have quickly settled into familiar routines and procedures as teachers deliver quality instruction based on best instructional practices. Students are making great progress through flex grouping in both 1st and 2nd grade and we continue to work hard as we close out Quarter 1 on October 9th, and begin Quarter 2 on October 10th.

The month of October brings with it long-awaited seasonal changes as well as important school activities. Our PTO Fall Fun Run Fundraiser is taking place from September 30th -October 13th. Fall Parent Teacher Conferences are being held on October 24th and 25th. Please remember these will both be early dismissal days. Students will be dismissed at 12:45pm.

Red Ribbon Week will take place October 21st-25th which will engage students in daily activities designed to educate them about being healthy and drug-free. The Mimosa Park Book Fair will take place October 21st through October 31st. Individual Picture Retakes will be taken on Tuesday, October 22nd for students who missed taking school pictures in September. Students must dress in their school uniform.

We will close out the month with Halloween activities on Thursday, October 31st. Students are allowed to wear their Halloween costumes. Remember, NO MASKS will be allowed. We are looking forward to an exciting month at MPE!

As we move forward together, please keep in mind there are many things you can do to consistently assist your child in being a successful student.

- Review your child's folder and homework assignments daily.
- Read and practice math facts with your child nightly.
- Review, sign, and return folders, progress reports, and papers.
- Maintain ongoing communication with your child's teacher to address concerns.

Thank you for helping your child with his/her homework in order to foster the love of learning and for your ongoing generous support of MPE. We have so much to be thankful for and proud of at Mimosa Park Elementary. Family and school community are at the forefront! Working together, in a spirit of commitment and teamwork, will continue to be a tradition at MPE in educating students!

Angi Butler  
Principal



## Important Reminders

\*Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 24th & 25th. Both days will be early dismissal days.

\*Schools are closed October 14th and October 15th for Fall Break.

\*All dismissal changes are due to the front office before 2:30 PM. All notes should contain the teacher's name and complete dismissal information. Please note that no child will be taken off of a bus for parent pick-up. This is strictly enforced.

\*No student will be allowed to return to class once they have left for the day. Please do not bring students back to school to get books, homework or any other forgotten items. Children are reminded repeatedly throughout the day to pack needed items. By October, children are responsible for getting things home.







Mrs. N. Campo- Librarian  
Mrs. S. Stoney-Assistant

Library Newsletter: October 2024

### Coming Soon: Scholastic Book Fair

We are busy preparing for our Fall Book Fair, which will take place **October 21-31, 2024** in the Wing E library. More information will be coming home as this event nears.



### 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

### Important Dates:

October 7-11: Prize Week (Sept. logs)

October 21-31: Book Fair

October 31: Logs counted for October prizes

Nov. 4-8: Prize Week (Oct. logs)



### Book Checkout

Students will borrow the library book for one week, and return it on his/her library day for another book. Students who do not return their book on their library day will receive a "ticket" (a paper reminder to return the library book back to school).

### Book Care Tip of the Month

Keep your book(s) in your school bag when you are not reading it.



Reading Log Reminder: Don't forget to color a star each time you read a book, a chapter in a book, or a book is read to you!





# Counselor's CORNER

## OCTOBER 2024

### Monthly Focus:

Healthy Choices & Friendship

This month, in enrichment classes, we will be focusing on making healthy choices and friendships. Students will learn what it means to be a good friend. Counselors will also be starting to pull small groups this month. We offer various small groups based on the ongoing needs of our students.

### Red Ribbon Week

October 21-25

- Dress up Days:
  - **Monday** – Wear Red Day
  - **Tuesday** – Sock it to Drugs – wear crazy or mismatched socks to make a statement about being unique and drug free
  - **Wednesday** – Twinning is Winning – Dress in matching outfits with a friend to celebrate friendship and support in helping make healthy choices
  - **Thursday** – Team Up Against Drugs – Wear team or athletic attire
  - **Friday** – Say Boo to Drugs – wear a Halloween shirt or colors (no costumes)



### Let's CONNECT!



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### Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

When your child is experiencing BIG, upset feelings, their brain cannot listen or learn in that moment. Rather than negotiating with or punishing them, help the child name their feelings. Then, practice a coping skill.





# Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

PTO would like to welcome our members for the 2024-25 school year! We are excited to have you!

Congratulations to our gift card and pizza party winners! While our membership drive has ended, you are welcome to join PTO at any time. Simply email [mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com](mailto:mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com) for a membership form. Remember you do not have any obligations once you join PTO; we will keep you up-to-date on volunteer opportunities and school happenings, and you choose your involvement level.

We are looking forward to hosting our second Mimosa Park Fun Run this month! Last year, this fundraiser brought in over \$44,000 for MPE, and we look forward to reaching that success again this year. If you have not already registered your student, please do so now at [mybooster.com](http://mybooster.com). The first two weeks of October are packed with prizes and fun challenges for our students. The actual Fun Run will take place on Friday, October 11. To the tune of a fun soundtrack, students will walk/jog/run our courses, with a few surprises mixed in. All students participate and receive a special Fun Run t-shirt. Please email us with any questions you have.

We will also host a Papa John's Pizza Night this month, on Tuesday, October 22. Use the code RAISEFUNDS when you order your dinner, and 20% of those order costs will go to MPE!

Our first Perci's Pitstop also takes place this month, on Friday, October 25. PTO will set up a snack table, and students may purchase two snacks for \$1. This fundraiser gives our teacher appreciation budget an extra boost each year! We look forward to seeing all our Pelicans at Pitstop that day.

Finally, remember to turn in your Community Coffee labels and scan your receipts for Box Tops. These are two of the easiest ways to raise money for MPE.

Be sure to follow Mimosa Park Elementary PTO on Facebook, and message us with any questions. Thanks again for your support!



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!



## Shine Bright for Books Dress Down





**safety  
first**

# HALLOWEEN SAFETY

**Boo!**

## **Halloween Safety: Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe on Halloween.**

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.

### **Walk Safely**

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and continue looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.



### **Trick or Treat With an Adult**

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups. Keep costumes both creative and safe.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

### **Drive Extra Safely on Halloween**

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 to 9:30 PM so be especially alert for kids during those hours.





# Excited about Enrichment October 2024



<p><b>P.E. with Mr. Paradise &amp; Mrs. Dufrene</b></p>	<p>The last few weeks in P.E. we have been learning about each other and how we will be working as a team. We are learning the principles of teamwork with the ultimate goal of creating a group of students that work with, care for, and help each other. During P.E. time we have also been discussing our rules, procedures and our personal hopes and dreams for P.E. this school year.</p>
<p><b>Art with Mrs. Matherne</b></p>	<p>Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade artists at Mimosa Park will finish designing their art portfolio covers. Their name designs will be creative and colorful. They used the elements of line and color to create their “fancy” lettering! Students are also learning routines and procedures. Soon, every class will have several student helpers who will be class heroes and leaders! Our young artists are looking forward to many hands-on experiences.</p>
<p><b>Music with Mrs. Pepperman</b></p>	<p>Welcome! This month, our young musicians will be introduced to the world of pitched and unpitched percussion while learning about musical opposites such as loud and quiet, high and low, and fast and slow. Our second grade musicians will begin working on their Christmas musical while building the skills necessary to read music.</p>



**TEACHER OF THE MONTH  
KAYLA GASPARD**

**SUPPORT STAFF OF THE  
MONTH  
SARA LOUP**

September 2024

**Mimosa Park Elementary's  
staff is out of this world!**

Thank you for all you do for MPE!

## PRE-K FIELD TRIP



Our Pre-K students visited the Lafon Center to see *The Very Hungry Caterpillar*.



# STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We recognized our students of the month for August at this month's Community Morning Meeting!

**Kindergarten & Pre-K:** Jaxon Aucoin, Aurora Bourg, Audrey Cheung, Austin Hall, Colin Irons, Aiden Jewell, Ally Mabile, Julia Shaw, Avery Stromeyer & Ahsan Williams

**First Grade:** Killian Baudoin, Grayson Bergeron, Vivian Camus, Chloe Cheung, Landon Line, Lukas Medina & Cheyenne Troxler

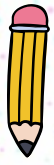
**Second Grade:** Letti Badeaux, Oliver Balsler, Landon Deffner, Leah McMillan, Ava Petit, Connor Smith, Emma Stevens & Olivia Templet

Congratulations to all of you!

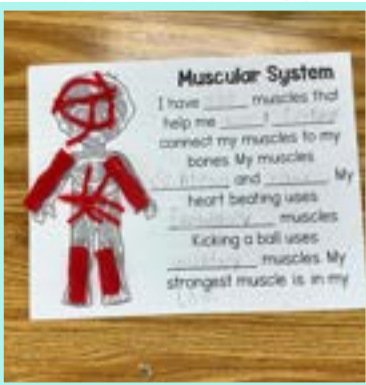




## First Grade Fun!



Students bowled to learn the parts of 10, boom clapped to review the vowel sounds heard in words, and used twizzlers to make a muscular system.





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**SAY IT:**

Self-Control: Choosing to do what's best even when you don't want to

# self-control



**KNOW IT:**

**ASK A GROWN UP:**

- When is it toughest for you as an adult to have self-control?
- Do you have any tricks or strategies to help you develop self-control?

**ASK A KID:**

- When is it toughest for you as a kid to have self-control?
- Have you ever gotten in trouble for not having enough self-control? What were the consequences?

**SEE IT:**

One of the easiest times for us to lose self-control is snack time. Some of us tend to make poor choices and eat food we know is not the healthiest for us. Unfortunately, many of us also lack self-control with our temper, with how we treat others, and making risky choices that could be very dangerous for ourselves or others. In this short video, Cookie Monster learns a few strategies to develop self-control: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOYDE8\\_jsHk](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jOYDE8_jsHk). He realizes that self-control can be accomplished, even when it is difficult. When we develop self-control, not only can we make better food choices, we can also make choices that will help us with the Big 3. Self-control can help us consistently Make Smart Decisions, Treat Others Right, and Maximize Our Potential.

**BE IT:**

Make a list of times when self-control is toughest. Ask your family to help you come up with a list and ask them to help you show self-control. Some good ideas might be setting goals to limit screen time, responding with kindness, sticking to a bedtime, eating healthy foods, listening and following directions at school, developing an exercise program. Try to set some goals and monitor your progress as you practice self-control.

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
				<b>October 2024</b>		
6	7	8	9 No School for Students Professional Development Day	10 Quarter 2 Begins	11 FUN RUN EVENT	12
13	14	15 FALL BREAK No School	16	17 Pink Links Dress Down	18 Community Morning Meeting	19
20 Red Ribbon Week	21 Wear red	22 Papa John's Pizza Night Wear crazy/mismatched socks Picture retakes	23 Match outfits with a friend	24 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES Wear team attire	25 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES Wear Perci's Halloween shirts	26 Pit Stop
27	28	29	30	31 October reading logs due HALLOWEEN Costume dress down		
Book Fair through the 31st						



**ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS**  
**OCTOBER 2024 ELEMENTARY MENUS**

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**DAILY SPECIALS**

**With all meals**  
**Low Fat White Milk**  
**Fat Free Flavored Milk**  
**Cold Lunch Choice**  
**Monday: Sun butter Sandwich**  
**Tuesday: Charley Box**  
**Weds.: Deli Sandwich**  
**Thursday: Entrée Salad**  
**Friday: Sun butter Sandwich**



<p><b>Tuesday, October 1</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Chicken Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Meatballs &amp; Gravy          Mashed Potatoes          Green Beans, Steamed Corn          WW Roll          Apple Wedges</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 2</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Cinnamon Roll          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Beef Vegetable Soup          Grilled Cheese Sandwich          Garden Salad          Banana          Brownie</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 3</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Sausage Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Beef Dippers          Macaroni &amp; Cheese          Broccoli Florets          Baked Beans          Pineapple Tidbits</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 4</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Waffle          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Chicken Filet Sandwich          Crinkle Cut Fries          Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle          Fresh Orange Wedges</p>	
<p><b>Monday, October 7</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Conifetti Pancakes          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Red Beans w/Steamed Rice          Seasoned Mustard Greens          Steamed Carrots          Cornbread          Sliced Peaches</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 8</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Chicken Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Tacos w/Shredded Cheese          Steamed Corn          Refried Beans          Taco Salad Cup, Salsa          Apple Wedges</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 9</b></p> <p><b>NO SCHOOL</b>  <b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b></p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 10</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Sausage Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Turkey Stew          Steamed Rice          Candied Sweet Potatoes          Steamed Cabbage          Strawberry Cup</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 11</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Fresh Donut          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Fresh Hot Pizza          Marinara Sauce          Garden Salad          Fresh Orange Wedges</p>

Join us for  
**National School Lunch Week**  
**October 16-18**

**PIRATE JOKES RRR FUNNY!**

Why couldn't the Pirates play cards?  
 Because the Captain was standing on the deck!

Where did the pirate put his Halloween decorations?  
 In his front yarrrrd!

Why did the pirate go to the Apple store?  
 He needed a new i-patch.

Which Halloween candy do pirates like the most?  
 Sweet Tarrrrts.

What did the pirate wear on Halloween?  
 A pumpkin patch

<p><b>Monday, October 14</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Pop Tarts          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Shipwreck Jambalaya          Broccoli Florets          Steamed Carrots          Pineapple Tidbits          WW Roll</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 15</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Sausage Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Captain Hook Chili          Fritos, Garden Salad          Steamed Corn          Banana          Cake or Fruit Crisp</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 16</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Cinnamon Roll          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Turkey &amp; Sausage Gumbo          Steamed Rice          Potato Salad          Cucumber/Tomato Salad          Banana</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 17</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Sausage Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Bosc Sticks          Marinara Sauce Cup          Fresh Veggies w/Ranch Dip          Pineapple</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 18</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Scrambled Eggs w/Toast          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Cannonball Burgers          Crinkle Cut Fries          Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle          Baked Beans          Orange Wedges</p>
<p><b>Monday, October 21</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Breakfast Pizza          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Chicken Tenders          Waffles w/Syrup          Green Beans          Steamed Carrots          Sliced Peaches</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 22</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Chicken Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Orange Chicken          Fried Rice          Asian Chopped Salad          Edamame Beans          Tropical Fruit</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 23</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Cinnamon Roll          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Beef Vegetable Soup          Grilled Cheese Sandwich          Garden Salad          Banana</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 24</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Sausage Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Early Dismissal</b>  <b>Lunch</b>          Popcorn Chicken          Tater Tots          Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dip          Orange Wedges</p>	<p><b>Friday, October 25</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          French Toast Sticks          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Early Dismissal</b>  <b>Lunch</b>          Popcorn Chicken          Tater Tots          Baby Carrots w/Ranch Dip          Orange Wedges</p>

<p><b>Monday, October 28</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Cheesy Grits          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Tostitos          Green Beans          Steamed Corn          Applesauce          Corn Bread</p>	<p><b>Tuesday, October 29</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Chicken Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Baked Chicken          Loaded Mashed Potatoes          Steamed Corn          WW Roll          Apple Wedges</p>	<p><b>Wednesday, October 30</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Cinnamon Roll          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Beef Vegetable Soup          Grilled Cheese Sandwich          Garden Salad          Banana</p>	<p><b>Thursday, October 31</b></p> <p><b>Breakfast</b>          Sausage Biscuit          Cereal w/Graham Crackers          Yogurt w/Tiger Bites          Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p><b>Lunch</b>          Spooky Beef Dippers          Macaroni &amp; Cheese          Broccoli Florets          Baked Beans          Pineapple Tidbits          Brownie</p>
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**HAPPY HALLOWEEN**

