



PELICAN PRIDE

August 2026

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Principal's Message

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Dear Mimosa Park Elementary School Family,

It is with great excitement and enthusiasm that I officially welcome you to the 2026–2027 school year! We are thrilled to begin another wonderful year of learning, growth, and discovery at Mimosa Park Elementary School. Our Pelican family is a special community, and we are honored to partner with you as we nurture and support your children during these important early years of their educational journey.

I am proud to introduce our administrative team, who are dedicated to leading and serving our Mimosa Park Pelicans:

Ms. Angi Butler, Principal

Ms. Gina Burst, Assistant Principal

Ms. Kandyce Simoneaux, Assistant Principal

We are also excited to welcome several new members to our Pelican family this year! Joining our **Pre-K team** are **Ms. Ashley Pierce, Ms. Jennifer Champagne, Ms. Katie Kunkel, Ms. Ayesha Lay, Ms. Ashley McKnight, Ms. Takeisha Sylvester, and Ms. Savanna Barbee**. We are also pleased to welcome **Ms. Paula Jascot, Instructional Coach; Ms. Hope Bran, Kindergarten Teacher; and Ms. Lacey Powers, Interventionist**. Additionally, we are excited to have two resident teachers joining us this year, **Ms. Gracie Posie and Ms. Ella Baudoin**.

Please join us in giving all of our new Pelicans a warm welcome! We are fortunate to have such talented and caring educators joining our team, and we look forward to the energy, expertise, and heart they will bring to our school community.

The elementary years are a precious and foundational time in a child's life. During these early years, students are not only learning to read, write, problem-solve, and explore the world around them—they are also discovering who they are as learners, friends, and members of their community.

At Mimosa Park Elementary, we are committed to creating a school environment where **every child feels safe, loved, valued, and capable of success**. We want each student to have the tools, guidance, encouragement, and support needed to grow academically, socially, and emotionally.

This year, you will see continued improvements and enhancements designed to strengthen our students' overall well-being and learning experience. We are excited to begin the implementation of **7 Mindsets** and our social-emotional learning curriculum to help students develop important skills such as resilience, empathy, responsible decision-making, positive relationships, and a growth mindset.

Our mission at Mimosa Park Elementary School is to provide **high-quality instruction that develops empowered, empathetic, and responsible lifelong learners**. We believe that children thrive when schools and families work together toward a shared purpose. Our faculty, staff, administration, and families each play an important role in helping our students reach their fullest potential.

We believe that every child matters, every child can learn, and every child deserves our very best. As we work together, we will maintain high expectations while providing the patience, encouragement, and nurturing support our young learners need to meet those expectations.

Parents and families, you are your child's first and most important teachers. Your encouragement, involvement, and partnership make a tremendous difference in your child's confidence and success. We invite you to support your child by creating a positive and encouraging learning environment at home, celebrating their progress, encouraging curiosity, reading together, and reminding them that mistakes are a natural and valuable part of learning.

Together, we can create a strong foundation that will help our children flourish, not only academically, but also as kind, confident, compassionate, and responsible individuals.

I am incredibly excited about all that the **2026–2027 school year** has in store for our Mimosa Park Pelicans. There will be challenges to overcome, milestones to celebrate, friendships to build, and countless opportunities to learn and grow.

Thank you for entrusting us with your children. It is a privilege to serve as your principal, and I look forward to partnering with each of you throughout the school year.

The future is bright at Mimosa Park Elementary, and I know that together we can make this year better than good...**it's going to be GREAT!**

With Pelican Pride,

Angi Butler

Principal

Mimosa Park Elementary School





Meet the Librarian

Mrs. Campo



About Me:

Welcome to the MPE Library! My name is Natalie Campo, and I am thrilled to be your child's Librarian. The 2026-2027 school year marks my 20th year as an educator in St. Charles Parish Public Schools. I started my teaching career as a second grade teacher at MPE, and I am thrilled to begin my 16th year as the MPE Librarian. I can't wait to begin a new school year and to share our libraries with our MPE Pelicans!

My Favorites

Stores: Amazon and Dollar Tree
Food: Mexican
Hobbies: Crafting
Flowers: All!
Drink: Coffee
Season: Fall
Sport: Baseball (Go Tigers!)
Subject: Reading
Color: Beige
Book: Too many to choose just one!

Contact Information

(985) 785-8266

ncampo@wearescpss.org

Education:

Louisiana State University - Bachelor's Degree
Louisiana State University - Master's Degree
Northwestern State University - School Library Certification
National Board Certified Teacher - Library/Media

Fun Facts:

- My Dad is from Greece and my Mom is from Cajun Country.
- I am training to complete my 3rd marathon in February.

Nurse's Notes



Welcome back to school! I would like to review a few important things to assure your child has a safe and healthy year:

- If your child has any medical conditions that require medication at school, please call me so I can send you a medication packet. This may include asthma inhalers, Benadryl, or Epi Pens for allergic reactions, ADHD meds, etc. As a reminder, **NO CHILD CAN BRING ANY MEDICATION TO SCHOOL WITHOUT THE PROPER PAPERWORK.** This includes topical creams or ointments, any oral medication, inhalers, cough drops, medicated lip balm, etc. Also, medication paperwork has to be renewed **EVERY YEAR.**
- **PLEASE** keep your child home if they have fever, abdominal pain, vomiting, diarrhea, pink eye, suspicious rashes, or anything that may be contagious. **IMPORTANT:** If your child has fever over 100.4 degrees they cannot be at school. They have to be free of fever for 24 hours without the aid of medication to return to school.
- Please remember to keep your phone number and all emergency contact numbers up to date. Should an emergency arise, we would need to get in touch with you!
- If your child has any dietary allergies or restrictions or needs special dietary accommodations, please pick up a dietary packet at the school or email me to send one home with your child. This is a form that is required by Child Nutrition in order for them to flag your child's account in the lunch line and assure they don't get foods or drinks that they are allergic or sensitive to. It must be completed and signed by a Doctor or Nurse Practitioner. A new form is required every school year.

Tanya Street, R.N.
School Nurse
tstreet@wearescpps.org

PTO ONLINE STORE IS OPEN

The PTO online store is open!

Visit

<https://skippers.chippily.com/mpe>
to purchase uniform shirts,
sweatshirts and more! The online
store will close Sunday, August
23rd at midnight.



August

Counselor's Corner



MPE Counselors

Our counseling team is excited to welcome our students back and begin another year of learning, growing, and making connections. We are looking forward to continuing to support our students as they navigate the many exciting experiences and challenges that come with a new school year. Our goal is to help every child feel safe, supported, confident, and ready to learn.

If you have a concern about your child or would like to discuss ways we can provide support, please don't hesitate to reach out. We are always happy to partner with you.
MPE Counselors,
Lori Gonzales and Courtney Carrier

Contact us at:
lgonzales3@wearescpps.org
ccarrier@wearescpps.org

Throughout the year, we will provide classroom counseling lessons, individual and small-group support, and activities focused on social-emotional learning, friendship skills, coping strategies, problem-solving, kindness, and more.

thank you

Thank you to our neighbors at Holy Family Catholic Church for the generous donation of school supplies to our students! We appreciate our community!



MPE SUPPLY BAGS \$5

We have Mimosa Park Elementary supply bags for sale. To purchase, please send cash or check (payable to Mimosa Park Elementary) to school with your child.



STUDENT ATTENDANCE INFORMATION

At this time, current Louisiana laws and policies relative to compulsory attendance, instructional minutes, and state assessments remain in place. Attendance restrictions are set by the state of Louisiana. Attendance will be recorded daily for all students as prescribed by the Louisiana Department of Education during the 2026-27 school year. Elementary school students shall be in attendance a minimum of 167 days per school year. Elementary students who accrue more than 10 absences will not be eligible for promotion. Beginning with the 2022-23 school year, the parent or legal guardian of a child who is eligible, as provided in Subsection A, to attend full-day kindergarten shall send the child to a public or nonpublic kindergarten in accordance with R.S. 17:221. All other attendance guidelines can be found in the 2026-27 Student Code of Conduct: District Handbook on pages 6-8.

Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News



Welcome back, Pelicans!

MPE PTO is excited to kick off another great school year! We hope our MPE families will join us in making the 2026–2027 school year a fun and memorable one. Be on the lookout for PTO information, including details on joining our general PTO. Membership is only \$5, and joining is a great way to support our school, stay up to date on volunteer opportunities, and learn about all the fun events happening throughout the year—including Papa John's Pizza Days, Fun Run, Cake Bingo, faculty and student appreciation activities, and more! We'll also have some fun incentives for our PTO members, including prize drawings and a pizza party for the class in each grade level with the most PTO members by Friday, September 25!

The online uniform store is OPEN for Round 2! The store will close Sunday, August 23 at 11:59 PM, so don't miss your chance to grab a few extra uniform shirts, stock up on cooler-weather gear, and pick up some Pelican Spirit Wear for yourself! Orders are expected to arrive in mid-to-late September. Orders will be sent home with students.

PAPA JOHN'S PIZZA DAYS ARE BACK! Enjoy an easy dinner while supporting MPE at the same time! On our designated Pizza Days, simply order Papa John's anytime during the day using our MPE fundraiser code RAISEFUNDS, and a portion of your purchase will come right back to our school. Keep an eye on the PTO Facebook page for this year's Pizza Day dates and reminders! Scheduled dates are September 9, October 7, November 11, December 9, January 6, February 17, March 10, April 14.

MPE PTO wishes all of our faculty, staff, students, and families a wonderful start to the new school year! We are looking forward to working together and having another amazing year at Mimosa Park Elementary.

Be sure to follow us on Facebook at Mimosa Park Elementary PTO to stay up to date on events, volunteer opportunities, reminders, and everything happening with PTO. Questions? Feel free to message our Facebook page or email us at mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com.

The MPE PTO Board for the 2026–2027 school year is as follows:

President: Amy Hall

1 st VP Fundraising Coord.: Kali Davis

2 nd VP Teacher Appreciation Coord.: Cera Jewell

Secretary (Student Appreciation): Leslie Aucoin

Treasurer: Crystal (Lina) Chauffe

Uniform Coordinator: Julianna Gidden

Volunteer Coordinator: Cortney Orgeron

Membership Coordinator: Teri Junot

Fundraising Asst.: Tiffany Duplantis

Teacher Appreciation Asst.: Sarah Weinberg

Members-at-Large:

Jessica Gordon

Dwayne Washington

Simone Bourg

Kristina Brown

Bethany Faucheux

Emily Landry

Madison Pigford

Kiana Hill

Katie Ayo

Laura Wattigney



District Dress Code

The following guidelines have been established and are included in the Code of Conduct Handbook. Any apparel, male or female, should be worn as designed, i.e. belts, pants at waist, shoestrings tied, etc. All students must conform to the official uniform guidelines below.

The official school dress code for boys and girls is described as followed.

Boys: Shirt-Collared WHITE or ROYAL BLUE polo-type shirt. MPE students may wear the royal blue or white uniform t-shirts sold by PTO.

Pants/Shorts-Navy or khaki (no shorter than 2" above the top of kneecap). Cargo pants and cargo shorts are not allowed.

Girls: Collared WHITE or ROYAL BLUE polo-type shirt. MPE students may wear the royal blue or white t-shirts sold by PTO.

Pants/Shorts/Skirts/Jumper-Navy or khaki (no shorter than 2" above the top of the kneecap). Cargo pants and cargo shorts are not allowed.

Shoes-Must have a full restraint around the entire foot. Backless shoes are not allowed.

NOTE: Students must wear tennis shoes for PE.



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 Plant Maintenance at 985-331-3600 between the hours of 7:00 AM and 4:00 PM.

Transportation Information

MPE Drop-off Procedures

Between 8:30am - 8:40am students may be dropped off in the circle drive in front of the school. Duty teachers will greet your child and direct him or her to the breezeway. Please only release students from the passenger side of the vehicle. When dropping your child off in the morning, the vehicle must be moving in the direction from St. Anthony Street toward the school and turn left into the school drop-off circle. Students are not allowed to be dropped off on Birch Street. Cars must turn into the drop-off circle and stay to the right.

BEFORE & AFTER CARE -Location MPE

AM Before Care Drop Off - During the hours of 6:00am - 8:30am please park in one of the designated Before & After Care Drop-Off parking spots in the parking lot. DO NOT PARK IN DESIGNATED FACULTY/STAFF SPOTS OR IN FIRE ZONES.

PM After Care Pick Up - During the times of 3:50pm - 6:00pm please park in one of the designated Before & After School Care Drop Off parking spots in the parking lot. You MUST enter and exit from the appropriate lanes to avoid going against the traffic flow.

At MPE, please observe the following rules when picking students up from school in the afternoon:

Individuals picking up students in the afternoon must park in one of the school parking lots and wait for students to be dismissed to complete the check out process. Do not park in the drop-off circle in front of the school at any time, especially during dismissal. This is a fire lane. Do not double park or block other vehicles. Car riders will be dismissed at 3:40pm. Please do not park in parking spots reserved for faculty members (secretary, principal, etc...)

NOTES FOR DISMISSAL CHANGES:

All notes must be given in writing and brought in with the student or emailed to mimosa1@weareSCPPS.org before 2:30pm each day. All notes should be on a full sheet of paper, written with a dark color ink and include your child's full name, the teacher's name, and dates of the changes with clear instructions and your signature. If you e-mail a dismissal change, expect a confirmation by e-mail. A dismissal change form can be obtained from your child's teacher, the office, or downloaded from our website: wearescpps.org

WE ID!

St. Charles Parish Public Schools will continue using the visitor management system, Raptor, in all district schools to build on the district's program of campus safety for students and staff. Part of keeping students and faculty safe is knowing who is in our building at all times and the Raptor system allows us to do that. The Raptor system better allows us to track visitors in our schools providing us with a safer environment for students and staff.

Upon entering a school, visitors are asked to present a valid state-issued ID, which will be scanned into the system. The Raptor system checks to ensure that registered sexual offenders are not entering our buildings.

It is important to note that the Raptor system only scans the visitor's name, date of birth and photo for comparison with a national database of registered sex offenders. Additional visitor data from the driver's license is not gathered nor is the system connected to any other system such as the Department of Motor Vehicles. Therefore any other information on the ID is not scanned by the system and is not accessible to any of the users. Once entry is approved, Raptor will issue a badge that identifies the visitor, the date, and the purpose of his/her visit.

If you are interested in learning more about the Raptor visitor management system, please visit the Raptor Technologies website (www.raptortech.com).

The safety of our students and staff is of utmost importance. Therefore, all visitors to the school must be scanned into the system and obtain a visitor badge. Thank you, in advance, for your understanding and support of enhancing school safety protocols in St. Charles Parish Public Schools.

BACK-TO-SCHOOL FORMS NOW ONLINE

Back-to-school forms are now available to complete online through the PowerSchool parent portal. This process will provide parents with a more efficient, time saving method of completing paperwork. The parent portal also allows parents to monitor school assignments, grades, attendance and more throughout the school year.

If you have not yet created a parent portal account, or if you need to add a child to your current account, please contact the school as soon as possible to receive a letter containing important information regarding how to set up your account. After logging into the parent portal, there will be a "Back to School Paperwork" link in the bottom left section of the screen. Click this link to complete our annual forms.

Visit the Parent Portal at: <https://stcharles.powerschool.com/public>

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
AUGUST 2026						1
2	3	4	5	6 K Orientation 4-4:30 Back to School Bash 4:30-5:30	7	8
9	10 1 st day for K-2 students A-K	11 1 st day for K-2 students L-Z	12 All K-2 students on campus	13	14	15
16 Beginning of Year Testing 17th-31st	17 1 st day for Pre-K students A-K	18 1 st day for Pre-K students L-Z	19 All Pre-K students on campus	20 K-2 Open House 5:30-6:30	21 Testing Make-ups	22
23	24 Kindergarten testing	25 Reading program begins	26 Testing Make-ups	27 2nd Grade testing	28	29
30	31					

August 2026 Elementary Menus St. Charles Parish Public Schools

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



The original value meal &
still a fantastic deal!

BREAKFAST

\$1.60

LUNCH

\$2.00

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www.myschoolapps.com

You can also contact us at: 985-785-3181
or childnutrition@wearecscps.org

AVAILABLE DAILY

Monday
Sunbutter Sandwich
Tuesday
Charley Box
Wednesday
Deli Sandwich
Thursday
Entrée Salad
Friday
Sunbutter Sandwich



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

Monday, August 10	Tuesday, August 11	Wednesday, August 12	Thursday, August 13	Friday, August 14
Breakfast Pop Tarts Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice	Breakfast Pop Tarts 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 Muffin w/Cheese Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Green Beans Peaches Chocolate Chip Cookie	Lunch Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Green Beans Peaches Chocolate Chip Cookie	Lunch Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad Cucumber/Tomato Salad Banana	Lunch Spaghetti & Meatsauce Broccoli Florets Italian Salad Garlic Bread Pineapple Tidbits	Lunch Mini Corn Dogs Crinkle Cut Fries Carrots & Celery w/Ranch Orange Wedges

Monday, August 17	Tuesday, August 18	Wednesday, August 19	Thursday, August 20	Friday, August 21
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 Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Chicken Nuggets Curly Fries Cal Blend Veggies Cinnamon Apple Slices	Lunch Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Florets Steamed Carrots Dinner Roll Pineapple Tidbits	Lunch Chili, Fritos Garden Salad Steamed Corn Banana Cake or Crisp	Lunch Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Pears	Lunch Hamburger/Cheeseburger Tater Tots Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges

Monday, August 24	Tuesday, August 25	Wednesday, August 26	Thursday, August 27	Friday, August 28
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 Parfait, Egg Bites Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Red Beans & Rice Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Cornbread Peaches	Lunch Tacos w/Shredded Cheese Steamed Corn Refried Beans Taco Salad Cup, Salsa Apple Wedges	Lunch Italian Bake Broccoli Florets Italian Salad Garlic Bread, Banana Jello w/Topping	Lunch Turkey Stew Steamed Rice Candied Yams Steamed Cabbage WATERMELON	Lunch Pizza Marinara Sauce Green Beans Orange Wedges

Monday, August 31	Tuesday, September 1	Weds, September 2	Thursday, September 3	Friday, September 4
Breakfast Confetti Pancakes 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 Waffle Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice
Lunch Tacos Green Beans Cornbread Applesauce	Lunch Roasted Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Steamed Corn DINNER Roll Apple Wedges	Lunch Grilled Cheese Sandwich Veggie Soup Garden Salad Banana Brownie	Lunch Sweet & Sour Meatballs Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Florets Carrots Pineapple Tidbits	Lunch Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Baked Beans Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Orange Wedges

Watermelon Fun Facts

It's classified as both a fruit and a vegetable.

Watermelons live up to their name! They are **92%** water!

THERE ARE OVER 100,000 ACRES OF WATERMELONS GROWN IN THE U.S., PRODUCING OVER 40 MILLION POUNDS.

There are roughly **1,200** varieties of watermelons!

44 OUT OF THE 50 STATES IN THE U.S. GROW WATERMELON

THE FIRST WATERMELON HARVEST ON RECORD TOOK PLACE IN EGYPT NEARLY 5,000 YEARS AGO!

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AUGUST DAILY & WEEKLY CELEBRATIONS:

NATIONAL WATERMELON DAY : AUG 3

NATIONAL FARMERS MARKET WEEK : AUG 2-8

WORLD WATER WEEK: AUG 23-27

BE KIND TO HUMANKIND WEEK: AUG 25-31



AUGUST MONTHLY CELEBRATIONS:

NATIONAL PEACH MONTH

NATIONAL SANDWICH MONTH

BACK TO SCHOOL MONTH

NATIONAL PANINI MONTH

NATIONAL IMMUNIZATION AWARENESS MONTH