



**MIMOSA PARK**  
ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**PELICAN PRIDE**

September 2025

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# Principal's Message

Mimosa Park Elementary School Family,

It was so wonderful to be able to welcome all of our MPE families back to another exciting school year. It was a great feeling to see our students enter the building on their first day and see the big smiles on their faces. MPE is ready to continue to make great things happen this year. We are ready to build upon our successes and implement plans to increase student achievement.

The teachers and support staff at Mimosa Park are ready to provide all students with instruction that will create the foundation for them to be successful in their future academic challenges. We are very proud of our instructional programs, our safe, positive school environment, and the excellent progress demonstrated by our Mimosa Park students.

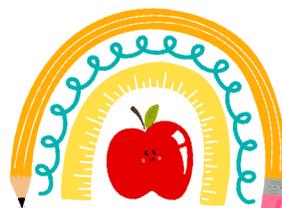
Our faculty has high expectations for all students and strives to make GOOD...GREAT! These expectations for excellence in performance and classroom behavior can be realized through a united effort on the part of students, the school faculty and parents. With this in mind, we are focusing on the improvement of teaching and learning of rigorous standards in literacy and mathematics through our core curriculum. Over the next few weeks, grade levels will be using flexible grouping as a means to meet the individual needs of all students. Students may transition to a different teacher's class for their ELA block to review instruction. The teacher will use our core curriculum to teach, assess and provide support. The students will return to their class after small group time. We are positive that this method will support our students and create opportunities for targeted instruction and growth. Thank you for supporting us as we strive to meet the needs of all students.

As your child's safety is our main priority, it is imperative that you keep us updated with your contact information so that in the event of an emergency, we can contact you. It is also important to have parents understand the direction the school is taking and work with us as partners in the education of each child. Your participation in activities at Mimosa Park Elementary is welcomed and encouraged. If you didn't sign up at Open House to be a member of our PTO, be sure to email PTO at [mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com](mailto:mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com) if interested in joining this wonderful organization.

Ongoing and effective communication with parents and students is a very important aspect of a successful school. Feel free to call, email, or arrange for in-person conferences when needed. Pairing our top quality educators with a group of supportive, interested parents will ensure a rewarding year for your child and prepare each and every one to meet his/her full potential!

As always, thank you for your support and encouragement. We are looking forward to an amazing school year.

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



## Transportation Reminders

### IN THE MORNING:

Student drop off is from 8:30 a.m. until 8:40 a.m. Please do not drop off students unattended before this time. Also, do not drive around vehicles who are dropping off children. Parents arriving with students after 8:40 a.m. must report to the office to sign in their child.

### BUS RIDERS:

Thank you for your patience as we continue to work with Transportation in solving any bus concerns. Please continue to share any transportation concerns with Transportation at 785-7206. Please be patient as we try to accommodate your children and get them home in a timely fashion. Please make sure someone is home when the school bus arrives in the afternoon.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation. As always, your child's safety is our #1 priority.

### MPE CAR RIDER PICK-UP:

Please note the following procedures are in place for the safety & security of all children:

- All Car Riders are called at dismissal time.
- Once Car Riders have been called, the gate will be opened for parents/guardians to pick up their children. Please line up according to child's last name.
- Only after the parent/guardian presents a driver's license or a picture ID and signs the child out, will the child be released to him/her. The person picking up must be listed on the child's Student Profile Sheet/Emergency Card.

Thank you for cooperating with our procedures so that all students may arrive home safely.

## School photos will be taken Thursday, September 4, 2025

All students must be dressed in school uniform. Online orders are now open.

School Code MIMSD25  
(Password is the same code)

Paper packets will be sent home  
Tuesday, the 2nd





# MPE LIBRARY

## Newsletter



SEPTEMBER 2025

MRS. N. CAMPO – LIBRARIAN

### Blooming with Books

We are blooming with books at MPE! Our reading program started on Friday, August 29. Students received their reading log and reading program information letter. Please keep the reading log in the back pocket of the blue home/school communication folder.

Students will color a flower for each book or chapter of a book that is read on their reading log. As logs are completed, please turn them in to receive another one. Students will earn one prize for each log turned in!

### Book Checkout

Students will borrow the library book(s) for one week, and return it on his/her library day for another book(s). Pre-K, Kindergarten and first grade students will check out one book, and second graders will check out two books.

Students who do not return their book on their library day will receive a "ticket" (a paper reminder to bring the library book back to school).

### Library Book Recommendations

Is there a book, a book series, or a specific topic of books that you and your family would like to recommend for our library? If so, please scan the QR code to submit!

Please note: All books that are recommended are not guaranteed to be purchased.



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### Upcoming Events

- Sept. 26 - Author Visit
- Sept. 30 - Sept. logs due
- Oct. 6-10 - Prize Week
- Oct. 20-30 - Book Fair
- Oct. 30 - Oct. logs due

### Contact Info

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

Phone: (985) 785-8266



# Counselor's CORNER

## SEPTEMBER 2025

### Monthly Topic: **Self-Awareness**

Self Awareness is a measure of how accurately we can recognize our feelings and thoughts and learn to understand how they influence our behavior. Students will be learning how to recognize and label their feelings, understand how emotions change, and understand how our thoughts and emotions are linked to behavior.



### Let's CONNECT!



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### Happy, Healthy Kids TIPS:

1. Encourage your child to talk about the different emotions they experience throughout the day.
2. Model talking about your own feelings and how they've changed over the course of the day.



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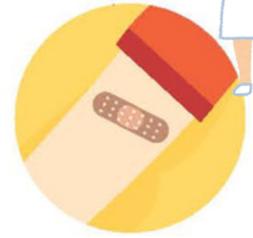


## Flu Information



# Flu:

## A Guide for Parents



Influenza (flu) is a contagious respiratory illness caused by influenza viruses that infect the nose, throat and lungs. Flu is different from a cold and usually comes on suddenly. Each year flu causes millions of illnesses, hundreds of thousands of hospitalizations, and tens of thousands of deaths in the United States.

Flu can be very dangerous for children. CDC estimates that between 2010 - 2020, between 6,000 and 27,000 children younger than 5 years old have been hospitalized from flu each year in the U.S. Flu vaccine is safe and helps protect children from flu.

## What parents should know

### How serious is flu?

While flu illness can vary from mild to severe, children often need medical care because of flu. Children younger than 5 years old and children of any age with certain long-term health problems are at increased risk of flu complications like pneumonia, bronchitis, sinus and ear infections. Some health problems that are known to make children more vulnerable to flu include asthma, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system.

### How does flu spread?

Flu viruses are thought to spread mainly by droplets made when someone with flu coughs, sneezes or talks. These droplets can land in the mouths or noses of people nearby. A person also can get flu by touching something that has flu virus on it and then touching their mouth, eyes, or nose.

### What are flu symptoms?

Flu symptoms can include fever, cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, body aches, headache, chills, feeling tired and sometimes vomiting and diarrhea (more common in children than adults). Some people with flu will not have a fever.

## Protect your child

### How can I protect my child from flu?

The first and best way to protect against flu is to get a yearly flu vaccine for yourself and your child.

- Flu vaccination is recommended for everyone 6 months and older every year. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for most children.
- It's especially important that young children and children with certain long-term health problems get vaccinated.
- Caregivers of children at higher risk of flu complications should get a flu vaccine. (Babies younger than 6 months are at higher risk for serious flu complications, but too young to get a flu vaccine.)
- Pregnant people should get a flu vaccine to protect themselves and their baby from flu. Research shows that flu vaccination during pregnancy can protect the baby from flu for several months after birth.
- Flu viruses are constantly changing so flu vaccines are updated often to protect against the flu viruses that research indicates are most likely to cause illness during the upcoming flu season.

### Are flu vaccines safe?

Flu vaccines have an excellent safety record. Millions of people have safely received flu vaccines for decades. Flu shots and nasal spray flu vaccines are both options for vaccination. Different types of flu vaccines are licensed for different ages. Each person should get one that is appropriate for their age. CDC and the American Academy of Pediatrics recommend an annual flu vaccine for all children 6 months and older.

### What are the benefits of getting a flu vaccine?

- **A flu vaccine can keep you and your child from getting sick.** When vaccine viruses and circulating viruses are matched, flu vaccination has been shown to reduce risk of getting sick with flu by about 40 to 60%.
- **Flu vaccines can keep your child from being hospitalized for flu in the pediatric intensive care unit.** One recent study showed that flu vaccine reduced children's risk of flu-related pediatric intensive care unit admission by 74%.
- **Flu vaccine can be life saving in children.**



A study using data from recent flu seasons found that flu vaccine reduced the risk of flu-associated death by half among children with higher risk medical conditions

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and by nearly two-thirds among children without medical conditions.

- Flu vaccination also may make your illness milder if you do get sick.
- Getting yourself and your child vaccinated also can protect others who may be more vulnerable to serious flu illness, like babies and young children, older people, and people with certain long-term health problems.

## What are some other ways I can protect my child against flu?

In addition to getting a flu vaccine, you and your child should take everyday actions to help prevent the spread of germs.

Stay away from people who are sick as much as possible to keep from getting sick yourself. If you or your child are sick, avoid others as much as possible to keep from infecting them. Also, remember to regularly cover your coughs and sneezes, wash your hands often, avoid touching your eyes, nose and mouth, and clean surfaces that may be contaminated with flu viruses. These everyday actions can help reduce your chances of getting sick and prevent the spread of germs to others if you are sick. However, a yearly flu vaccine is the best way to prevent flu illness.

## If your child is sick

### What can I do if my child gets sick?

Talk to your doctor early if you are worried about your child's illness.

Make sure your child gets plenty of rest and drinks enough fluids.

If your child is 5 years or older and does not have a long-term health problems and gets flu symptoms, including a fever and/or cough, consult your doctor as needed.

Children younger than 5 years old – especially those younger than 2 years – and children of any age with certain long-term health problems (including asthma or any lung disease, heart disease, diabetes and disorders of the brain or nervous system), are at higher risk of serious flu complications. Because children at higher risk of serious flu complications can benefit from early antiviral treatment of flu, parents of such children should contact their child's doctor if they develop flu symptoms.

### What if my child seems very sick?

Even healthy children can get very sick from flu. If your child is experiencing the following emergency warning signs, you should go to the emergency room:

- Fast breathing or trouble breathing
- Bluish lips or face
- Ribs pulling in with each breath
- Chest pain

- Severe muscle pain (child refuses to walk)
- Dehydration (no urine for 8 hours, dry mouth, no tears when crying)
- Not alert or interacting when awake
- Seizures
- Fever above 104°F
- In children less than 12 weeks, any fever
- Fever or cough that improve but then return or worsen
- Worsening of chronic medical conditions



This list is not all inclusive. Please consult your medical provider for any other symptom that is severe or concerning.

## Is there a medicine to treat flu?

Yes. Antiviral drugs are prescription medicines that can be used to treat flu illness. They can shorten your illness and make it milder, and they can prevent serious complications that could result in a hospital stay. Antivirals work best when started during the first two days of illness. Antiviral drugs are recommended to treat flu in people who are very sick (for example, people who are in the hospital) or people who are at higher risk of serious flu complications who get flu symptoms. Antivirals can be given to most children and pregnant people.

## How long can a sick person spread flu to others?

People with flu may be able to infect others from one day before getting sick to up to five to seven days after. Severely ill people or young children may be able to spread the flu longer, especially if they still have symptoms.

## Can my child go to school, day care, or camp if he or she is sick?

No. Your child should stay home to rest and to avoid spreading flu to other children or caregivers.

## When can my child go back to school after having flu?

Keep your child home from school, day care, or camp for at least 24 hours after their fever is gone. (The fever should be gone without the use of a fever-reducing medicine.) A fever is defined as 100°F (37.8°C)\* or higher.

\*Many authorities use either 100 (37.8 degrees Celsius) or 100.4 F (38.0 degrees Celsius) as a cut-off for fever, but this number can vary depending on factors such as the method of measurement and the age of the person.

For more information, visit

[www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm](http://www.cdc.gov/flu/protect/children.htm) or call 800-CDC-INFO



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## Información sobre la influenza



# La influenza:

## una guía para los padres



### ¿Qué es la influenza?

La influenza (también conocida como gripe) es una enfermedad respiratoria contagiosa causada por los virus de la influenza, que infectan la nariz, la garganta y los pulmones. La influenza es diferente a un resfriado y generalmente se presenta de manera repentina. Cada año, los virus de la influenza hacen que millones de personas se enfermen y cientos de miles sean hospitalizadas, y causan miles —o decenas de miles— de muertes en los Estados Unidos.

La influenza puede ser muy peligrosa para los niños. Los CDC estiman que se ha hospitalizado a entre 6000 y 26 000 niños menores de 5 años por la influenza cada año en los Estados Unidos. La vacuna contra la influenza es segura y ayuda a proteger a los niños contra la enfermedad.

### Lo que deben saber los padres

#### ¿Qué tan grave es la influenza?

Aunque la enfermedad de la influenza puede variar entre leve y grave, es frecuente que los niños necesiten atención médica. Los niños menores de 5 años y los de cualquier edad con ciertos problemas de salud de largo plazo tienen alto riesgo de presentar complicaciones por la influenza como neumonía, bronquitis e infecciones de oído o infecciones sinusales. Algunos de los problemas de salud que se sabe que hacen que los niños sean más vulnerables a la influenza incluyen el asma, la diabetes y los trastornos del cerebro o del sistema nervioso.

#### ¿Cómo se propaga la influenza?

Se cree que los virus de la influenza se propagan principalmente a través de las gotitas que se forman cuando una persona con la enfermedad tose, estornuda o habla. Estas gotitas pueden llegar a la boca o la nariz de las personas que estén cerca. Una persona también puede contraer la influenza al tocar algo que tenga el virus y luego tocarse los ojos, la nariz o la boca.

#### ¿Cuáles son los síntomas de la influenza?

Los síntomas de la influenza pueden incluir fiebre, tos, dolor de garganta, moqueo o congestión nasal, dolores en el cuerpo, dolor de cabeza, escalofríos, cansancio y, en algunos casos, vómitos y diarrea (más frecuentes en los niños que en los adultos). Algunas personas con influenza no presentan fiebre.



### Proteja a su hijo

#### ¿Cómo puedo proteger a mi hijo de la influenza?

La primera y mejor manera de protegerse contra la influenza es ponerse la vacuna anual contra la influenza y ponérsela a su hijo.

- La vacunación contra la influenza se recomienda para todas las personas de 6 meses en adelante todos los años. Tanto la vacuna

inyectable como la vacuna en atomizador nasal existen como opción para la vacunación contra la influenza.

- Es particularmente importante que se vacunen los niños pequeños y los que tengan ciertos problemas de salud de largo plazo.
- También se deben vacunar las personas que cuiden a niños que estén en alto riesgo de presentar complicaciones por esta enfermedad. (Los bebés con menos de 6 meses de edad tienen un alto riesgo de presentar complicaciones graves, pero son demasiado pequeños para ser vacunados contra la influenza).
- Las mujeres embarazadas también deben vacunarse para protegerse y proteger al bebé. Las investigaciones han mostrado que la vacunación contra la influenza protege al bebé durante varios meses después de que nace.
- Los virus de la influenza cambian constantemente, por lo tanto, las vacunas son actualizadas para que protejan contra los virus que, según indiquen las investigaciones, tengan mayores probabilidades de causar la enfermedad durante la siguiente temporada de influenza.

#### ¿Son seguras las vacunas contra la influenza?

Las vacunas contra la influenza se hacen usando estrictas medidas de seguridad y producción. Millones de personas las han recibido de forma segura durante décadas. Tanto la vacuna inyectable como la vacuna en atomizador nasal existen como opción para la vacunación. Diferentes tipos de vacunas contra la influenza están autorizadas para diferentes edades. Cada persona debe ponerse la vacuna que sea adecuada para su edad. Los CDC y la Academia Estadounidense de Pediatría recomiendan que todos los niños de 6 meses de edad en adelante reciban una vacuna anual contra la influenza.

#### ¿Cuáles son los beneficios de recibir una vacuna contra la influenza?

- La vacunación contra la influenza puede prevenir que usted y su hijo se enfermen. Cuando los virus de la vacuna coinciden con los que están circulando, la vacunación ha mostrado reducir en aproximadamente la mitad el riesgo de enfermarse.
- Las vacunas contra la influenza pueden prevenir que su hijo sea hospitalizado por esta enfermedad. Un estudio reciente mostró que la vacunación redujo en un 74 % el riesgo de hospitalizaciones de niños en la unidad de cuidados intensivos pediátricos relacionadas con la influenza.
- La vacunación contra la influenza puede prevenir que su hijo muera por esta enfermedad. En un estudio en el que se usaron los datos de temporadas de influenza recientes se halló que en los niños con afecciones de alto riesgo la vacuna redujo en la mitad el riesgo de muerte asociada a la influenza y que en aquellos sin afecciones lo redujo en casi dos tercios.
- En caso de contraer la influenza, la vacunación también puede hacer que la enfermedad sea más leve.

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- Si usted y su hijo se vacunan, también pueden proteger a otras personas que quizás sean más vulnerables a enfermarse gravemente, como los bebés y niños pequeños, las personas mayores y las personas que tengan ciertos problemas de salud de largo plazo.

## ¿De qué otras maneras puedo proteger a mi hijo contra la influenza?

Además de ponerse una vacuna contra la influenza, usted y su hijo deben tomar medidas cotidianas para ayudar a prevenir la propagación de los microbios.

Dentro de lo posible, manténganse alejados de las personas que estén enfermas para evitar enfermarse. Si usted o su hijo están enfermos, eviten estar con otras personas lo más posible para no contagiarlas. Además, recuerden cubrirse la nariz y la boca cuando tosan o estornuden, lavarse las manos frecuentemente, limpiar las superficies que puedan estar contaminadas con virus de la influenza y evitar tocarse los ojos, la nariz y la boca. Estas medidas cotidianas pueden ayudar a reducir sus probabilidades de enfermarse y prevenir la propagación de microbios a otras personas. Sin embargo, la vacunación anual contra la influenza es la mejor forma de prevenir esta enfermedad.

## Si su hijo está enfermo

### ¿Qué puedo hacer si mi hijo se enferma?

Hable con el médico pronto si le preocupa la enfermedad de su hijo.

Asegúrese de que descanse mucho y tome suficientes líquidos. Si su hijo tiene 5 años o más y no tiene problemas de salud de largo plazo, pero presenta síntomas de influenza (como fiebre o tos) consulte con su médico según sea necesario.

Los niños menores de 5 —especialmente los que tienen menos de 2 años— y los que tienen ciertos problemas de salud de largo plazo (como asma, diabetes, o trastornos del cerebro o del sistema nervioso) están en alto riesgo de presentar complicaciones graves relacionadas con la influenza. Llame o lleve a su hijo al médico de inmediato si el niño tiene síntomas de influenza.

### ¿Qué debo hacer si mi hijo parece estar muy enfermo?

Incluso los niños sanos pueden enfermarse gravemente por la influenza. Si su hijo tiene alguna de las siguientes señales de advertencia que indiquen que se trata de una emergencia debe llevarlo a la sala de emergencias:

- Respiración rápida o dificultad para respirar
- Coloración azulada o grisácea de la piel
- No tomar suficientes líquidos (no ir al baño o no orinar en cantidades normales)
- Vómitos intensos o persistentes
- No despertar o no interactuar
- Estar tan molesto que no quiere que lo tengan en brazos
- Síntomas de influenza que mejoraron, pero que luego regresaron con fiebre y una tos peor
- Fiebre con sarpullido

## ¿Hay algún medicamento para tratar la influenza?

Sí. Los antivirales son medicamentos recetados que se pueden usar para tratar la influenza. Pueden reducir la duración de la enfermedad y hacerla más leve. También pueden prevenir las complicaciones graves que podrían llevar a una hospitalización. Los medicamentos antivirales son más eficaces si se comienza a tomarlos en los primeros 2 días de la enfermedad. Los medicamentos antivirales se recomiendan para tratar la influenza en las personas muy enfermas (por ejemplo, las personas que están en el hospital) o que tengan alto riesgo de presentar complicaciones graves. Los medicamentos antivirales pueden darse a los niños y a las mujeres embarazadas.



## ¿Por cuánto tiempo puede una persona enferma transmitir la influenza a otras personas?

Las personas que tengan influenza pueden infectar a los demás desde 1 día antes de enfermarse hasta 5 a 7 días después. Las personas que estén muy enfermas y los niños pequeños podrían transmitirla durante más tiempo, especialmente si todavía tienen síntomas.

## ¿Mi hijo puede ir a la escuela, la guardería o el campamento si está enfermo?

No. Su hijo debe quedarse en casa para descansar y evitar contagiarles la influenza a los otros niños y a las personas que lo cuiden.

## ¿Cuándo puede regresar mi hijo a la escuela después de haber tenido la influenza?

Mantenga a su hijo en casa y espere al menos 24 horas después de que ya no tenga fiebre para llevarlo a la escuela, la guardería o el campamento. (La fiebre debe haber desaparecido sola, sin el uso de medicamentos que reduzcan la fiebre). La fiebre se define como una temperatura de 100 °F (37.8 °C) o mayor.

**Para obtener más información, visite**  
[espanol.cdc.gov/enes/flu](http://espanol.cdc.gov/enes/flu)  
**o llame al 800-CDC-INFO**



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## HEAT-RELATED ILLNESSES

### WHAT TO LOOK FOR

### WHAT TO DO

#### HEAT STROKE

- High body temperature (103°F or higher)
  - Hot, red, dry, or damp skin
  - Fast, strong pulse
  - Headache
  - Dizziness
  - Nausea
  - Confusion
  - Losing consciousness (passing out)
- Call 911 right away-heat stroke is a medical emergency
  - Move the person to a cooler place
  - Help lower the person's temperature with cool cloths or a cool bath
  - Do not give the person anything to drink

#### HEAT EXHAUSTION

- Heavy sweating
  - Cold, pale, and clammy skin
  - Fast, weak pulse
  - Nausea or vomiting
  - Muscle cramps
  - Tiredness or weakness
  - Dizziness
  - Headache
  - Fainting (passing out)
- Move to a cool place
  - Loosen your clothes
  - Put cool, wet cloths on your body or take a cool bath
  - Sip water
- Get medical help right away if:
- You are throwing up
  - Your symptoms get worse
  - Your symptoms last longer than 1 hour

#### HEAT CRAMPS

- Heavy sweating during intense exercise
  - Muscle pain or spasms
- Stop physical activity and move to a cool place
  - Drink water or a sports drink
  - Wait for cramps to go away before you do any more physical activity
- Get medical help right away if:
- Cramps last longer than 1 hour
  - You're on a low-sodium diet
  - You have heart problems

#### SUNBURN

- Painful, red, and warm skin
  - Blisters on the skin
- Stay out of the sun until your sunburn heals
  - Put cool cloths on sunburned areas or take a cool bath
  - Put moisturizing lotion on sunburned areas
  - Do not break blisters

#### HEAT RASH

- Red clusters of small blisters that look like pimples on the skin (usually on the neck, chest, groin, or in elbow creases)
- Stay in a cool, dry place
  - Keep the rash dry
  - Use powder (like baby powder) to soothe the rash



## WE NEED UNIFORMS!

MPE is in need of uniform donations! If your child has grown out of their uniforms, please consider donating them to MPE!



We are specifically in need of boys pants and shorts- all sizes!

If you forgot to order last year's yearbook- you are in luck! We have a limited amount of extra yearbooks from the 2024-2025 school year. If you would like to purchase one, please send \$20 cash or check in a labeled envelope.

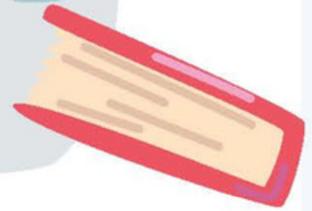


## BITS OF INFORMATION

- **Student sign out procedure:** Any adult checking out a student must have a photo ID and must also be listed on the child's emergency card.
- **Any note** or money sent to school for any reason must have the child's name and teacher's name legibly written on it.
- **Dismissal Changes:** Must be written on a **full sheet of paper**. Please add the address of your child's drop-off. No changes will be taken by phone. All notes must be received **BEFORE 2:30PM**. No child will be pulled off of a bus once they have boarded the bus. Dismissal change notes can also be faxed (985-785-1299), sent to school with your child, or emailed to [mimosa1@weareSCPPS.org](mailto:mimosa1@weareSCPPS.org). If you email your dismissal change, you will receive an email confirmation. Please do not email changes to the secretary, principal or the teacher.
- **Perfect Attendance:** Any student missing any amount of time from school must have either a parent or a doctor's note in order for that tardy/leave early or absence to be excused. Any amount of time absent from school exempts the student from perfect attendance, regardless if it is excused or not. Students missing more than 10 days of school could possibly be retained. Students with 5 or more unexcused absences, tardies or early exits in a semester are considered truant. Two parent notes can be accepted each 9 weeks. Doctor's notes must be in the original form.



**SEPTEMBER IS..  
ATTENDANCE  
AWARENESS  
MONTH**



**COMMIT TO SHOWING UP  
THIS SCHOOL YEAR!**

**STUDENTS WHO DO NOT HAVE ANY  
UNEXCUSED ABSENCES FOR THE  
MONTH OF SEPTEMBER WILL  
RECEIVE AN INCENTIVE OF THEIR  
SCHOOL'S CHOICE!**



**Here Today, Ready For Tomorrow!**  
2025 Attendance Awareness Campaign





# SCPPS Truancy Information



## \* Louisiana Law (R.S. 17:233)

- **Elementary & Middle School** students shall be in attendance a minimum of 167 days of the school year. Students may be absent only 10 days.
- **Elementary & Middle School** students who accrue more than 10 absences will not be eligible for promotion.

Two days per 9 weeks may be excused for personal illness or serious illness in the family by submitting a parent note if the total days missed do not exceed 10 days per school year. Valid written excuses must be provided to the school office specialist within 3 days of the student's return to school following an absence from school. (Reference SCPPS Student Code of Conduct Pg. 7)

## \* What to expect:

- At 3 absences/tardies students will receive a letter from their SCPPS home school of absences/tardies accrued.
- At 5 unexcused absences students will receive a truancy notification from SCPPS Child Welfare & Attendance Advocates on behalf of Family in Need of Services (FINS).
- At 8 unexcused absences, a student will be sent a notification from the Director of Juvenile Programs for a mandatory conference at the courthouse. Any further unexcused absences could result in court action.



Scan QR Code for  
list of additional community resources

### SCPPS Student Advocate Contact Information:

DHS & ACM	Gilbert George	ggeorge@wearescpps.org	985-785-3147
HHS & JBM	Stevie Stillinger	sstillinger1@wearescpps.org	985-785-3148
Westbank Elementary & RKS	Katie Evans	kevans@wearescpps.org	985-240-7321
Eastbank Elementary & HMS	Stacey Leone	sleone@wearescpps.org	985-240-7320

# Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News



We are off to a great start to the 2025-26 school year! Our membership drive is under way; remember, there is no obligation when you join PTO. It's simply a chance to raise funds for MPE and also be kept up-to-date with volunteer opportunities and news from the school.

Your \$5 fee and completed membership form can be returned to school in an envelope labeled PTO. If you need a form, please message our Facebook page or email [mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com](mailto:mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com).

Our membership drive will end on Friday, Sept. 26. You can join PTO at any time, but on this date, we will draw raffle prizes! All members will be entered into a raffle for a \$50 Walmart gift card and a \$50 Amazon gift card. For students, the class with the most members in each grade will earn a pizza party! ANYONE can be a member of MPE's PTO! We welcome grandparents and any other family members who may be interested in joining.

We will host our first Papa John's Pizza Day this month, on **Wednesday, September 17th!** Use the code RAISEFUNDS when you order, and 20% of those orders will go right back to MPE! We know our schedules are busy, so why not let them cook for you AND get money back to our school?! That is a win-win!

Like in past years, we will be collecting Box Tops and Community Coffee clippings this year. Download the Box Tops app and scan your grocery receipts for an easy way to support MPE. Box Tops can also be linked directly to your Walmart app, so there is no need to remember to scan receipts. Community Coffee labels can be physically sent in to PTO.



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



## Pre-K is off to a great start!



**safety  
first**

# HURRICANE SAFETY

Hurricane season officially starts June 1st and lasts until November 30th. Hurricanes can sometimes spawn tornadoes. If you live in a hurricane prone area, make sure you know where all of the evacuation routes are. Always listen to the radio and television for the latest information and instructions for your area.

A **HURRICANE WATCH** issued for your part of the coast indicates the possibility that you could experience hurricane conditions within 36 hours. This WATCH should trigger your family's disaster plan, and protective measures should be initiated. Especially, those actions that require extra time such as securing a boat and leaving a barrier island.

A **HURRICANE WARNING** issued for your part of the coast indicates that sustained winds of at least 74 mph are expected within 24 hours. Once this WARNING has been issued, your family should be in the process of completing protective actions and deciding the safest location to be during the storm.

## Before a Hurricane:

- Have a disaster plan.
- Have a pet plan, Before a storm threatens, contact your veterinarian or local humane society for information on preparing your pets for an emergency.
- Board up windows.
- Bring in outdoor objects that could blow away.
- Make sure you know which county or parish you live in.
- Know where all the evacuation routes are.
- Prepare a disaster supplies kit for your home and car. Have enough food and water for at least 3 days. Include a first aid kit, canned food and a can opener, bottled water, battery-operated radio, flashlight, protective clothing and written instructions on how to turn off electricity, gas, and water.
- Have a weather radio handy with plenty of batteries, so you can listen to storm advisories.
- Have some cash handy. Following a hurricane, banks and ATMs may be temporarily closed.
- Make sure your car is filled with gasoline.

## During a Hurricane:

- Stay away from low-lying and flood prone areas.
- Always stay indoors during a hurricane, because strong winds will blow things around.
- Leave mobile homes and go to a shelter.
- If your home isn't on higher ground, go to a shelter.
- If emergency managers say to evacuate, then do so immediately.

## After a Hurricane:

- Stay indoors until it is safe to come out.
- Check for injured or trapped people, without putting yourself in danger.
- Watch out for flooding which can happen even after a hurricane.
- Do not attempt to drive in flood water.
- Stay away from standing water. It may be electrically charged from underground or downed power lines.
- Don't drink tap water until officials say it's safe to do so.



# Excited about Enrichment September 2025



<p><b>P.E. with Mr. Paradise</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>My name is Mrs. Matherne and I want to welcome you to art. We will be talking about our art rules and procedures for the art room. We will also be doing an art I spy hunt to explore some new art tools in our classroom. I can't wait to start our creative art journey.</p>
<p><b>Music with Mrs. Pepperman</b></p>	<p>Welcome back everyone! My name is Mrs. Pepperman, and I am very excited to be your music teacher this year. This month, our young musicians will continue learning music room routines and experiencing music in various ways -such as listening, singing, and keeping the beat. I'm looking forward to a great year!</p>

## AHERA MANAGEMENT PLAN

**Notice:** In 1986 all asbestos materials were identified in all school buildings. A management plan was developed for each school as per the Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA). The management plan is located in a binder in the main office of each school. The binders are available for review upon request.

Since the plan was developed, most of the asbestos has been removed. In a few buildings, some floor tile still remains that contains asbestos. All of the schools meet the health requirements that pertain to the regulation. If you have any questions concerning this topic, please contact Kevin Barney, Director of Physical Plant Maintenance at 985-331-3600 between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m.

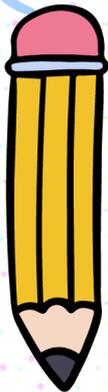
## TAKE NOTE!

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 the end of September, children should assume responsibility for getting things home. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

# hello kindergarten



It has been a very busy first few weeks in Kindergarten! On our first day of school, we took a tour of our new school trying to find Pete the Cat! We had time to explore math tubs, learned how to use our crayons, scissors, and glue, and even got to try out our new playground! Enrichment time is always an exciting time of our day! P.E., Music, Library, Counseling and Art have been so much fun! Our Kindergarteners have been working hard learning new rules and procedures. We have been practicing walking in the halls, sitting at our tables, on the rug and even the lunch table. The cafeteria ladies have been preparing delicious food for us everyday. We have learned how to play safely on the playground as well as what to do for a fire drill. There is still so much for us to learn and do this year! Kindergarten is going to be a blast!



**SAY IT:**

Courage: Being brave enough to do what you should do, even when you're afraid

# COURAGE



**KNOW IT:**

**ASK A GROWN-UP:**

- Share a time in your life when you chose to have courage, even when things seemed hard.
- Talk about a time when you wish you would have had more courage in the face of a hard situation.

**ASK A KID:**

- When was the last time you had courage and did something hard?
- Can you think of a friend or family member who has shown courage?

**SEE IT:**

Take a few minutes and watch "Have Courage and Be Fearless" by RocketKids. <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=o1CxKPrK5GY> In this episode of RocketKids, Vivian shares some of the things she is afraid of and how to have courage to face her fears. Throughout the video, she repeats the mantra, "Take that fear, get outta here, I got this." Take some time with your family to practice this mantra, or come up with your own to help you remember to have courage in the face of fear.

**BE IT:**

Discuss different situations when it may be difficult to have courage in the face of fear. Do some role-play activities for these situations. Act out how you can have courage to meet a new student at school, give a speech in front of your class, try out for a sport, or give a performance. The more you practice having courage, the more you will be able to say to your fears, "Take that fear, get outta here, I got this."

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
	1 Labor Day Schools closed	2 Reading program begins	3	4 Individual School Pictures *Must be in uniform	5	6
7 QI Progress Reports go home this week ➔	8	9	10	11	12	13
14	15 FUN RUN REGISTRATION BEGINS	16	17 No School for Students Professional Development Papa John's Night	18	19 Community Morning Meeting	20
21 Immunization Week ➔	22-24 Numeracy Screening 1st Grade (Mon & Tues)      2nd Grade (Wed & Thurs)			25	26 Author Visit Gator Glam Dress Down Day	27
28	29 September reading logs due FUN RUN FUNDRAISER KICKOFF	30				

# September 2025 Elementary Menus

## St. Charles Parish Public Schools

### SEPTEMBER IS NATIONAL BREAKFAST MONTH

This highlights the importance of eating a healthy, nutritious breakfast to fuel the body and mind for the day ahead. To get started, you can:

- **Commit to a healthy breakfast:** every day throughout September.
- **Focus on balance:** Include a mix of protein, carbohydrates, healthy fats, and dairy in your meal.
- **Explore new breakfast options:** and share recipes on social media using hashtags like #BetterBreakfastMonth.
- **Make it a family affair:** by enjoying meals together before heading out for the day.

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

### 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

Monday, September 1	Tuesday, September 2	Wednesday, September 3	Thursday, September 4	Friday, September 5
 <b>LABOR DAY</b> <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> Chicken 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>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Waffle Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
	<b>Lunch</b> Mesquite Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Apple Wedges	<b>Lunch</b> Beef Vegetable Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Garden Salad Banana Brownie	<b>Lunch</b> Beef Dippers Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Florets Baked Beans Pineapple Tidbits	<b>Lunch</b> Chicken Filet Sandwich Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Fresh Orange Wedges

Monday, September 8	Tuesday, September 9	Wednesday, September 10	Thursday, September 11	Friday, September 12
<b>Breakfast</b> Grits w/Sausage 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> Fresh Donut 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 Peaches	<b>Lunch</b> Nachos Steamed Corn Refried Beans Taco Salad Cup Apple Wedges	<b>Lunch</b> Salisbury Steak Mashed Potatoes Broccoli Dinner Roll Banana	<b>Lunch</b> Turkey Stew Steamed Rice Candied Yams Steamed Cabbage Strawberry Cup	<b>Lunch</b> Fresh Hot Pizza Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Orange Wedges Cookie



Monday, September 15	Tuesday, September 16	Wednesday, September 17	Thursday, September 18	Friday, September 19
<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>NO SCHOOL</b> <b>PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY</b>	<b>Breakfast</b> Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	<b>Breakfast</b> Pancake Sausage Bites Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
<b>Lunch</b> Popcorn Chicken Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cal Blend Veggies Ginnam on Apple Slices	<b>Lunch</b> Jambalaya Broccoli Florets Steamed Carrots WW Roll Pineapple Tidbits		<b>Lunch</b> Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Pears	<b>Lunch</b> Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges

Monday, September 22	Tuesday, September 23	Wednesday, September 24	Thursday, September 25	Friday, September 26
<b>Breakfast</b> <b>Breakfast Pizza or Egg Bites</b> 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> <b>Scone</b> 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 Mandarin Oranges	<b>Lunch</b> Spaghetti & Meat sauce Italian Salad Broccoli Florets Garlic Bread, Banana Jello w/Topping	<b>Lunch</b> Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Cucumber/Tomato Salad Pineapple Tidbits	<b>Lunch</b> Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Carrots w/Ranch Orange Wedges

Monday, September 29	Tuesday, September 30
<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>Lunch</b> Totchos Green Beans Applesauce Corn Bread	<b>Lunch</b> Sweet & Sour Meatballs Loaded Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn Apple Wedges

monthly celebrations

National Breakfast Month  
National Chicken Month  
National Mushroom Month  
National Honey Month  
National Whole Grains Month  
National Food Safety Education Month  
Fruits & Veggies—More Matters Month  
Hispanic Heritage Month | Sept. 15-Oct. 15  
National Suicide Prevention Month

National Papaya Month  
National Potato Month  
National Rice Month  
Sourdough September

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

