MIMOSA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PELICAN PRIDE

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Angi Butler/Principal Aimie Heiden/Assistant Principal Kandyce Simoneaux/Assistant Principal

Principal's Message

Welcome Back Mimosa Park Elementary School Family,

I would like to officially welcome all of you to the 2025-2026 school year. I am thrilled to introduce the administrative team that is proud to be leading the Mimosa Park Pelicans. I, Angi Butler, will be serving as your Principal alongside Assistant Principal Ms. Aimie Heiden and Assistant Principal Ms. Kandyce Simoneaux.

We would also like to introduce to our Pelican Families a few new members that will be joining our Pelican Faculty. Ms. Kandyce Simoneaux, Assistant Principal, Leslie Faucheux, 2nd Grade Teacher, Courtney Carrier, Mental Health Professional, Margaux Robin and Kaylie Y'Barbo, Speech Pathologists, Debbie Caraway, Kindergarten Monitor, and Kayleigh Dowling, Lunch Monitor. We also have two resident teachers joining our team this year. Ms. Rylee Alexander and Mr. Zachary Maher. Welcome aboard Pelicans. We are lucky to have these additions to our MPE team. We are looking forward to this 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 effort. 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 is Open!

Visit mpe25.itemorder.com to purchase uniform shirts, sweatshirts and more! The online store closes Sunday, August 24th.

Pictured left to right: Kandyce Simoneaux, Angi Butler, Aimie Heiden

Meet the Librarian

Mrs. Campo

About Me

Welcome to the MPE Library! My name is Natalie Campo, and I am thrilled to be your child's Librarian. The 2025-2026 school year marks my 19th year as an educator in St. Charles Parish Public Schools. I started my teaching career as a second grade teacher at MPE, and I am thrilled to begin my 15th year as the MPE Librarian. I can't wait to begin a new school year and to share our libraries with our MPE Pelicans!

My Favorites

Stores: Amazon and Dollar Tree
Food: Mexican
Hobbies: Crafting
Flowers: All!
Drink: Coffee
Season: Fall
Sport: Football (Geaux Tigers!)
Subject: Reading
Color: Beige
Book: Too many to choose just one!

Education

Louisiana State University - Bachelor's Degree
Louisiana State University - Master's Degree
Northwestern State University - School Library Certification
National Board Certified Teacher - Library/Media

Contact Information

(985) 785-8266
ncampo@wearescpps.org

Fun Facts

- My Dad is from Greece and my Mom is from Cajun Country.
- I completed two marathons.
- My favorite pastime is making memories with my family and friends!

Nurse's Notes

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

- If your child has any medical conditions that require medication at school, please call me so I can send you a medication packet. 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. This includes topical creams or ointments, any oral medication, inhalers, cough drops, medicated lip balm, etc. Also, medication paperwork has to be renewed EVERY YEAR.
- PLEASE keep you 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.
- 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!
- 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 or Nurse Practitioner. A new form is required every school year.

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

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Counselor's CORNER
AUGUST 2025

We are excited to introduce a new member to our counseling team! Ms. Courtney Carrier will be joining us this school year. Courtney has four years of experience as a counselor at Nicholls State University. We also have Mrs. Lori Gonzales returning for her 6th year at Mimosa Park Elementary School. Please feel free to reach out to us with any questions or concerns you may have about your child. We are ready for a great school year!

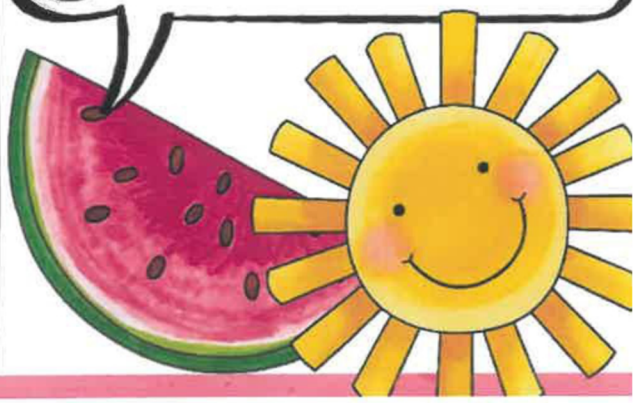
MPE Counseling Crew

Let's CONNECT!

lgonzales3@wearescpps.org
ccarrier@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!

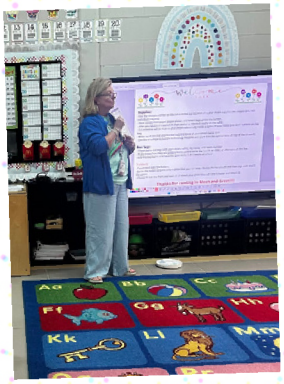


thank you

Thank you to our 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 2025-26 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 2022-23 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 2025-26 Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook on pages 6-8.

Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

Welcome back to school 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 Papa John's Pizza days, the Fun Run, and Cake Bingo. We will also raffle off prizes for PTO members and provide a pizza party for the class with the most members by Friday, Sept. 26!

The online uniform store is currently OPEN for round 2! The store will close on Sunday, August 24 at 11:59pm. Orders are expected to be delivered mid-late September. This is a great opportunity to get your students a few extra shirts and some winter gear! Go ahead and grab yourself some Pelican Spirit gear too!

Save the date for PIZZA DAY! That's right-PIZZA DAY! Order your Papa John's ANYTIME during the day and support MPE! Papa John's Pizza days will be held on September 17, November 12, February 11, and April 15.

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

The PTO board for the 2025-26 school year is as follows:
President: Amy Hall
1 st VP Fundraising Coord.: Tiffany Duplantis
2 nd VP Teacher Appreciation Coord.: Cera Jewell
Secretary (Student Appreciation): Kristina Brown
Treasurer: Stephanie Smith
Uniform Coordinator: Alexis Dufrene
Membership Coordinator: Kali Davis
Fundraising Asst.: Dara Donnaud
Teacher Appreciation Asst.: Valerie Bruce
Members-at-Large:
Jessica Gordon
Dwaynea Washington
Simone Bourg
Crystal (Lina) Chauffe
Bethany Faucheux
Teri Junot
Emily Landry
Katie Ayo

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 followed.

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 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 t-shirts sold by PTO.

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

Shoes-Must have a full restraint around the entire foot. Backless shoes are not allowed.

NOTE: Students must wear tennis shoes for PE.

MPE SUPPLY BAGS $5

We have Mimosa Park Elementary supply bags for sale. To purchase, please send cash or check (payable to Mimosa Park Elementary) to school with your child.

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 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

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).

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 PowerSchool 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 our annual forms.

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

AUGUST 2025

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
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3	4	5	6 K Orientation 4-4:30 Back to School Bash 4:30-5:30	7	8 1st day for K-2 students A-K	9
10	11 1st day for K-2 students L-Z	12 All K-2 students on campus	13	14 Beginning of Year Testing 14th-25th	15 1st day for Pre-K students A-K	16
17	18 1st day for Pre-K students L-Z	19 All Pre-K students on campus	20	21 Report Card Overview 5:30-6:00 K-2 Open House 6:00-7:00	22	23
24	25 Playgroup Begins 10-11 AM	26	27	28	29 Blooming with Books Dress Down Day	30

August 2025 Elementary Menus

St. Charles Parish Public Schools

This institution is an equal opportunity provider. Menus are subject to change.

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 2025-2026 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**.

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

EVERY COMPLETE MEAL WE SERVE COMES WITH YOUR CHOICE OF LOW FAT OR NONFAT MILK!

Friday, August 8
Breakfast
Poptarts
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chicken Tenders
Crinkle Cut Fries
Green Beans
Watermelon Wedges
Jello Cake

Monday, August 11
Breakfast
Poptarts
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chicken Tenders
Crinkle Cut Fries
Green Beans
Watermelon Wedges
Jello Cake

Tuesday, August 12
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Tacos w/Shredded Cheese
Refried Beans
Taco Salad Cup, Salsa
Steamed Corn
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, August 13
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Shepherd's Pie
Broccoli Florets
WW Roll
Banana

Thursday, August 14
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Turkey Stew
Steamed Rice
Candied Yams
Steamed Cabbage
Strawberry Cup

Friday, August 15
Breakfast
Fresh Donut
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad
Orange Wedges

Monday, August 18
Breakfast
Pancake on a Stick
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chicken Nuggets
Mashed Potatoes & Gravy
Cal Blend Veggies
Cinnamon Apple Slices

Tuesday, August 19
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Jambalaya
Broccoli Florets
Steamed Carrots
WW Roll
Pineapple Tidbits

Wednesday, August 20
Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chili, Fritos
Garden Salad
Steamed Corn
Banana
Cake *or* Crisp

Thursday, August 21
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Fish Nuggets
Macaroni & Cheese
Green Beans
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Pears

Friday, August 22
Breakfast
Pancake Sausage Bites
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Crinkle Cut Fries
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Baked Beans
Orange Wedges

Monday, August 25
Breakfast
Breakfast Pizza or Egg Bites
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chicken Tenders
Waffles
Green Beans
Steamed Carrots
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, August 26
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Orange Chicken
Fried Rice
Asian Chopped Salad
Edamame Beans
Tropical Fruit

Wednesday, August 27
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Spaghetti & Meatballs
Italian Salad
Broccoli Florets
Garlic Bread, Banana
Jello w/Topping

Thursday, August 28
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Turkey & Sausage Gumbo
Steamed Rice
Potato Salad
Cucumber/Tomato Salad
Pineapple Tidbits

Friday, August 29
Breakfast
Scone
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Mini Corn Dogs
Tater Tots
Carrots & Celery w/Ranch
Orange Wedges

Every meal we prepare is a step towards a **healthy future.**

Get Ready! New Pizza Has Arrived!

Great news! The delicious new pizza you taste-tested and approved at last school year's Mini-Food Shows is now on the menu. Enjoy!

monthly celebration

- National Peach Month
- National Sandwich Month
- Summer Sun Safety Month
- National Golf Month
- Back-to-School Month
- International Pirate Month (aka Arr-gust)
- National Panini Month
- National Immunization Awareness Mo