



May 2026

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Principal's Message

Dear Pelican Families,

It seems like just recently we were in August welcoming our students to another year of learning and growing. Now we are in the month of May and still attending to our core business of teaching and learning as we prepare to close out this very productive school year! Please join me in celebrating the successes and accomplishments your children have experienced this year and throughout the remaining 15 days of school. As a special tribute, we will celebrate students during "Student Appreciation Week" from May 11th through May 15th.

We will also be recognizing all the hard work and dedication our teachers have put into making this year one of the BEST years yet! They have been phenomenal in creating an environment that fosters learning, regardless of the speed bumps we have encountered and they have gone above and beyond to meet the needs of all students, no matter how big or small. We will be celebrating all they do for our students during "Teacher Appreciation Week" from May 4th through May 8th.

We are so thankful for the successful fundraisers sponsored by our PTO throughout the year which made many events and celebrations possible. Our deepest gratitude goes out to you, the parents/guardians of our students, for your partnership with our teachers in fostering the academic and social/emotional development of your child during the 2025-2026 school year. Thank you for your unwavering support as we strived to make this year one of the BEST ones YET!

Working together, we truly exemplified our theme of "Grow Together, Bloom Forever!" We will finish strong and we look forward to another phenomenal year as we move into the 2026-2027 school year!

I truly appreciate all of your support of MPE!
Have a safe and happy summer!

Angi Butler
Principal



MPE LIBRARY

Newsletter

MAY 2026

Phone number: (985) 785-8266

MRS. N. CAMPO - LIBRARIAN

Email: ncampo@wearescpps.org

Library Book Reminder

Be sure to turn in all library books. The last day of book checkout was Friday, April 24. Beginning Monday, May 4, weekly reminders will be sent home with students that have books checked out. If the book is lost or damaged, a fee will be assessed. Thank you for supporting our library this year!

Top Classes - March

Congratulations!

Mrs. Cindy & Mrs. Holly - Pre-K
Mrs. Triche - Kindergarten
Mrs. Koester - First Grade
Mrs. Fisher - 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 - March

Congratulations!

Bexley Eusea - 50 Book Club
Emery Glorioso - 50 Book Club
Marshall Peltier - 50 Book Club
Tatum Davis - 100 Book Club
Evie Hodge - 100 Book Club
Norah Rice - 100 Book Club
David Whittaker - 100 Book Club
Aurora Bourg - 200 Book Club
Cailyn Coleman - 200 Book Club
Lucas Junot - 200 Book Club
Luke Reulet - 200 Book Club
Brody Taylor - 200 Book Club
Meghan Bickham - 300 Book Club
Layla Coronado-Phillips - 300 Book Club
Saylor Glorioso - 300 Book Club
Ryan Lovett - 300 Book Club
Adaleigh Nugent - 300 Book Club
Vivian Sumpter - 300 Book Club
Alyce Swayze - 300 Book Club

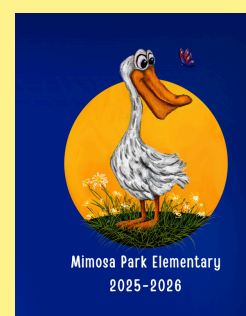
Upcoming Events

May 4-8 - Prize Week
(April logs)

Our kindergarten students participated in the Easter parade. They threw candy to the rest of the student body and staff! It was a fun kick-off to Spring Break!



We have a limited number of 2025-2026 yearbooks leftover. If you would like to purchase one, please send \$23 in cash or check in an envelope labeled "yearbook" and your child's name.



Picnic With Pelicans



SPRING CLEANING TIME!!!

Please consider helping us restock the uniform supply shelves in the MPE office. We are looking for used, good condition MPE uniform shirts as well as shorts and pants. We can only accept plain-front polos in royal blue & white or t-shirt/collared shirts with 'the pelican' logo. Please - no cargo pants. These apparel items are used to help clothe students in need. So, clean out your closets & drop your donations off in the school office, thank you!



Counselor's CORNER

MAY 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: Careers

This month, our enrichment classes will focus on careers! Even though your child is still in elementary school, it's never too early to start introducing the idea of careers and helping them explore what interests them. Understanding careers early on can help children develop a sense of direction, build self-confidence, and open their minds to the world of possibilities. Encourage your child to explore their interests, whether it's through hobbies, sports, or other activities, as these experiences will also help them discover possible career paths.



Let's CONNECT!



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Happy, Healthy Kids TIP:

Many careers require skills beyond academics, such as communication, teamwork, and problem-solving. Help your child develop these skills by encouraging group activities, such as sports, volunteering, or joining clubs.



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](https://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.

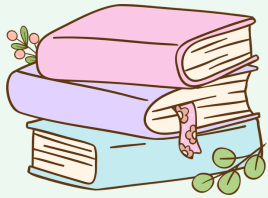


What to Know: School Millage Renewal Election

On May 16, voters in St. Charles Parish will consider renewing two existing school system millages. ***These are not new taxes***, just a continuation of current funding that supports our local public schools. Notably, one of the renewals is proposed at a ***lower*** maximum rate than what is currently authorized.

These millages make up a significant portion of the district’s budget (36%) and help pay for essential needs like teacher salaries, classroom resources, student programs, school safety, technology, and facility upkeep. In short, they help ensure students continue learning in safe, modern environments with strong academic opportunities and highly qualified educators.

Renewing this funding is key to maintaining the quality of education families expect and the success the district has achieved. For more information about the millages and what’s on the ballot, visit wearescpps.org/renewals.



SUMMER READING TIPS



Summer shouldn't mean taking a break from learning, especially when it comes to reading. Studies show that most students experience a loss of reading skills over the summer months, but children who continue to read actually gain skills. During the summer parents can help children sustain (and even bolster) reading skills, strengthen their vocabulary and reinforce the benefits of reading for enjoyment.

Remember that children need free time, away from structured academic learning, and the summer is the perfect time to relax and enjoy the pleasures of childhood. So summer reading should be fun.

The following are a few tips to make summer reading enjoyable for your children:

Read aloud together with your child every day. Make it fun by reading outdoors - on the front steps, patio, at the beach or park. Also, let your children read to you. For younger children, be sure to practice letter-sound correspondence, do lots of rhyming and clapping out syllables, and explore the relationships between oral language and print.

Set a good example! Keep lots of reading material around the house. Turn off the TV and have family reading time (including mom and dad).

Let kids choose what they want to read, and every so often, read the same book your child is reading and discuss it.

Take your children to the library regularly. Most libraries sponsor summer reading clubs with easy-to-reach goals for pre-school and school-age children. Check the library calendar for special summer reading activities and events. Libraries also provide age appropriate lists for summer reading.

Subscribe, in your child's name, to magazines like Sports Illustrated for Kids, Highlights for Children, or National Geographic World. Encourage older children to read the newspaper and current events magazines as a way of keeping up the reading habit over the summer and enhancing a growing vocabulary.

Trips can be a fun way to encourage reading. Ask your children to read traffic signs and billboards aloud. Show them how to read a map, and once you are on the road, let them take turns being the navigator.

Encourage children to keep a summer scrapbook. Tape in souvenirs of your family's summer activities - picture postcards, ticket stubs, photos. Have your children write the captions and read them aloud as you look at the book together.

Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

As the school year winds down, PTO is busy planning both Faculty/Staff and Student Appreciation Weeks. We will be celebrating our amazing faculty and staff with treats the week of May 4-8! Don't forget to spoil your teachers NEXT week!

Student Appreciation Week will be held May 11-15. Students will dress down according to a theme each day and also enjoy snacks and treats all week!

Dress down days are:

Monday, May 11 - Musical Monday -wear your favorite musical or band shirt!

Tuesday, May 12 - Treasure Hunt Tuesday - dress up like an explorer!

Wednesday, May 13 -Wacky Wednesday - wear mismatched/ wacky outfits!

Thursday, May 14 - Throwback Thursday - dress up from a different time period!

Friday, May 15 - Future Friday - dress up as your future self!



We can't wait to celebrate EVERYONE at Mimosa within the next couple of weeks!



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

- If your child has any medication that was checked in to school, I ask that you pick it up by **May 21st**. Medication that is not picked up must be discarded.

-If you need to make arrangements for a later pick up, please contact me.

- If your child has special needs requiring a health plan (seizures, asthma, diabetes, tube feedings, etc...) please arrange with their doctor to get new doctor's orders for next school year and have them date it on or after July 1, 2026.

- If your child will need medication next school year, please get your new doctor's orders and new prescription filled **ON OR AFTER July 1, 2026**. As you may know, **NEW ORDERS ARE NEEDED AT THE START OF EACH SCHOOL YEAR**. We cannot use last year's orders.

-I will send home dietary forms for all students with a listed dietary allergy before school ends. Please have this form filled out and signed by your child's healthcare provider and submit it to the school by DAY ONE of next school year.

- I hope you all have a happy, restful and safe summer. Remember to stay well hydrated and use sunscreen and other sun protection while enjoying the sun.

Tanya Street, RN



Childhood memories are filled with summertime fun which means trips to the beach, ice cream, and rides at the amusement park. While your family enjoys the summer, emergency room doctors don't enjoy what they refer to as the trauma season. Trauma is preventable. Keeping your children out of the emergency room takes thought and preparation. First and foremost, please remember to drive safely and use proper child seating and safety belts. It could save your child's life, yours and protect your family. Heat can kill. Children are smaller than adults and they dehydrate quicker. When kids play, they sweat. They should not be out in the heat for more than 30 minutes. Bring them inside for at least 15 minutes for water and snacks.

Insect Bites can be dangerous. Bugs also enjoy the outdoors. These creepy crawly, biting, stinging pests don't have to be such a pain if parents discourage children from getting excited and moving rapidly when they see insects - movement encourages insects to bite. Keep sugary foods and trash cans away from outside play and eating areas and avoid sweets during picnics - unless water is accessible to rinse off sticky areas after eating.

Sun Tips to Prevent Skin Cancer in Later Life. There are many steps you can take to reduce your child's exposure to the sun's rays. Sunscreens, wide brimmed hats, protective clothing and sun avoidance (between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m.) are important for maximum sun protection. Sunscreens should be viewed as a back-up to primary means of sun protection such as shirts, hats and sun avoidance. Always reapply sunscreen - even if it's waterproof - immediately after coming out of the water.

Bike Riding without helmets is an accident waiting to happen. Wearing a cast on an arm or leg can be uncomfortable in the summer, but you cannot put a cast on a child's brain. Brain injury is the most serious of injuries. Children must wear helmets every time they're on their bikes- no matter what.

Water Safety is critical. According to the US Consumer Product Safety Commission, an estimated 260 children under five years of age drown each year in residential swimming pools and spas. It is estimated that another 3,000 children under age five are treated in hospital emergency rooms following submersion accidents each year. Some of these submersion accidents result in permanent brain damage. Nationally, drowning is the fourth leading cause of death to children under five. To ensure that your children are safe, never leave them unsupervised around water. Teach your child to swim, but remember that younger children shouldn't be left unsupervised around water even if they know how to swim. It is recommended that children under age four not be given formal swimming lessons, especially as a primary means to prevent the risk of drowning.

- Always wear a safety approved life jacket when on a lake, river or ocean while boating, water skiing, jet skiing or tubing.
- Warn your children about playing in canals or other fast moving water.
- Do not let your child play around any water (lake, pool, ocean, etc.) without adult supervision (even if he is a good swimmer).
- Don't allow running or rough play around the water.

Childproof your swimming pool with a fence around your backyard and a fence (at least 4 feet high) around the pool, with a self-closing, self-latching gate. Also consider having a phone poolside and learning CPR in case of emergencies.

Water park Safety is another place where children should never go unsupervised at all times. Older kids can use the buddy system. If your child is a weak swimmer use a floatation device. Be sure to read and follow ALL park rules. Your child should always wear sunscreen. Do not be fooled by waterproof sunscreen. Reapply it after swimming. Give them plenty of water to drink to avoid heat related illnesses and know their physical limits. Observe rides before you let them ride them. Do not allow children to dive. Always make sure you know the depth of the water they waded in. If you have a toddler touching them at all times to check body temperatures. Most minor injuries at water parks are caused by slips and falls - don't run. It's a good idea for parents to know CPR, First Aid and where telephones are located.

Home Playgrounds - make sure your home playground is safe. Falls cause 60 percent of playground injuries, so having a safe surface is critical. Concrete, asphalt or packed dirt surfaces are too hard. Use at least 9 inches of wood chips or mulch.

Sports - use softer-than standard baseballs, safety-release bases and batting helmets with face guards to reduce baseball-related injuries to children. If you are a soccer parent, beware that movable soccer goals can fall over and kill children. Make sure the goal is anchored securely at all times and never allow anyone to climb on the net or goal framework or hang from the cross bar. Remove nets when the goals are not in use. To prevent serious injuries while using a trampoline, allow only one person on at a time, and do not allow somersaults. Use a shock-absorbing pad that completely covers the springs and place the trampoline away from structures and other play areas. Kids under 6-years-old should not use full-size trampolines. Don't allow a game of hide-n-seek to become deadly. There have been nationwide reports of numerous suffocation deaths involving children who crawled inside old cedar chests, latch-type freezers and refrigerators, iceboxes in campers, clothes dryers and picnic coolers. Childproof old appliances and warn children not to play inside them. If summer plans include camping and you want heat inside your tent or camper, use one of the new portable heaters that are equipped with an oxygen depletion sensor (ODS). If oxygen levels start to fall inside your tent or camper, the ODS automatically shuts down the heater before it can produce deadly levels of carbon monoxide (CO). Do not attempt to use alternative sources of heat or power to warm a tent or camper. Traditional camping heaters, charcoal grills, camping lanterns, and gas generators also can cause CO poisoning. As school's out for summer, kids are everywhere and parents should be too. Even though your children may be older, make sure you're on watch, so that you won't have to take a trip to the emergency room. Enjoy the summer with your children - **SAFELY!**

STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

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

Kindergarten & Pre-K: Abel Candies, Everly Chauvin, Evelyn Damare, Eleanore Dejean, Russell Diggs, Raynold Green, Mila Gros, Blaire Hill and Keylanny Romero

First Grade: Mya Bolden, Kira Bouillon, Brielle Gilmore, Parker Koelling, Ava Salazar and Avery Stromeyer

Second Grade: Charles Langhoff, Logan Ledbetter, Cain Speights, Alyce Swayze, Eliana Tolleson, Vera Williamson and McKenzie Young

Congratulations to all of you!



Enrichment May 2026



P.E. with Mr. Paradise & Ms. Crutti	For the final month of PE we will continue working on teamwork principles. The students will also get a chance to start learning about their transition in becoming first graders, second graders and third graders. We will also be discussing summer fun and safety, while continuing to stress the importance of daily activity during the summer break.
Art with Mrs. Matherne	Our young artists will continue to learn about color families. Second graders will create a symmetrical piece of art layered on a weaving and a 3D drawing. First graders will create a symmetrical butterfly and a watermelon slice still life, while Kinders will learn how to weave and draw a self portrait. It has been my pleasure to teach so many wonderful young artists.
Music with Mrs. Pepperman	We have had such a fantastic time this year in music! As this final month draws to a close, we will spend time reviewing and polishing all of the skills we've worked on this year. I give a huge thanks to all of our students who've worked so hard to make this year a great one! Have a great summer!



TEACHER
OF THE MONTH
KELLI MATHERNE



SUPPORT STAFF
OF THE MONTH
STEPHANIE HARDY

MARCH 2026

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

Mark your calendars!

Student Appreciation Week will
be celebrated the week of
May 11-15.



Teacher/Faculty Appreciation
Week will be May 4-8.
Remind your students to honor
their teachers and faculty this
week for all they do!



SAY IT:

Perseverance: Refusing to give up when life gets hard

KNOW IT:

ASK A GROWN-UP:

- Tell me about a time in your life when you showed perseverance.
- When has it been hard for you to persevere?

ASK A KID:

- Can you think of some ways you can show perseverance at home or school?
- What is the toughest thing about showing perseverance?

SEE IT:

We can all admit that sometimes life gets hard. It is difficult to keep on working on a goal when we face challenges or setbacks. If you have ever watched the Ice Age movies, you have been entertained by the antics of Scrat, the saber-toothed squirrel who is obsessed with getting an acorn that keeps getting away.

Gather the family around and watch Scrat demonstrate amazing perseverance in this clip: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=KAmlHa-Rztg>. While it is funny to watch Scrat chasing after his acorn amidst challenge after challenge, we can all agree showing perseverance when things get hard isn't usually that much fun.

BE IT:

Take some time as a family and write down some goals. These could be fitness goals, educational goals, household projects, saving for a big purchase or vacation, or maybe just a goal to spend more quality time together. Create a poster or vision board to display the goal for the family to see every day. As you are working together to reach this goal, talk about the challenges you are facing and how you can work together to refuse to give up no matter how hard the challenges get. Continue to work together as a family to show perseverance as you encourage each other to keep working hard even when life gets hard.

Perseverance



Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
May 2026						1
						2
3	4	5	6 Kindergarten Signing/ Pelican Prep night 5:30 PM	7	8	9
Teacher Appreciation Week						
10	11 HHS GRAD WALK Wear a band or music shirt	12 Dress like an explorer	13 Mismatched /Wacky Outfits	14 2nd Grade Field Trip to Lakewood Dress like a different time period	15 Community Morning Meeting Q4 Pelican Awards Dress as your future self	16
Student Appreciation Week						
17	18 Pre-K Performance 9:30 Last Day for Pre-K 12:45 Dismissal	19 2nd Grade Awards 9:30-10:30 1st Grade Performance 6:00 12:45 Dismissal	20 12:45 Dismissal	21 Last Day for Students 12:45 Dismissal	22 Last Day for Teachers	23
24	25 Memorial Day	26 Report Cards Mailed Home	27	28 HELLO SUMMER	29	30
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May 2026 Elementary Menus

St. Charles Parish Public Schools

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



SCHOOL LUNCH HERO DAY

Friday, May 1

Breakfast

Egg Bites
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Garden Salad
Orange Wedges
Cookie

FRIDAY, MAY 1

Help us express
appreciation for our
school cafeteria staff.
These ladies are
committed to caring
for our students every day!

Monday, May 4

Breakfast

Breakfast Pizza
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Waffles
Green Beans
Steamed Carrots
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, May 5

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Nacho's
Steamed Corn
Refried Beans
Sala
Apple Wedges

Wednesday, May 6

Breakfast

Cinnamon Roll
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Spaghetti & Meatsauce
Italian Salad
Broccoli Florets
Garlic Bread
Banana

Thursday, May 7

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

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

Friday, May 8

Breakfast

Scone
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Mini Corn Dogs
Crinkle Cut Fries
Baby Carrots w/Ranch
Orange Wedges
Jello w/Topping

Monday, May 11

Breakfast

Confetti Pancakes
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Totchos
Green Beans
Applesauce
Corn Bread

Tuesday, May 12

Breakfast

Chicken Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Orange Chicken
Fried Rice
Asian Chopped Salad
Edamame Beans
Mandarin Oranges

Wednesday, May 13

Breakfast

French Toast Sticks
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Vegetable Soup
Grilled Cheese Sandwich
Garden Salad
Banana
Brownie

Thursday, May 14

Breakfast

Sausage Biscuit
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

Lunch

Manager's Choice

Friday, May 15

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, May 18

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Chicken Tenders
Crinkle Cut Fries
Green Beans
Sliced Peaches

Tuesday, May 19

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Fresh Hot Pizza
Marinara Sauce
Veggie
Fruit

Wednesday, May 20

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Mini Corn Dogs
Crinkle Cut Fries
Veggie
Fruit

Thursday, May 21

Breakfast

Manager's Choice
Cereal w/Graham Crackers
Yogurt w/Tiger Bites
Fruit or Juice Choice

EARLY DISMISSAL

Lunch

Bosco Sticks
Marinara Sauce
Veggie
Fruit

Friday, May 22

SCHOOL'S
-out for-
SUMMER

May Celebrations

Daily Celebrations

1st - School Principals' Day
4th - National Orange Juice Day
6th - National Teacher Day
6th - National School Nurse Day
13th - International Hummus Day
15th - National Chocolate Chip Day
21st - Eat More Fruits and Vegetables Day
28th - World Hunger Day

Other Celebrations

Food Allergy Awareness Month
National Asparagus Month
National Egg Month
National Salad Month
National Salsa Month
National Strawberry Month
Mental Health Awareness Month

Have a
GREAT SUMMER!

Thanks for eating with us
this year. We look forward
to seeing you when
school starts up again!