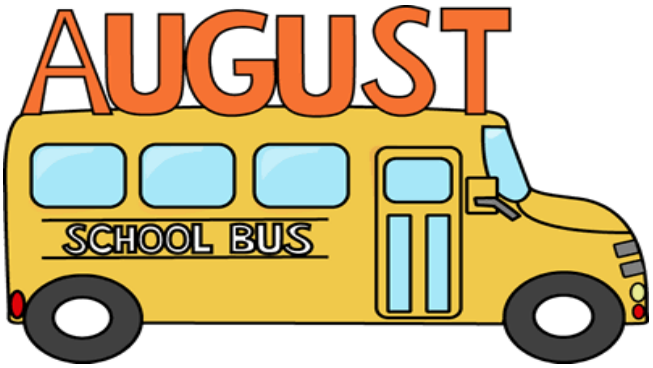

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Panther Tales

August 7 Orientation 9:00-11:00 am
August 7 Kona Ice Fundraiser @ Orientation
August 12 First Day of School
August 18 Volunteer Training 9:00 am @ 2:30 pm
August 24- September 11 Online Sales for Bookfair
August 27- September 15 PTA Cookie Dough Fundraiser
August 28 PTA Chuck E. Cheese Back to School Bash 3pm- Close

SAVE THE DATES:
September 1 ELA Testing
September 4-11 Literati Book Fair
September 7 Labor Day Holiday
September 8 PTA General Assembly Meeting 5:00
September 8 SAC Committee Meeting 4:30 pm
September 8 Open House 5:30-6:30pm
September 8 Family Night at the Book Fair 2:30-6:30pm
September 8 Progress Reports
September 9 FAST Math Testing
September 11, 18, 25 PTA School Spirit Sales
September 21- October 24 Parent Teacher Conferences
October 2 Fall Pictures
October 10 PTA Carnival

August 7th 9:00-11:00 am

- Meet the teacher/find your room
- Verify end of day transportation
- Pick up card rider tags
- Bring school supplies!
- Find the Bus Stop
- Fill out your volunteer application
- Bring Prescription/ OTC

August 12th

Please be patient the first week of school as students learn dismissal routines. Expect delays and extended wait times for buses and car riders. Your grace is much appreciated!

Volunteer Training
COME JOIN US!
August 18th
9:00 am @ 2:30 pm

This meeting is for anyone who would like to volunteer at school!

Volunteers are needed to assist teachers with copies, sorting, and various projects.

Volunteers are also needed to assist PTA in many activities throughout the school year!

All volunteers must complete a volunteer application form and affidavit of Good Moral Character each year to be screened for approval to work on campus. This form can be found in the front office.

WATER BOTTLE REMINDER:

Please make sure your water bottles close completely to prevent spills and have no removable straws. Stanley like cups are not acceptable as a water bottle. We also ask that you only put water in the bottles.

PTA

Join the PTA!
Let's make this a year to remember!
Scan the QR code and follow the prompts.

We would love for you to join PTA and get involved. Whether you can volunteer once or throughout the year, every helping hand makes a difference.

Join PTA and volunteer for a chance to win! Members who join and volunteer will be entered into our sweepstakes for a chance to win a $25 gift card or a Pine Meadow Spirit T-Shirt!

The class from each grade level that has the most PTA memberships will receive a popsicle party. *Make sure to add your student's teacher(s) to your membership form.*

Spirit Store Dates
August 21& 28

If you send money with your student, please place it in an envelope or a Ziploc bag labeled with your student's name and the purpose of the money.

PTA

cookie dough fundraisers

August 27- September 15

Our First Fundraiser of the Year!

August 28

We are so glad you are a part of the Pine Meadow Family. Please join us for our events, become a PTA member, volunteer when you can, and help us make this a fantastic year!

Questions? Contact us anytime at PTA0441@ecsdfl.us

PTA General Assembly Meeting

SEPTEMBER 8 @ 5:00

Media Center News

Mrs. Whiddon

September 4 - 11

Family Night

Tuesday, September 8th

2:30-6:30 pm

Cash & Credit Cards Accepted / No **Checks**

Online Sales Start August 24th

https://literati.com/store/?school=pine-meadow-elementary-school-pensacola-fl

Literati uses gift cards as their cashless payment for students and others. Here is what you need to know!

Gift cards are an easy student payment method that won't get lost in a backpack. They also make great gifts for teachers and librarians! You can buy bookfair gift cards from our online fair, and they can be used for both online orders and in-person purchases. If you're sending a gift card to another recipient, they'll know who it came from. Gift card codes are delivered via email. To redeem gift card, simply present or enter your code at checkout.

Gift Card Guide for Parents

- Go to efairs.literati.com.
- Select the "GIFT CARDS" tab at the top of the page.
- Choose a gift card amount. (For a custom amount, select "Choose Your Own Gift Card.")
- If it's a gift to a teacher or another student, check "Send as Gift?" and enter your recipient's email, your name, and an optional message.

ELA READING TEST GRADES 3-5

Tuesday, September 1

FAST MATH TEST GRADES 3-5

Wednesday, September 9

SAC
SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

September 8th @ 4:30 pm

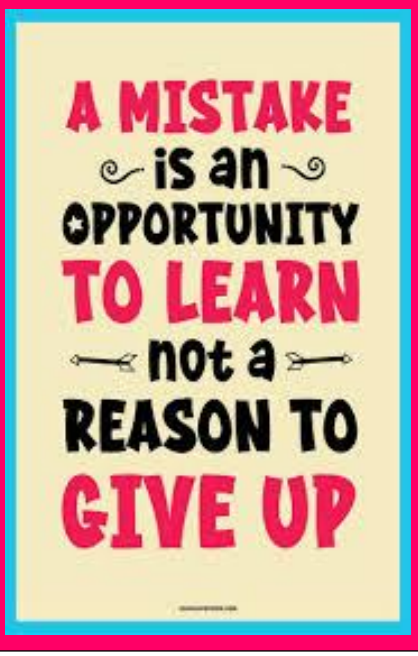
September 7 – Holiday

September 8

Tuesday, September 8

5:30-6:30 pm

Come and learn of classroom expectations, the curriculum, and programs that will benefit your students.



REMINDERS

Florida House Bill 1105: Student Cell Phone Use Restricted During the School Day

Starting July 1, 2025, Florida House Bill 1105 placed new limits on when students can use cell phones and **other wireless devices** at school:

Elementary & Middle School Students are not permitted to use phones at all during the school day. Phones must be turned off and in the student's backpack for the duration of the school day. If a phone is out of the backpack, the parent will be required to come to the school and pick it up in the office.

This new law is designed to minimize distractions and enhance student focus. Electronic device usage on school provided transportation is discouraged, but may be allowed at the discretion of the school bus operator. If students are using the electronic device inappropriately, such as taking photos of other students, video recording, or playing foul music, a bus referral and/or device removal may occur.

Make sure you child is dressed, shoes tied, wearing backpacks, and seat belt unbuckled before you reach the unloading area.

Say your good-byes, I love you, kisses/hugs and all the wonderful positives you want to send them off with before you reach the unloading zone.

Children must exit on the passenger side of the car for safety purposes.

Be sure to pull your vehicle all the way up leaving minimal gaps between cars.

DO NOT get out of your car.

TIRED OF WAITING IN THE CAR RIDER LINE?

We have an abundance of school choice children who must be transported in the car rider line.

If you are zoned for this school, then there is a bus for transportation. We encourage all who can, to use this means of transportation.

Pine Meadow has limited access for entrance and exiting. If you choose the car rider line, be prepared, patient, gracious and follow the rules.

SAVE THE DATES!

Monday, September 21 - Benoit 5th & T. English 1st

Tuesday, September 22 - Potter 5th & Didier 1st

Wednesday, September 23 – Bennett 5th & Summerford 1st

Friday, September 25 – Schrock 5th & Jeremiah 1st

Monday, September 28 – Dupree 5th & J. English 1st

Tuesday, September 39 – Steele5th & Goodyear 1st

Wednesday, September 30 – McGee 4th & Greene K

Friday, October 2 - Broadwater 4th & McCraney 2

Tuesday, October 6 – Williams 4th & Duncan 2nd

Wednesday, October 7 – Simmons 4th & Gunter 2nd

Friday, October 9 – Wickham 4th & T. Harris 2nd

Monday, October 12 – No School for Students

Tuesday, October 13 – Stroud 4th & Melville 2nd

Wednesday, October 14 – Garic 3rd & Cotita K

Friday, October 16 – Mitchell 3rd & Huber K

Monday, October 19 – Chism 3rd & Lassiter K

Tuesday, October 20 – Case 3rd & Vaughn K

Wednesday, October 21 – Murphy 3rd & Baker K

Friday, October 23 – V. Taylor 3rd

Be yourself. Everyone else is taken. ~Oscar Wilde

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