PELICAN PRIDE

February 2025

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Principal's Message

MIMOSA PARK

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Fabulous MPE Families,

I want to share the love this month because not only is it 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 3rd -7th, we will celebrate National School Counselors Week by acknowledging our amazing counselors, Ms. Lori Gonzales and Ms. Alyssa DiSalvo for their dedication and service to all students. On Friday, February 28th, MPE students will participate in our annual Mardi Gras Parades.

Mark your calendar for PTO's Bingo Night, which will be held on March 14! Preorder 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 2025-2026 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!



Aimie Heiden/Assistant Principal

Reminder: 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 9week 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.

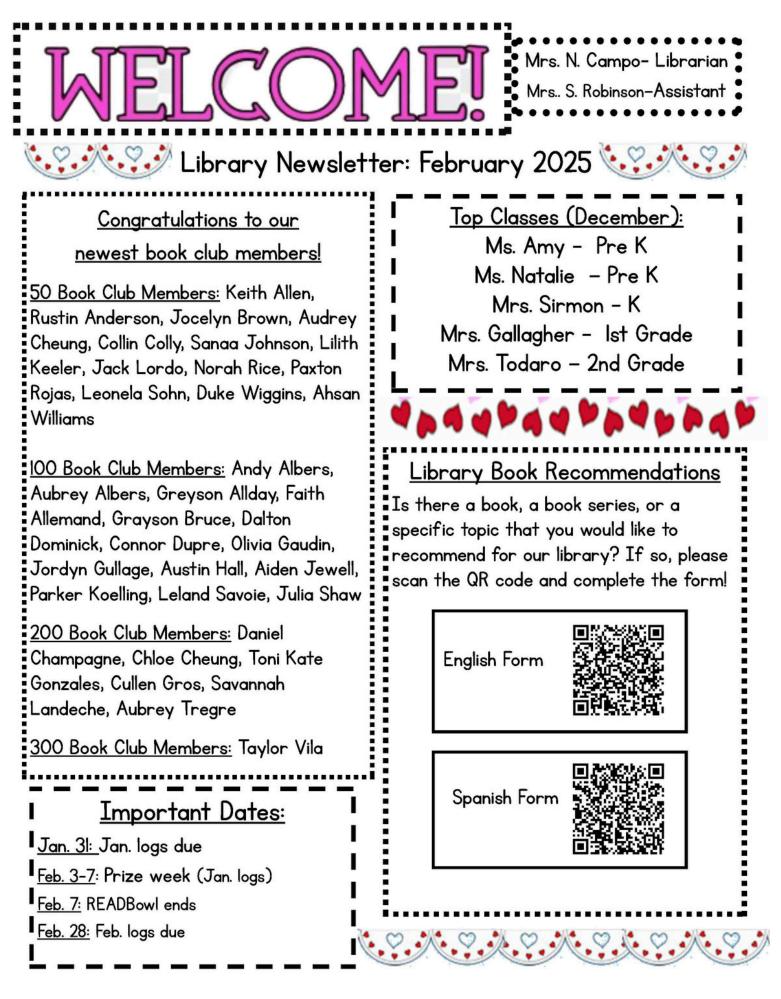
For complete information on the attendance requirements please consult the St. Charles Parish Student Code of Conduct District Handbook.

Mardi Gras Parade

MPE will hold its annual Mardi Gras Parade on Friday, February 28th at 9:45AM. This event is put on by the 2nd grade students. 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.



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KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents/Guardians may register their child who will be five years old by September 30, 2025. Online registration requires you to bring documentation to school in-person.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED?

- Online registration requires you to bring documentation to school inperson
- Child's birth certificate & social security card
- Copy of driver's license or state ID
- Proof of custody if applicable
- Proof of residency-temporary residency applications for provisional enrollment begins June I, 2025
- Immunization records

WHEN IS REGISTRATION?

• Beginning February 3, 2025 you can use this QR code to register online.







 You may register in-person at the school in your attendance area from March 17 - 21, 2025 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

East Bank Schools:

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- New Sarpy Elementary: 985-764-1275
- Norco Elementary: 985-764-7079
- St. Rose
 Elementary:
 504-464-9254

West Bank Schools:

- Allemands
 Elementary: 985-758-7427
- Luling Elementary: 985-785-6086
- Mimosa Park Elementary: 985-785-8266



St. Charles Parish Public Schools Pre-Kindergarten

Will your child be 3 or 4 on or before September 30, 2025?

Apply for Pre-Kindergarten to jump-start their educational journey.

Beginning **February 3, 2025,** applications can be completed online using the below QR Code or by visiting the district website at <u>www.WeAreScpps.org</u>



Applications must be submitted by **March 11, 2025,** to be considered for the first round of selections.

Application assistance is available at the following locations:

| East Bank Head Start | Carver Early Learning Center | | | |
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| (985) 764-7535 | (985) 783-6617 | | | |
| 13292 River Road | 337 Gum Street | | | |
| Destrehan, LA 70047 | Hahnville, LA 70057 | | | |

If you need assistance or have any questions, contact Rebecca Perilloux via email at or by phone at (985) 783-6617.

Applications are not on a first-come, first-serve basis. Eligibility and placements are based on age, residential area, and income.

| Required Documentation Needed for Application | If Applicable: | | |
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| Child's original birth certificate | Custody arrangement signed by a judge | | |
| Child's Medicaid/insurance card | Verification of alimony or child support | | |
| Official ID: The address on the enrolling parent's or legal guardian's official ID is required to match the physical address of their St. Charles Parish proof of residency address. | Verification of Social Security benefits | | |
| Proof of Residency | Printed copy of Family's SNAP benefits or TANF | | |
| Child's social security card | Current status as receipt of public assistance | | |
| Child's immunization record with the state seal | Copy of school transcript or verification of enrollment for parents in school | | |
| Parent or Guardian's income information | | | |

Parent or Guardian Income Information

Acceptable documentation:

• 3 printed recent check stubs before the month of the application for each parent in the home

OR

- Employment verification letter stating employee's name, employment address, hours worked per week, hourly wage, and signed by the employer
- W-2 forms
- Unemployment documentation
- Verification of worker's compensation (for each parent in the home)

The application must include all information and required documents to be considered complete for admission. Incomplete applications will **not** be processed.



Proof of Residency

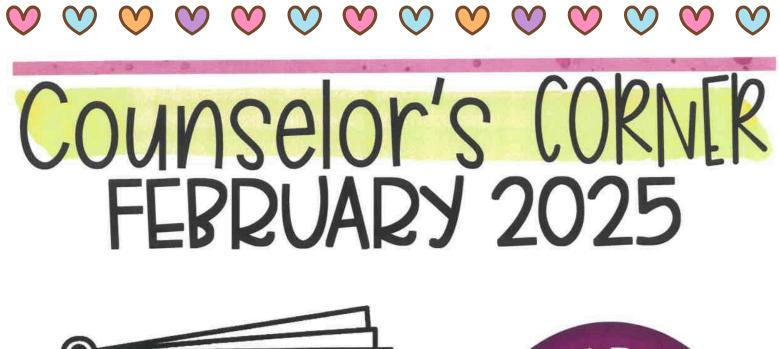
Acceptable documentation:

 2 different current utility bills in the parent or guardian's name
 *Acceptable utility bills are: gas, water, or electric

OR

 1 utility bill and a lease with the parent or guardian's name and the child's name listed *Disconnect notices will not be accepted

If utility bills are not in your name, or you reside with relatives or friends, you will be required to apply for Temporary Residency with the Student Services Department located at Central Office. This process begins on June 1, 2025. Pending placements will be dropped if Temporary Residency has not been submitted by July 31.



Counseling Monthly Focus:

On February 17-21, we will be celebrating Kindness Week! We will be reading the book *Have You Filled A Bucket Lately?* and doing several activities that go along with it. Everyone carries an invisible bucket. When your bucket is full, you are happy, but when your bucket is empty, you feel sad. A bucket filler is when someone is loving and kind, and a bucket dipper is when someone is mean and selfish. We want to focus on ways for everyone to be bucket fillers at MPE!

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Happy, Healthy Kids TIPs: Practice random acts of kindness

Do small things together, like holding the door open for someone or leaving a note for a friend.

Encourage empathy

Ask your child to consider how their actions affect others and how they might feel in someone else's shoes.

Mimosa Park Elementary 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 14 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 Blackstone griddle and a basketball goal, as well as gift cards to Colonial Lanes, Sky Zone, and plenty of our local businesses! Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and you do not need to be present at Cake Bingo to win.

Like last year, we are simply asking each Mimosa student to buy or sell 20 (or more!) \$1 raffle tickets. These tickets are being sent home soon.

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!

Be on the lookout for both Bingo card order forms and tickets to be sent home this month. See you at Bingo!

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



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







Happy National Law Enforcement day to Officer Lennie Brown! MPE is so grateful to have you keeping our school safe!



MARDI GRAS SAFETY

Follow these tips for a safe and fun Mardi Gras for you and your family:

- Teach your children their name and phone number.
- Mark your children's clothes on the inside with name, address, and phone number.
- Go to the same area to view parades if possible and teach your child a landmark to meet if separated.
- Teach your children to stay calm if lost, and go to a uniformed police officer.
 - Teach your child not to be afraid of police officers and if possible take them up to I prior to the parade.
 - If no police officer is in your area teach your child to go to another parent with children for help.
- Make sure your child knows if a stranger tries to talk to them, to say "You're not my parent," and get away.
- Never allow children in the street, try to find an area with barricades and stand behind them.
- Never follow behind floats, bands, etc.
- Never throw anything at the riders.
- Put small children in a ladder off the street as far back as the ladder is tall, and have an adult stay with the ladder at all times.

Candy Safety Tips

- Never run after throws.
- Don't let your child eat the candy that is thrown before checking it.
- Do not put your hands on the ground.
- Do not fight over throws.











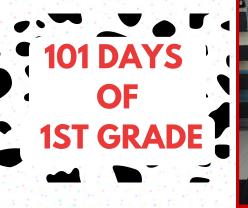


















A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

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 brusing 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!



We recognized our students of the month for December at our at our January Community Morning Meeting!

Kindergarten & Pre-K: Hudson Barlow, Magnolia Barre, Vivian Baudoin, Sloan Champagne, Canaan Chatman, Hayden Flaspoller, Ava Murray, Leah Plaisance, & Remi Ranatza-Doyle

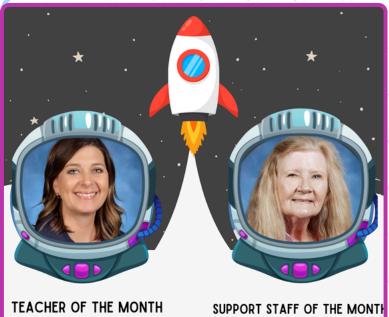
First Grade: Zhuri Berry, Nathaniel Clark, Emaline Deroche, Aubrey Portera, Piper Richard, Grayson Thibodeaux & Eileen Tejeda-Gutierrez

Second Grade: Katelyn Brown, Leo Dube', Ray Gray, Anderson Junot, Kenadie Meyer, Glory Turner, XinYi Wang & Celeste Wilhite

Congratulations to all of you!



| Excited about Enrichment February 2025 | | | | | |
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| P.E. with Mr. Paradise & Mrs. Dufrene | This month we will continue to work on teamwork while playing scooter hockey. | | | | |
| Art with Mrs. Matherne | 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 out masterpieces. | | | | |
| Music with Mrs. Pepperman | 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. | | | | |



TEACHER OF THE MONTH MELISSA GALLAGHER UPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH MADELINE BREVELLE

January 2025

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

Thank you for all you do for MPE!

MPE LUNCH VISITOR SCHEDULE

Week of October 7- October 11 - 2nd Grade

Week of October 28- November 1- **1st Grade** Week of November 4- November 8 - K & PreK

Week of November 11- November 15 - 2nd

Week of November 18- November 22- 1st

Week of January 6- January 10 - K & PreK

Week of January 13- January 17 - 2nd Grade

Week of January 21- January 24 -1st Grade

Week of January 27- January 31 - K & PreK Week of February 10- February 14 -2nd Grade Week of February 17- February 21 - 1st Grade Week of February 24- February 27 - K & PreK Week of March 10- March 14 - 2nd Grade Week of March 17- March 21 - 1st Grade





*Sign-ups open on Friday afternoons for following week

Lunch Times

<u>PRE-K</u>: 11:20-11:50 <u>KINDERGARTEN</u>: 10:50-11:20 OR 11:05-11:35 <u>1ST GRADE</u>: 11:30-12:00 OR 12:30-1:00 <u>2ND GRADE</u>: 12:00-12:30 OR 1:05-1:35

Reminders:

-Only one visitor may sign up for each student. -Students may have only one visitor per week. -Visitors must sign-in with their ID in the front office. No visitors will be allowed on special event days. -Visitors may bring outside food for students.

SAY IT:

Uniqueness: Learning more about others so you can know more about yourself

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- What are some things you remember about your childhood that made you feel unique?
- Do you remember a time when your uniqueness helped you understand others?

ASK A KID:

- What are some ways you feel unique?
- · Has anyone ever complimented you on something that made you feel unique?

SEE IT:

Sometimes it is easy to notice all the ways we are different. When we look around, we can start to notice that everyone is created to be unique. We can appreciate how our friends and family all look different, have different likes and dislikes, and have different skills. In the short film, "The Reflection in Me," the main character has a conversation with their own reflection in the mirror. The reflection compliments them on not only the way they look, but also things about their character and hobbies. Take a few minutes to watch this video and be reminded that the reflection in your own mirror can stop and have a conversation with you, taking notice of all the things that make you unique and wonderful. https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=D9OOXCu5XMg

BE IT:

Make a list of things you find wonderful and unique about yourself, your friends, and your family members. Don't focus on the way you look, but really consider positive things about each person's character and interests. Take time to remind yourself and your friends and family of the things you love and appreciate about our uniqueness.

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| 2 | 3 Playgroup 11:30 AM National School Co | 4 Class Photos punselor Week | 5 | 6 Early Dismissal 12:45 Parent/ Teacher Conferences Progress reports sen | 7 Early Dismissal 12:45 P/T Conferences ReadBowl Ends t home Perci's Pitstop | 8 |
| 9 2nd Grade Lunches → | 10 | 11 | 12 Weather makeup day Teachers and students must report | 13 Blac | LA Community Morning Meeting k History Month Pro Valentine's Day Dress down | 15 ogram |
| 16 1st Grade Lunches | 17 Playgroup 11:30 AM Kindness | 18 Week | 19 F.A.C.T Night 5:30-6:30 | 20 | 21 Kindergarten Artsperience Field Trip | 22 |
| 23 Pre-K & Kindergarten Lunches | 24 | 25 K Field Trip Children's Museum | 26 | 27 | 28 MPE Parade 9:30 LWE Parade 1:00 | |



UNIQUENESS

