



PELICAN PRIDE

February 2026

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Angi Butler/Principal

Gina Burst/Assistant Principal

Kandyce Simoneaux/Assistant Principal

Principal's Message

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. We would like to formally welcome Mrs. Gina Burst to the Pelican Family where she will be supporting our Pelican students in place of Mrs. Aimie Heiden. After Christmas break, Mrs. Heiden was assigned as an Assistant Principal at Luling Elementary where she will continue her amazing work as a leader. We look forward to having Mrs. Burst as part of our leadership team. I am looking forward to having a successful spring semester as we move through quarter 3!

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 2nd-6th, we will celebrate National School Counselors Week by acknowledging our amazing counselors, Mrs. Lori Gonzales and Ms. Courtney Carrier for their dedication and service to all students. On Friday, February 13th, MPE students will participate in our annual Mardi Gras Parades.

Mark your calendar for PTO's Special Person Dance Event on Friday, February 6th from 5:00-7:00 and our annual Cake Bingo Night, which will be held on March 13th from 6:00- 8:00! Pre-order forms for Cake Bingo 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 2026-2027 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!



Administrators pictured left to right:
Gina Burst, Angi Butler(Principal) &
Kandyce Simoneaux

Mardi Gras Parade

MPE will hold its annual Mardi Gras Parade on Friday, February 13th 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.



MPE LIBRARY

Newsletter



FEBRUARY 2026

MRS. N. CAMPO – LIBRARIAN

Upcoming Events

- Feb. 27: Feb. logs due
- March 2-6: Prize Week (February Logs)
- March 31: March logs due



Book Club Members – Dec.

Congratulations!

Zabian Ali- 50 Book Club
Jocelyn Brown - 50 Book Club
Abel Candies - 50 Book Club
Brooklyn Colly - 50 Book Club
Paxton Heitkemper - 50 Book Club
Carter Lucia - 50 Book Club
Audrey Cheung - 100 Book Club
Nolan Clark - 100 Book Club
Paul Delaune - 100 Book Club
Genesis Draten - 100 Book Club
Seth Friloux - 100 Book Club
KyRee Henderson - 100 Book Club
Kai Ockman - 100 Book Club
Remi Ranatza-Doyle - 100 Book Club
Karter Raymond - 100 Book Club
Emily Beltz - 200 Book Club
Lila Francipane - 200 Book Club
Ava Salazar - 200 Book Club
Zi Wang - 200 Book Club
Daniel Champagne - 300 Book Club
Lily Taylor - 300 Book Club

Top Classes – Nov.

Congratulations!

Ms. Amy and Ms. Natalie - Pre-K
Mrs. Triche- Kindergarten
Mrs. Gallagher - First Grade
Mrs. Young - Second Grade



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.



SCAN ME

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Happy Mardi Gras!

KINDERGARTEN REGISTRATION

Parents/Guardians may register their child who will be five years old by September 30, 2026. Online registration requires you to bring documentation to school in-person.

WHAT INFORMATION IS NEEDED?

- Online registration requires you to bring documentation to school in-person
- Child's birth certificate & social security card
- Official Louisiana Driver's License or Louisiana issued ID Card.
- Proof of custody if applicable
- Temporary residency applications for provisional enrollment begins May 26, 2026
- Immunization records

WHEN IS REGISTRATION?

- Beginning February 2, 2026 you can use this QR code to register online.

English



Spanish



- You may register in-person at the school in your attendance area from March 16 - 20, 2026 between the hours of 9:30 a.m. - 12:30 p.m.

East Bank Schools:

- 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 Pre-Kindergarten

Will your child be 3 or 4 on or before September 30, 2026?

Apply for PK-3 or Universal Pre-K 4 to jump-start
their educational journey.

Beginning February 2, 2026, applications can be completed online using the
QR Code below or by visiting the district website at www.WeAreScpps.org

Applications must be submitted and all documentation received by February 27, 2026, to be
contacted for the first round of placements.

Application assistance is available, and documents should be turned in
at one of the following locations:

East Bank Head Start
(985) 764-7535
13292 River Road
Destrehan, LA 70047

Carver Early Learning Center
(985) 783-6617
337 Gum Street
Hahnville, LA 70057

Scan Here
English
Application



Scan Here
Spanish
Application



Locations for all 3-year olds

East Bank Head Start
G.W. Carver Early Learning Center

Locations for all 4-year olds

Allemands Elementary
Luling Elementary
Mimosa Elementary
New Sarpy Elementary
Norco Elementary
St. Rose Elementary

Pre-Kindergarten Program Application Requirements

Contact Rebecca Perilloux for support at 985-783-6617 or rperilloux@wearescpss.org

Required Documentation Needed for Application	If Applicable:
Child's original birth certificate *This cannot be uploaded; it must be brought to Carver Early Learning Center or East Bank Head Start.	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 the 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, 2026. Pending placements will be dropped if Temporary Residency has not been submitted by July 31.

Counselor's CORNER

FEBRUARY 2026

At Mimosa Park Elementary, our counseling program has a shared responsibility to support the social and emotional needs of all students to become productive global citizens. We embrace the diversity of our children by providing a safe, respectful, and nurturing environment.

Counseling Monthly Focus:

In our counseling lessons, students are learning about **diversity**—the idea that everyone is special and unique. We talk about how people can look different, learn differently, have different families, and enjoy different things, and that these differences help make our school a great place to be.

Through stories, pictures, and class discussions, students are learning to:

- * Be kind and respectful to everyone
- * Include others in play and learning
- * Use friendly words and actions
- * Appreciate what makes each person special



Let's CONNECT!



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Happy, Healthy Kids TIPS:

- Talk about what makes your family unique
- Read books that show different kinds of families and friends



Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

MPE PTO is excited to host two fun events our Pelican families won't want to miss. First up is our very first Special Person Dance on Friday, February 6 from 5:00–7:00 PM — a special evening for students and their chosen guest to make memories together. Then we're gearing up for one of our most loved traditions, Annual Cake Bingo, happening Friday, March 13 at 6:00 PM in the G Café. Cake Bingo is not only a fundraiser but a wonderful chance for families to come together for a night of laughter, community, and fun — and every Bingo winner takes home a cake.

We'll also have exciting raffle prizes this year, including a Local Business Basket, a Hotel Staycation Bundle, and popular gift cards to Amazon, Walmart, and Sky Zone, plus more. Raffle tickets are \$1 each, and winners do not need to be present to win. Each Mimosa student is asked to buy or sell 20 (or more) tickets, which will be sent home soon. Please do not cut tickets apart and be sure your student's name and homeroom teacher's name are included when turning them in. Classes will earn weekly prizes for top sales, and students who sell all 20 tickets before Mardi Gras break will be entered into a special prize drawing! Be on the lookout for Bingo card order forms and raffle tickets coming home soon!

Finally, our next Papa John's Pizza Day will be on February 11! Order your favorites any time, using the code RAISEFUNDS and help earn 20% back for MPE!



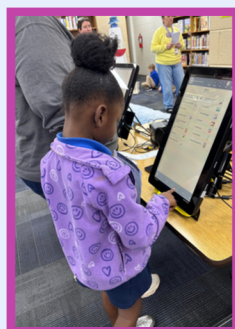
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We can be found at
www.facebook.com/MimosaParkElementaryPTO
or by scanning this QR code!



Reminder: NOTES

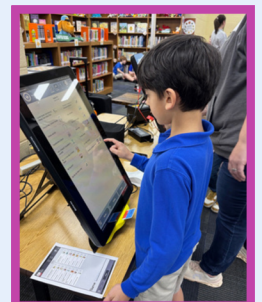
It is the parent's responsibility to provide a written, dated excuse for your child's absence(s), tardy, or early checkout on the first day back from the absence(s). Up to two (2) parental excuses per 9-week period will be accepted. Once the student goes over 10 missed days, parent notes will no longer 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.



Our students voted in the Louisiana Young Readers' Choice contest — on voting machines! Seeing kids use technology to make their voices heard felt powerful and modern.

Check out the winning books!





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.



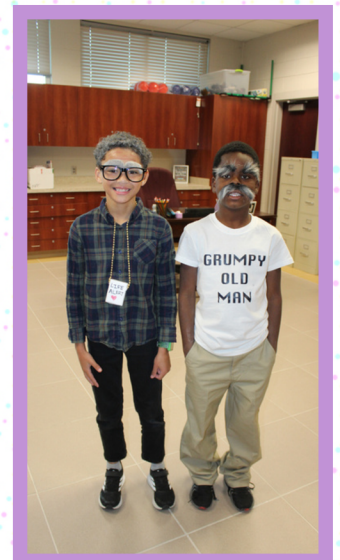
HAPPY
100TH
DAY
OF
SCHOOL



101 DAYS
OF
1ST GRADE



102 Days of
2nd Grade





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 habits 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 brushing 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!



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Kindergarten & Pre-K: Jackson Danford, Paul Delaune, Eli Dorwart, Alivia Fernandez, Sanaa Johnson, Brian Pellet, Jemma Siless, Kane Smith & Dwayne Williams

First Grade: Lila Francipane, Elijah Hall, Aubrey Page, Luke Reulet, Mya Simpson & Forrest Smith

Second Grade: Tyce Akers, Abigale Berry, Mila Brito, Ryan Lovett, Pharaoh Mitchell, Audrey Trauth & Jordyn White

Congratulations to all of you!



Excited about Enrichment February 2026



P.E. with Mr. Paradise & Ms. Crutti	This month we will be working on our overhand throw.
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 our 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.

MIMOSA PARK ELEMENTARY



TEACHER
OF THE MONTH
AMANDA TREGRE



SUPPORT STAFF
OF THE MONTH
ANDRIA HINDMAN

DECEMBER 2025

Thank you for all you do to
help our students bloom!

MPE LUNCH VISITOR SCHEDULE

Week of September 8th - Pre-K & K

Week of September 15th - 1st Grade

Week of September 22nd - 2nd Grade

Week of September 29th - Pre-K & K

Week of October 6th - 1st Grade

Week of November 3rd - 2nd Grade

Week of November 10th - Pre-K & K

Week of November 17th - 1st Grade

Week of January 6th - 2nd Grade

Week of January 12th - Pre-K & K

Week of January 20th - 1st Grade

Week of January 26th - 2nd Grade

Week of February 9th - Pre-K & K

Week of February 23rd - 1st Grade

Week of March 2nd - 2nd Grade

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*Sign-ups open on Friday
afternoons for following week

Lunch Times

Pre-K & K:

11:20-11:50 (Bozzelle, Francis,
Hooper, Swint)

Kindergarten

10:45-11:15 (Triche, McGowan, Otwell)
11:00-11:30 (Trapani, Tregre, Sirmon)

1ST GRADE:

11:50-12:20 (Babin, Palmer, Tastet)
12:25-12:55 (Gallagher, Harter, Moran)

2ND GRADE:

11:15-11:45 (Fisher, Gaspard, Poirier)
12:50-1:20 (Fauchaux, McWilliams,
Plaisance, Young)

SAY IT:

Commitment: Making a plan and putting it into practice

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Describe a commitment you have made in your life. What was your plan and how did you put it into practice?
- Why is it important to stick with your commitments?

ASK A KID:

- Describe a commitment you have to make at school or in an extracurricular activity.
- How can making a plan help you stick to your commitments?

SEE IT:

In the movie Up, Carl makes a commitment to take his wife Ellie on a dream vacation to Paradise Falls. As life continues to move along, many obstacles arise making it difficult to fulfill this commitment. When Ellie passes away, Carl is left alone, and decides to make a plan and finally fulfill this commitment in memory of his wife. This movie is an excellent example of the commitment Carl makes to his wife Ellie and his determination to follow through on their dreams.

Take a few minutes to watch the trailer for Up: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=HWEW_qTLSEE

BE IT:

Plan a family movie night to watch the movie Up. Discuss the power of making a commitment and working hard to follow through to achieve that commitment. As a family, commit to something you want to accomplish. Maybe it's a vacation you want to take, a project around the house, a person you want to help, or just to consistently spend time together as a family. Write out a plan of how you are going to make this commitment become a reality. Encourage each other as you work hard to put this plan into practice.

COMMITMENT



Sun

Mon

Tues

Wed

Thurs

Fri

Sat

FEBRUARY

2026

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2 **Playgroup**
10:00 AM

3 **K-Artsperience**
Field Trip

Class
Photos

National School Counselor Week

4 **Pre-K**

100th Day
of School

5 **Early Dismissal**
12:45
Parent/ Teacher
Conferences

Progress reports sent home

6 **Early Dismissal**
12:45
Parent/ Teacher
Conferences

Special Persons
Dance
5-7

7

8

Pre-K & K
Lunches
→

9 **Playgroup**
10:00 AM

1st Grade
Artsperience
Field Trip

10

11

Papa John's
Pizza Night

12

13 **MPE**
Parade
9:45

Mardi Gras
dress down

LWE Parade
1:00

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MARDI
GRAS

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Mardi Gras Holidays- NO School All Week

22

1st Grade
Lunches
→

23 **Playgroup**
10:00 AM

24 Kindergarten
Children's
Museum
Field trip

25

F.A.C.T
Night
5:30-6:30

26 **Community**
Morning
Meeting

Black History
Month Program
and dress down

27

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February 2026 Elementary Menus

St. Charles Parish Public Schools



Every complete
meal we serve
comes with your
choice of low fat
or nonfat milk!

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, February 2	Tuesday, February 3	Wednesday, February 4	Thursday, February 5	Friday, February 6
Breakfast Pancake on a Stick Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast French Toast Sticks Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Egg Bites Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes & Gravy Cal Blend Veggies Cinnamon Apple Slices	Lunch Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Florets Steamed Carrots WW Roll Pineapple Tidbits	Lunch Chili, Fritos Garden Salad Steamed Corn Banana Cake or Crisp	Lunch Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Green Beans Fruit	Lunch Hamburger/Cheeseburger Crinkle Cut Fries Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges
			EARLY DISMISSAL	EARLY DISMISSAL



Monday, February 9	Tuesday, February 10	Wednesday, February 11	Thursday, February 12	Friday, February 13
Breakfast Breakfast Pizza Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Scone Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Chicken Tenders Waffles Green Beans Steamed Carrots Sliced Peaches	Lunch Orange Chicken Fried Rice Asian Chopped Salad Edamame Beans Mandarin Oranges	Lunch Spaghetti & Meat Sauce Italian Salad Broccoli Garlic Bread Banana	Lunch Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Cucumber/Tomato Salad Pineapple Tidbits	Lunch Mini Corn Dogs Tater Tots Carrots w/Ranch Orange Wedges Jello w/Topping



Local Mardi Gras celebrations

Saturday, Feb. 14

Krewe of Lul

Sunday, Feb. 15

Krewe of
Des Allemands

Tuesday, Feb. 17

Mardi Gras Day

Mardi Gras Holiday No School

Monday, February 15 through Friday, February 20



Monday, February 23	Tuesday, February 24	Wednesday, February 25	Thursday, February 26	Friday, February 27
Breakfast Grits w/Sausage Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Red Beans w/Steamed Rice Steamed Carrots Seasoned Mustard Greens Cornbread Peaches	Lunch Tacos w/Cheese Steamed Corn Refried Beans Salsa Apple Wedges	Lunch Shepherd's Pie Broccoli Florets Dinner Roll Banana	Lunch Turkey Stew Steamed Rice Candied Sweet Potatoes Steamed Cabbage Strawberry Cup	Lunch Fresh Hot Pizza Marinara Sauce Garden Salad Orange Wedges Cookie

Special Days

Feb 2 | Groundhog Day
Feb 4 | National Homemade Soup Day
Feb 6 | National Chopsticks Day
Feb 14 | Valentines Day
Feb 16 | President's Day
Feb 17 | National Cabbage Day
Feb 20 | National Muffin Day
Feb 27 | National Chili Day
Feb 28 | National Pancake Day

Monthly celebrations

Pride in Foodservice Week | Feb. 2-6
Random Acts of Kindness Week | Feb. 14-20
Black History Month
International Friendship Month
National Cherry Month
National Sweet Potato Month
National Women Inventors Month
Potato Lovers Month