



PELICAN PRIDE

April 2026

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Principal's Message

MPE Pelican Families,

March was a busy month filled with rigorous quality instruction, fun, and educational activities! Spring is here, that is evident! Let us capitalize on students' enthusiasm as well as motivate them to focus in the 4th Quarter in order to reach their highest potential. Continue to encourage your child to make good choices, complete home and class assignments, and always do their best.

Many thanks to those who participated in PTO's Cake Bingo Night and all those Pelican families that attended to make it a huge success! According to PTO, "The feedback from Cake Bingo has been amazing! Everyone is saying how much they enjoyed it and how fun it was. It was a wonderful night of family fun that fostered our home and school relationships!"

I would like to thank our PTO board for their continuous commitment to the students and staff at MPE: Amy Hall, Kristina Brown, Jessica Gordon, crystal Chauffe, Tiffany Duplantis, Kali Davis, Dara Donnaud, Emily Landry, Bethany Fauchaux, Stephanie Smith, Katie Ayo, Alexis Dufrene, Cera Jewell, Simone Bourg, Valerie Bruce, Teri Junot and Dwayne Washington. Their tireless work has resulted in exciting school events and profitable fundraising, along with treats and meals. Their dedication is commendable, admirable, and unmatched! Thanks to each board member for their generous donation of time, commitment and willingness to ALWAYS meet the needs of students and staff!

The last two months of the school year are extremely busy. Please see the calendar for April events, including special activities and field trips that will be taking place this month.

Thanks for your continued support of
Our Core Business: Teaching and Learning
Our Focus: Continuous Improvement
Our Commitment: Learning for Life

Sincerely,
Angi Butler, Principal



Mimosa Park Elementary PTO is proud to announce that we will once again offer school supply kits. Each kit will contain all of the brand name items needed for school. The kits will be shipped to school, wrapped in plastic and have your child's name on it. We know how much hassle and guess work goes into buying school supplies and believe this is the perfect solution. The kits will also save you an average of \$20-\$35. Be on the lookout for more information.

MPE LIBRARY

Newsletter

APRIL 2026

MRS. N. CAMPO – LIBRARIAN

Upcoming Events

- April 13-17: Prize Week (March logs)
- April 30: April logs due
- April 30 - LAST DAY of Reading Program
- May 4-8 - Prize Week (April logs)

Top Classes – Feb.

Congratulations!

Mrs. Cindy & Mrs. Holly – Pre-K
Ms. Amy & Ms. Natalie – Pre-K
Mrs. Tregre – Kindergarten
Mrs. Moran – First Grade
Mrs. Poirier – 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

Book Club Members – Feb.

Congratulations!

Sairiya Sheyin – 50 Book Club
Colt Skelton – 50 Book Club
Benjamin Borge – 100 Book Club
Finn Sponge – 100 Book Club
Blair Hill – 100 Book Club
Palmer Landeche – 100 Book Club
Jaxon Miller – 100 Book Club
Harmani Robertson – 100 Book Club
Rhett Savoie – 100 Book Club
Logan Savoy – 100 Book Club
Dwayne Williams – 100 Book Club
Kaymen Wright – 100 Book Club
Jad Alhusseini – 200 Book Club
Colton Barrilleaux – 200 Book Club
Jaleigh Burke – 200 Book Club
Aiden Cortez – 200 Book Club
Leland Savoie – 200 Book Club
Mason Weinberg – 200 Book Club
Toni Kate Gonzales – 300 Book Club
Aubrey Tregre – 300 Book Club
Averie White – 300 Book Club

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HOW TO KEEP YOUR CHILD ENGAGED IN LEARNING AT HOME OVER THE SUMMER:

St. Charles Parish Public School remains committed to ensuring every child is intentionally and strategically prepared for academic success. As such, all students exiting grades K- 5th are encouraged to access Lexia and Zearn throughout the summer to reinforce and strengthen their skills. These programs can be accessed from any computer.

- Students in grades K-2 who were placed or retained will be provided additional resources that can be completed at home to support their academic growth.

HOW TO ACCESS INSTRUCTIONAL MATERIALS

1. Go to Clever.com/in/SCPPS
2. Click the “Log in with Google” button.
3. Enter the student’s school issued username and password.
4. Icons for the products the student has access to will be displayed.



Zearn



Lexia Core5

Counselor's CORNER

APRIL 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: **Growth Mindset**

This month, students will be learning about having a **growth mindset**—the belief that they can improve by trying, practicing, and not giving up. We will be talking about how our brains are like muscles. When we try hard things, our brains grow stronger! Students will practice using helpful phrases like:

"I can't do this...yet!"

"I will keep trying!"

"Mistakes help me learn!"



Let's CONNECT!



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Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

- Praise effort, not just results (e.g., "You worked really hard on that!")
- Encourage your child to try again when something feels difficult
- Remind them that mistakes are part of learning



Quarter 3 Awards

PELICAN AWARD *Award Recipients*



PELICAN AWARD *Award Recipients*



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE *Award Recipients*



ACADEMIC EXCELLENCE *Award Recipients*



BEST EFFORT *Award Recipients*



BEST EFFORT *Award Recipients*



MOST IMPROVED *Award Recipients*



MOST IMPROVED *Award Recipients*



PERFECT ATTENDANCE *Award Recipients*



PERFECT ATTENDANCE *Award Recipients*



Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

Our most recent fundraiser, **Cake Bingo**, was a soaring success! We had an incredible turnout, and we want to give a big Pelican-sized **THANK YOU** to our amazing families for your support in making the night so special. We hope everyone had a wonderful time, and congratulations to all of our lucky winners who went home with delicious cakes and exciting prizes!

PTO would also like to extend a sincere thank you to our **administration, faculty and staff who volunteered**. We had an incredible amount of help, which truly allowed the event to run smoothly-we couldn't have done it without you!

Thanks to your generosity, the funds raised will allow us to celebrate in a big way this spring. We're looking forward to treating our outstanding faculty and staff during **Employee Appreciation Week**, followed by a special celebration for our wonderful students during **Student Appreciation Week**. In true Pelican spirit, we're also proud to share that the majority of the remaining proceeds will go back to our school to help continue funding the permanent cover for the outdoor lunch area-a lasting improvement for all of our students and families.

We would also like to extend our heartfelt appreciation to our incredible **Cake Bingo Sponsors**. Thanks to their generosity, **every single cake was donated once again this year**, and we were able to raffle off an amazing local business bundle valued at over \$1000 filled with gift cards and merchandise-all donated!

As we continue to grow and thrive together this spring, we encourage our Pelican families to thank and support the local businesses that so generously support MPE.

Raffle Item Donors:

Academy Travel -Bethany Richoux	Hollywood Nail Salon
German Coast Beer Co.	PJ's Coffee
Cherry Lane Boutique	Head Hunters Hair Salon
Best Life Nutrition	Academy Travel
Adventure Quest	The Basketry
Grand Ridge Golf Club	Canvas Carousel
River Parish Resin	Trendsetters Barber Lounge
Miss Sew It all	Dipped by Ryder
Fall in Love Designs	Salon B
Cajun Lady's Lagniappe	Maya Vaughn Aesthetics
The Magnolia Label	Amberhaus
Hampton Inn & Suites-Elmwood	Blend Nutrition
Breaux's Inflatables	Will Dempsey
Homemakers Eats-Jada Wilson	The Seafood Pot
Rise N' Grind	

Cake Donations:

The Table	Rose Orgeron
Dat'sa My Cookies	Malori Percle
I-No Cookies	Laura Wattigney
Cera Jewell	Blaire Dunn
Stasi Boatwright	Debbie Freeman
A'Lexis Jefferson-AJ Treats	
Jada Rome	
Laurie Vitrano Borel	
Wild Flour Baking Co.	
Angele Baker	
Stacy Dumestre	
BDemp Fit-Brittany Dempster	
Laurie Bolee	
Irresistible Itineraries with Kortney	

Next up, join us for our **Papa John's Pizza Night on April 15th**, and stay tuned for **Faculty Appreciation Week and Student Appreciation Week in May!** If you or a business would like to sponsor a themed day for our faculty, please email **mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com**.

Thank you for being such an important part of our school community!

MPE MATH RESOURCE PROGRAM

The Math Resource program is designed to help students that have consistently struggled in the area of mathematics. The program attempts to build number sense, alleviate math anxiety, and help students become confident problem solvers. Currently 8 second grade students and 8 first grade students receive Math Resource at Mimosa Park Elementary during their enrichment time. If you feel your child may benefit from the Math Resource program next year, please email the math resource teacher, Carrie Folse at cfolse@wearescpps.org.





**safety
first**

FIRST AID



TIPS

Entire books have been written about First Aid, so these are some basic steps to take in a few common medical situations. This is not an all-inclusive list and those wishing to learn more should look into taking a First Aid course in your community (such as through the Red Cross).

It is important to make sure the scene is safe before you approach someone to render First Aid. You don't want to put yourself in danger or you won't be of any help and will need help yourself! Call 9-1-1 as soon as possible if condition is serious.

- Cuts/Scrapes – Apply pressure to stop any bleeding and apply dressing once bleeding is controlled.
- Sprains – Keep injured limb elevated, apply ice pack (NEVER apply ice directly to skin!), ace wrap or compression wrap, avoid weight bearing, seek further treatment.
- Heat exhaustion – move to cool, shaded area out of sun, offer small sips of water, loosen/remove some clothing, apply cool towels to body, fan if available.
- Burns – first degree is reddened skin without blister (like sunburn); second degree is when skin is also blistered and swollen; third degree looks like white or black/charred skin. With all burns, remove skin from source of burn (sun, fire, hot surfaces, etc...) and run cool water over area. Don't break open blisters. Cover loosely and get advanced medical help.
- Allergic Reactions – Keep person calm, have them lie down, elevate feet, loosen clothing, do not give them anything to eat/drink, assist with Epi Pen if they have one prescribed.
- Fractures (broken bones) – Don't try to straighten area, stabilize with splint or padding, apply ice pack, elevate if possible. Get advanced medical care.
- Strokes – if you suspect someone is having a stroke, note the time symptoms started and call 9-1-1...the time is very important to note!



Training in CPR, choking, using an AED and more First Aid situations should be considered. However, if you are not trained or comfortable assisting someone who is injured or having a medical emergency, you can assist by calling 9-1-1 and staying with them until advanced help arrives.



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE



THINK BEFORE YOU LET THEM DRINK

Children are drowning in soft drink options. Dental experts say we need to teach children early to break the trend of reaching for carbonated drinks to quench thirst. Consumption of such drinks has been linked to diabetes, obesity and osteoporosis. A steady diet of soft drinks is a leading cause of tooth decay. The bacteria in your child's mouth turn the soda's carbohydrates and sugar into an acid that is harmful to teeth. Soft drinks contain sugar that turn into an acid and the drinks already contain acids. Check the labels. Diet sodas also have acid so they are not a good substitute.

Get children into the healthy habit of drinking water between meals. It is also suggested that fruit juices be limited. It is better for youngsters to eat fresh fruit.

When children drink soft drinks, it should be done while eating rather than sipping a cola all day long. Every time soda is sipped, it is a 20 minute attack on the teeth. Continue to practice good preventative dental care and, as always, keep smiling.

Tanya Street, R.N.
School Nurse



ST. CHARLES PARISH PUBLIC SCHOOLS APPEALS PROCESS

The School Building Level Committee is charged with the responsibility of reviewing all information regarding student placement for the next year. If a child has not been promoted the parents will be informed by mail and by phone of the SBLC decision within 3 working days of the last scheduled day for students. If the decision is for the student to be retained in the current grade, the parent will be informed of the right to appeal at the school level. If a parent chooses to appeal the decision, school level appeals must be filed with the school within 10 working days of school notification. Review of placement shall be conducted by the SBLC members appointed by the principal.

If the initial SBLC decision stands, the parents will be informed by mail and by phone of their right to appeal to the District within 3 working days of the SBLC appeal meeting.

Grade placement appeals to the District Level must be received at the St. Charles Parish School Board Office within 10 working days of notification.

Please do not park and leave your vehicle unattended in the front of the school. This area should be free of unattended parked vehicles. This is a **FIRE ZONE**. Also, please do not double park and block properly parked vehicles. Please do not park in spots designated for employees, secretaries or other "reserved" spots even if the spot may be temporarily empty.



STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We recognized our students of the month for February at our March Community Morning Meeting!

Kindergarten & Pre-K: Oliver Abadie, Scarlett Caire, Audrey Cheung, Emery Glorioso, Alexander Howard, Omayya LuJan, Derrick Smith, Lillie Toups, Duke Wiggins & Meghan Wilson

First Grade: Jad Alhusseini, Austin Hall, Willow Odend'hal Corley, Suzanne Ortego, Mason Weinberg & Alexander Wutke

Second Grade: Emaline Deroche, Evie Dupre, John List, Baylen Minchew, Amere Raymond, Eileen Tejeda Gutierrez & Elijah Wetzel

Congratulations to all of you!



Enrichment April 2026



P.E. with Mr. Paradise & Ms. Crutti	This month we are going to continue to work on teamwork! We are working on our core strength as well as leg strength. We will be playing different scooter games in preparation for scooter hockey. In health, we will learning about how to keep our surroundings clean. We will learn about picking up trash and why it is so important to our planet.
Art with Mrs. Matherne	This month, we are exploring the wonderful world of texture in our art class. We are taking texture walks to remind the students that textures are found everywhere. We are also using texture in our drawings.
Music with Mrs. Pepperman	This month in music, we will be expanding our knowledge of musical elements. First grade is working hard to prepare for their very first concert.



TEACHER
OF THE MONTH
LISA POIRIER



SUPPORT STAFF
OF THE MONTH
ERIC GRIFFIN

FEBRUARY 2026

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

Mark your calendars!

On Tuesday, May 19th, the MPE first graders will perform their spring concert. All are welcome to attend this performance at the Lafon Performing Arts Center in the Shell Theater. The concert will begin at 6:00 PM. First graders should meet in the flex room no later than 5:30 PM. Please come out to support our talented musicians!



SAY IT:

Honor: Letting others know you see how valuable they really are

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Who are some people we should honor in our community?
- Talk about a time when you felt honored by someone else.

ASK A KID:

- How can you honor people who are valuable to you?
- How does it make you feel when someone shows you honor?

SEE IT:

It is easy to look back through history and learn about people who have earned our honor. In school, we learn about great people who have made important contributions to our community and our country.

As a family, watch "Liberty Kids: Honor and Compromise." (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6PIhI7SIbZI>). As you watch, pause the video when you see examples of how the characters show honor to others. Take time to discuss how and why each of these characters show honor.

BE IT:

Make a list of people in the community who you can honor as a family. Come up with some ways your family can let these people know you see how valuable they really are. Maybe you can make some thank you cards, bake cookies, find a way to help them with an important project, or purchase a small gift. Start a family habit of identifying people who deserve your honor and let them know they are valuable to you.

HONOR



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
April 2026			1 Spring Pictures	2 Kindergarten Easter Parade 2:30-3:15 CLASS EASTER PARTIES	3 Good Friday NO SCHOOL	4
5 Happy Easter	Spring Break- NO SCHOOL			9 Students return to school	10	11
12	13 Playgroup 10:00 AM K Field Trip Zoo 1st Grade Testing	14	15 Papa John's Pizza Night 1st Grade Field Trip Children's Museum Kindergarten Testing	16	17 2nd Grade Testing	18
19	20 Playgroup 10:00 AM 2nd Grade Testing	21 1st Grade Numeracy Screener	22	23 Kindergarten Numeracy Screener	24 Community Morning Meeting	25
26	27 Playgroup 10:00 AM 2nd Grade Numeracy Screener	28	29	30		

April 2026 Elementary Menus

St. Charles Parish Public Schools

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



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



April Celebrations

Daily Celebrations

1st - April Fool's Day
2nd - National PB&J Day
3rd - National Burrito Day
4th - International Carrot Day
8th - National Empanada Day
15th - National Banana Day
23rd - National Picnic Day
29th - International Dance Day
30th - National Raisin Day

Other Celebrations

1-9th - Passover
5th - Easter
20-24th - Every Kid Healthy Week
Earth Month
National Garden Month
School Library Month
World Autism Month
Arab-American Heritage

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

Easter Break

Break begins on:
Friday, April 3

Classes resume:
Thursday, April 9

Wednesday, April 1
Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chili, Fritos
Garden Salad
Steamed Corn
Banana
Easter Cake

Thursday, April 2
Breakfast
Pop Tarts
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Easter Brunch
Scrambled Eggs
Sausage, Grits
Biscuit
Tater Tots, Salsa
Pineapple Tidbits

Friday, April 3
Good Friday
No School Today

Monday, April 13
Breakfast
Confetti Pancakes
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Tostitos
Green Beans
Applesauce
Corn Bread

Tuesday, April 14
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Sweet & Sour Meatballs
Mashed Potatoes
Steamed Corn
Dinner Roll
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, April 15
Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Potato Soup
Cheddar Goldfish
Garden Salad
Banana
Brownie

Thursday, April 16
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Roasted Chicken
Mac & Cheese
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Baked Beans
Pineapple Tidbits

Friday, April 17
Breakfast
Waffle
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chicken Filet Sandwich
Crinkle Cut Fries
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Fresh Orange Wedges

Monday, April 20
Breakfast
Grits or Parfait
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Red Beans w/Rice
Steamed Carrots
Seasoned Mustard Greens
Cornbread
Peaches

Tuesday, April 21
Breakfast
Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

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

Wednesday, April 22
Breakfast
Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Manager's Choice

Thursday, April 23
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Turkey Stew
Steamed Rice
Carrot Soufflé
Steamed Cabbage
Strawberry Cup

Friday, April 24
Breakfast
Donut
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Hamburger/Cheeseburger
Tater Tots
Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle
Baked Beans
Orange Wedges

APRIL 15 NATIONAL BANANA DAY

A FUN AND HEALTHY CELEBRATION FOR EVERYONE

WHY BANANAS DESERVE THEIR OWN DAY
Bananas are more than just a tasty snack — they're full of goodness:
Potassium, Fiber, Vitamin I-6, Natural energy

A DAY FOR ALL AGES
National Banana Day has gone global. It's now a day that people of all ages use to learn about nutrition, try banana-themed recipes, and of course — just have a little fun

WAYS TO CELEBRATE NATIONAL BANANA DAY
Make banana-inspired food: pancakes, smoothies, muffins...
Banana dress-up: wear yellow or dress like a banana
Banana crafts & games: make banana art, write poem, trivia
Share the fun: post creations online with #NationalBananaDay

FUN FACTS TO MAKE YOU GO BANANA
Bananas are technically berries, but strawberries aren't!
A bunch of bananas is called a 'hand', and each banana is a 'finger'

Monday, April 27
Breakfast
Pancake on a Stick
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chili
Garden Salad
Steamed Corn
Baked Cinnamon Apples

Tuesday, April 28
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, April 29
Breakfast
French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Chicken Tenders
Crinkle Cut Fries
Baked Beans
Banana

Thursday, April 30
Breakfast
Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch
Fish Nuggets
Curly Fries
Cucumber & Tomato Salad
Pear Halves

HAPPY EARTH DAY 2026

10 Simple Ways to Celebrate Earth Day

Small actions. Real impact.

- Plant a tree
- Save electricity
- Save water
- Reduce plastic use
- Recycle and reuse
- Join a clean up day
- Choose eco-friendly products
- Support local and organic food
- Learn and teach others
- Make Earth-friendly habits daily

Every step is Earth Day