



MIMOSA PARK
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PELICAN PRIDE

December 2024

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Principal's Message

Season's Greetings to our MPE families,

It's the most wonderful time of the year! In December, we have the chance to reflect on the past year and look forward to the start of a new year filled with exciting hopes and dreams! As I reflect on this year, my first thought is "thankful." It has been three years since I became the Principal of Mimosa Park Elementary. Your generosity and kindness are extraordinary! Thank you for being such a vital part of this loving MPE family who demonstrates daily that collectively is the reason MPE is moving from Good to Great! I applaud each of you for your flexibility, understanding, and resiliency! Whatever 2025 may bring, together we are one family and our future is limitless!

'Tis the season to be jolly! While we look forward to the activities, hustle, and bustle of this holiday season, we remain focused on our core business of TEACHING and LEARNING by providing quality instruction and engaging learning experiences for our students. Quarter 2 ends Friday, December 20, 2024. Teachers will continue to instruct students and assess their skills in order to determine progress made towards mastering essential learning standards. Please encourage your child to complete all lessons and tests to the best of his/her ability to end the first semester with academic success. By ensuring your child completes all schoolwork, you are reinforcing our home-school partnership, which makes a positive difference for all stakeholders!

Jingle Bells! As we prepare to ring in 2025, let's take time to acknowledge the great that 2024 has brought us. We have adjusted to our new Math curriculum and understanding the essential skills in each grade level, as well as increasing our school Performance Score by 3 points! We continue to celebrate Students' of the Month and our Teacher and Faculty Member of the Month program. Our Pelican Pride is at an all-time high as we celebrate the successes of 2024 at MPE!

Let it Snow! (Fingers crossed!) During this season of love and thanksgiving, I want to wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year. Please take time out of your busy schedules to celebrate this special season with family and friends as you make memories that will last a lifetime. Please be safe during our holiday vacation and I look forward to having our MPE family back on campus: Teachers return January 3, 2025 and students on January 6, 2025.

Happy Holidays,
Angi Butler
Principal



Food Drive

Thanks for being generous! MPE students participated in the school's annual Thanksgiving Food Drive. Mimosa families donated over 700 items! Thank you to everyone who participated in our food drive. Congratulations to 2nd grade students for donating the most items and winning a dress down day!

Holiday Activities

The 1st grade Christmas Parade and Class Christmas parties will take place on Thursday, December 19th. Students may wear pajamas.

End of Quarter

The 2nd Quarter will end Friday, December 20th. Report cards will be distributed Monday, January 13th.

MERRY & BRIGHT



WELCOME

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



Library Newsletter: December 2024



Book Club Members (October)

50 Book Club

Jaxon Aucoin, Trinitee Batiste, Nolan Clark, Evelyn Damare, Seth Friloux, Mila Gros, Bryce Ledbetter, Knox Perilloux, Jude Hyatt, Lawson Robicheaux, Khari Scott, Collins Young

100 Book Club

Adelaide Abadie, Emily Beltz, Charlotte Campo, Mason Weinberg

200 Book Club

Evelyn Barbre

300 Book Club

Katelyn Brown

Eli Sacra



Top Classes (October):

Ms. Amy & Ms. Natalie - Pre K
Mrs. Triche - K
Mrs. Gallagher - 1st Grade
Mrs. Boyd - 2nd Grade

Important Dates:

Dec. 2-6: Prize Week (Nov. logs)

Jan. 7: Logs counted for December

Jan. 31: Logs counted for January



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



Counselor's CORNER

DECEMBER 2024

Counseling Monthly Focus: Relationship Skills

This month we will be focusing on relationship skills. We will be working on developing interpersonal skills needed to establish and maintain positive relationships and friendships. Students will be learning to share their thoughts and feelings, identify ways to work and play with others, take turns, and show fairness.



Let's CONNECT!



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Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

Encourage your child to use "I-feel" statements in moments of conflict or to help them express how a situation has made them feel. They can express their views by saying "I feel...when..."



Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

As we end our first semester, PTO would like to once again thank everyone for the support of the 2024 Fun Run! We are pleased to announce that we raised over \$37,000 for MPE! Thank you to our faculty, administration, and families for participating! We'd also like to send a huge thank you to our local sponsors; please consider supporting these businesses who support MPE!

Crescent River Port Pilots
St. Charles Printing
Perle's Jump N Fun
Capital One

Hamada Orthodontics
A/C Ambulance
Glaser Family Practice
Bethany Fauchoux,
Academy Travel

Cyclone Brazilian Jiu-Jitsu
Headhunters Beauty Salon
A-Plus Garage Doors

ABC Title
Louie's Wrecker Service
Dance Unlimited of Paradis

As the weather turns colder, we have opened our online uniform store again. Now is the time to order bigger shirts, sweatshirts, and jackets! The store is now open through Tuesday, December 10. Items will be delivered before Christmas break. Visit this link to shop: <https://mpe24-25.itemorder.com/>.

The PTO board is now shifting our focus to our annual Cake Bingo event!
Save the date: Friday, March 14 at 6 pm in the G cafe. See you there!

If you have any questions, please email us at mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com. Thanks for your support, and Happy Holidays from PTO!



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www.facebook.com/MimosaParkElementaryPTO or by
scanning this QR code!



THANKSGIVING FEAST
Kindergarten and Pre-K
students enjoyed a feast with
their friends and teachers.



safety
first

FIREWORKS SAFETY

Fireworks are a fun way to make any celebration a spectacular event. But fireworks are not safe for children and can cause serious harm including devastating burns and other injuries. The safest way to enjoy fireworks is to attend public fireworks displays organized by trained professionals.

Here are a few tips to stay safe around fireworks.

The Hard Facts About Fireworks

- More than 3,000 children under the age of 15 are sent to the emergency room each year in the United States because of fireworks.
- Sparklers, which are commonly given to children during holidays and heat up to 1,200 degrees account for one-third of the injuries to children under five.

Top Tips for Fireworks Safety

1. If possible, attend public firework displays. Leave lighting fireworks to the professionals.
2. Give children glowsticks instead of sparklers. Sparklers can heat up to more than 1,200 degrees and are dangerous for young children.
3. Keep fireworks away from children. Make sure children stay a safe distance away from a lit firework.

TEACHER OF THE YEAR NOMINEES



BRITTANY BOYD



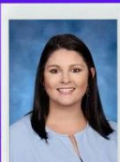
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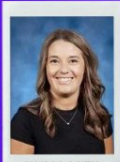
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KAYLA GASPARD



JAMIE MCGOWAN



ALYSSA SMITH



CASIE TASTET



AMANDA TREGRE



CONGRATULATIONS!



Students
enjoying their
hand clappers for
High Five a
Librarian Week!



HALLOWEEN FUN

Teachers and students had a spook-tacular time dressing up for Halloween!



Reminders about dismissal changes & check-out:

Please note that all dismissal changes should be in the office before the 2:30pm deadline. All notes should be written on a full size sheet of paper in dark ink. The note should include the child's name, teacher's name, the dates of the changes, and the address that the child is to be dropped off (if applicable). This information can be sent to school in your child's blue folder or emailed to mimosa1@wearescpps.org (Please do not send emails to the teacher or individual secretaries.) Also, please refrain from checking out your child at the very end of the day. No one will be allowed to sign out after 3:30 without sending prior notification to the teacher/office. Dismissal time is a busy time of the day, at this time teachers and staff are preparing students for a safe dismissal.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We recognized our students of the month for October at our November Community Morning Meeting!

Kindergarten & Pre-K: Ava Adams, Kira Boullion, Vivienne Dufrene, Hazel Faucheux, Kaius Kraemer, Tinley Roppolo, Mya Simpson, Rose Sylve & Dwayne Williams

First Grade: Meghan Bickham, Damon Friloux, Jackson Judge, Ryan Lovett, Adaleigh Nugent, Na'Zon Washington & Hazel Wootan

Second Grade: Elijah Borne, Ian Breaux, Isabella Matherne, Isaiah Ogborn, Kelsey Percle, Adalyn Smith, Devante Sylve & Taylor Vila

Congratulations to all of you!



Excited about Enrichment December 2024



<p>P.E. with Mr. Paradise & Mrs. Dufrene</p>	<p>This month we will continue with rules, procedures and expectations in and out of the classroom. We will continue our basketball unit by focusing on shooting a basketball using the correct form. Please make sure to bring your water bottle to all PE classes and make sure you always wear tennis shoes.</p>
<p>Art with Mrs. Matherne</p>	<p>We are exploring geometric and organic shapes in our art class. We are making many different kinds of pictures and pieces by using geometric shapes to trace and create pictures. We will be having tons of fun with lots of shapes.</p>
<p>Music with Mrs. Pepperman</p>	<p>“This month, our second grade musicians will continue working on their Christmas musical while building the skills necessary to read music. Our younger musicians will be introduced to the world of pitched and unpitched percussion while learning the musical opposites loud/quiet, high/low, and fast/slow.</p>

TEACHER OF THE MONTH
AMANDA TREGRE

SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH
RHONDA SYLVE

November 2024

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

Thank you for all you do for MPE!

**MIMOSA PARK ELEMENTARY
FAMILY CENTER**

**WE ARE
MOVING...**

TO A NEW TIME!!

Beginning January 6, 2025,
Playgroup will be held
from 11:30-12:30

on the 1st and 3rd Monday of each month.

We hope you can come visit soon!

JANUARY 6
FEBRUARY 3 & 17
MARCH 17
APRIL 7 & 21
MAY 5

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SAY IT:

Service: Lending a hand to help someone else

SERVICE

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Describe a service project you participated in as a kid or teenager.
- What are some ways you would be interested in serving our community now?

ASK A KID:

- What are some ways you would like to see us serve in our community?
- Do you know of any service projects or clubs at your school you could get involved in?

SEE IT:

Sometimes the key to serving others is to remember a time when someone lent a hand to help us instead. Remember a time when you needed a helping hand? Maybe you were feeling sick, or couldn't do something all by yourself, or maybe you didn't know how to do something in school. We can all relate to a time when we needed someone to help us out. Check out this read aloud on YouTube: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=svHkcJWr6mo> and remember how you've been helped in the past so you can help others now!

BE IT:

Make a list of service project ideas and people in your community you can serve. You may want to reach out to some local non-profit organizations to see how and when you can serve with their organization. Take the first step and schedule an outreach project in December. Start small and see how you can make a positive difference in the world, one service project at a time.



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat	
1	2 Playgroup 2:00 PM	3	4 MIDDLE OF YEAR TESTING DEC 4-11	5	6 Holiday Pictures	7	
8	9	10 Papa John's Pizza Night 	11 2nd Grade Performance LPAC 6pm	12 Teddy Cares Dress Down \$1	13	14	
15	16 Pre-K Performance 9:30-10:30 Playgroup 2:00 PM	17	18	19 1st Grade Christmas Parade Class Parties Christmas Pajama Dress down	20 Community Morning Meeting Perci's Pitstop End of Q2 Early Dismissal 12:45	21	
22	23	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL					28
29	30	31	CHRISTMAS HOLIDAYS - NO SCHOOL				
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A NOTE FROM THE NURSE



Healthy Holidays

Here are some tips for staying healthy during the holidays.

- **Get enough sleep:** Make sure you get enough sleep so you have energy for all holiday activities.
- **Manage stress:** The holidays can be busy and stressful, so take time to manage your stress. You can try taking a walk, getting a massage, or reaching out to friends.
- **Stay active:** Staying active can help improve your sleep, mood, and coordination.
- **Eat healthy meals:** Make healthy food choices and try to include fruits and vegetables in your meals.
- **Drink water:** Staying hydrated can help minimize bloating and heartburn.
- **Don't skip meals:** Skipping meals can lead to overeating, so try to eat a healthy snack before holiday events.
- **Eat wisely:** Practice mindful eating by eating slowly and savoring each bite.
- **Get a flu shot:** The holiday season overlaps with flu season, so getting a flu shot is a good idea.
- **Wash your hands often:** Washing your hands can help prevent sickness and the spread of germs.



December Menu

<p>Monday, December 2 Breakfast Grits / Yogurt Parfait Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Red Beans w/Steamed Rice Seasoned Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Cornbread Diced Pears</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 3 Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Nachos w/Golden Queso Steamed Corn Refried Beans Nacho Salad Cup Apple Wedges</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 4 Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Shepherd's Pie Green Beans Dinner Roll Banana Jell-O w/Topping</p>	<p>Thursday, December 5 Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Stewed Chicken w/Rice Carrot Soufflé Steamed Cabbage Strawberry Cup</p>	<p>Friday, December 6 Breakfast Fresh Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Fresh Hot Pizza Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Fresh Orange Wedges</p>
<p>Monday, December 9 Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Pork Chop Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cal Blend Veggies Cinnamon Apple Slices</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 10 Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Diced Pears</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 11 Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Chili, Fritos Garden Salad Steamed Corn Banana Cake or Fruit Crisp</p>	<p>Thursday, December 12 Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Jambalaya Broccoli Florets Steamed Carrots Pineapple Tidbits Dinner Roll</p>	<p>Friday, December 13 Breakfast Scrambled Eggs w/Toast Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges</p>
<p>Monday, December 16 Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Chicken Tenders Waffles w/Syrup Green Beans Steamed Carrots Sliced Peaches</p>	<p>Tuesday, December 17 Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Orange Chicken Fried Rice Asian Chopped Salad Edamame Beans Tropical Fruit</p>	<p>Wednesday, December 18 Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Lunch Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Cucumber/Tomato Salad Banana</p>	<p>Thursday, December 19 Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Christmas Brunch Scrambled Eggs, Sausage Grits, Biscuit Potato Coins, Salsa Strawberry Kiwi Frozen Cup</p>	<p>Friday, December 20 Breakfast Pop Tarts Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice</p> <p>Early Dismissal Lunch Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits</p>