



PIRATE TREASURES



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,

Spring is here! As warmer weather approaches, please be sure your student is in compliance with the dress code policy in the student handbook.

MAAP assessments will be given the week of April 28th-May 1st. It is very important for students to be present and on time every day as we prepare for these tests.

Any additional help you could give at home would certainly benefit your child.

Kim Scutch, Principal



April Events

April 2nd

5th grade Field Trip

April 3rd & 6th

Easter Holidays

April 16th

Progress Reports Issued

April 24th

April Student of the Month
Celebration

April 28th-May 1st

MAAP Testing



HAPPY
EASTER

APRIL/MAY
2026



PEARL UPPER
ELEMENTARY

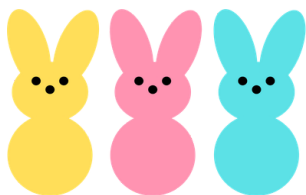
ART

Ms. Creighton



In April, we will talk about the country of Australia during art class and begin creating a project on cockatoos. During May, students will work on a variety of free-drawing projects to allow for creativity.

REMINDER: Please download the BoxTops app on your phone and scan your grocery receipts. This gives money to our school to help buy fun art supplies for our students! Also, remember to send pencil store money with your student on Art day.



LIBRARY

Mrs. Harrell

As we're wrapping up the school year, please remind students to meet their AR goals! To earn an AR certificate at Awards Day, students must have either met their AR goal every nine weeks term or have earned 40 or more AR points for the year.

Also, please remind your student to take care of any books checked out from the Library and to keep up with his/her Library book. Fines for any lost Library books must be cleared by the end of the school year!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Edmondson



April and May will be very busy months in P.E., so lace up your tennis shoes and get ready! We will start the month of April with retesting students on our Project Fit America equipment. This will show the progress students have made in endurance, strength, balance, and coordination this school year. We will end the month with some fun team-building games!



MUSIC

Mrs. Berger

During the month of April, fifth graders will have a beginner guitar unit. They will learn a simplified chord progression that is commonly used in popular songs. We will follow up with a review so that students in band and/or choir will be ready for 6th grade music classes!

Fourth graders will concentrate on learning music for the upcoming PUE Honor Choir auditions. I will send home information about the PUE Honor Choir and expectations in April. Each time we're in Music class, we'll focus on having a good singing voice in order to be ready for these auditions. We will also continue to work on old and new chords for the ukulele. So far, students are able to play C, A minor, and F chords. We will continue to work on the G7 and G chords. Ukulele play-alongs can be found in my Google Classroom. The code for "Mrs. Berger's Music Class 2026" is rdx64io.

COMPUTER

Ms. Gray



During the months of April and May, the 4th and 5th grade students will use their knowledge to design, develop, and showcase their projects. They will also be completing quizzes, writing essays, and researching information related to coding.

Please remember to encourage your child to practice their typing lessons at home and to use proper typing technique while practicing typing! This will help your students on their upcoming MAAP assessments!



CONGRATULATIONS

March Teacher of the Month
Mrs. Mary Koering



4th Grade
March Students of the Month

5th Grade
March Students of the Month



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Nurse Robyn



Smart Screens: Building Healthy Media Habits

Screens are a big part of kids' lives, and learning healthy habits now helps students stay balanced, safe, and connected. Healthy screen habits include:

- Setting clear screen-time expectations for weekdays and weekends
- Keeping screens out of bedrooms at night to support sleep
- Encouraging screen-free time for play, reading, and family connection
- Talking regularly about online behavior, kindness, and safety

Digital Kindness & Safety Reminders:

- Be kind and respectful online, just like in person
- Pause before posting or sending messages—words matter
- Never share personal information (full name, address, passwords)
- Tell a trusted adult if something online feels unsafe or uncomfortable

Did You Know?

- Screen use before bed can make it harder for kids to fall asleep.
- Positive online behavior supports emotional health and confidence.
- Clear screen rules help kids feel safer and more secure.

Try a Screen Reset:

Choose one screen-free time each day (such as meals or the hour before bed) and stick with it for a week. Small changes can make a big difference.

