



PIRATE TREASURES



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

The first grading period ends this month. You will have the opportunity to discuss your child's progress at report card conferences on October 12th. This is an excellent time to examine your child's strengths and areas that need improvement, as well as set expectations for your child. Working together, we can become a successful team to help your child reach his or her highest potential.

During October, Pearl Upper celebrates Red Ribbon Week. This nationwide school activity encourages students to make good choices, to remain drug and alcohol free, and to be responsible citizens. We will have a different activity each day. I encourage all students to participate and have fun!

Kim Scutch, Principal

RED RIBBON WEEK

Students will participate in the following dress-up days October 26th-30th:

Monday, October 26th
Wear Red Day

Tuesday, October 27th
Jersey Day

Wednesday, October 28th
Camo Day

Thursday, October 29th
Silly Sock Day

Friday, October 30th
Costume Day
(nothing scary or gory)



October Events

October 2nd
PUE Make-up School Pictures

October 5th-9th
School Holiday-Fall Break

October 12th-20th
Scholastic Book Fair

October 12th
Report Card Conference Day
(no school for students)

Parents' Day at Book Fair
(10:00 a.m.-6:00 p.m.)

October 23rd
October Student of the Month
Celebration

October 26th - 30th
Red Ribbon Week

October 29th
Run from Drugs fun run for
qualifying students

October 30th
Fall Treats/Trunk or Treat

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ART

Ms. Creighton



Students will be making spooky tree silhouettes during October. Students will learn how to use media such as oil pastels, paint sticks, and watercolor paint in their artwork. We will also talk about creating value in artwork while using colored pencils.

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!



MUSIC

Mrs. Berger

In the past month, 4th grade students have learned three ukulele chords: C Major, A minor, and F Major. This month, we will continue to review and practice switching between these chords in order to meet our goal of playing an entire song.

Fifth graders have been working hard to learn music for the Christmas program, which will be held December 10th at 6:00 p.m. in the auditorium at PHS. The PUE Honor Choir will sing during pregame at the PHS football game on November 5th.



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LIBRARY

Mrs. Harrell

It's Book Fair time!!

Our Scholastic Book Fair will take place on October 12th-20th. There will be a wonderful selection of fun, engaging, and affordable books for students to purchase. Students may shop during school hours, and parents may shop on Monday, October 12th (Report Card Conference day). You may purchase a book to be delivered to your student by the "Book Fairies", so don't miss out on this fun opportunity!

You may also visit

www.scholastic.com/bf/pearlupperchgrades4-5 to shop online or set up an e-wallet. All purchases benefit our school!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Coach Owens



October is going to be a super fun month that is jam-packed with exciting activities. I will be timing each student in a one-mile fun run this month. This will qualify the top students from each class to participate in our **RUN FROM DRUGS** race at the end of the month! Please remind your child to **ALWAYS** wear tennis shoes and bring a water bottle on their P.E. day!!!

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COMPUTER

Ms. Gray



During the month of October, the 4th grade students will practice sequencing, debugging puzzles with simple algorithms, and using loops/nested loops.

The 5th grade students will write programs, learn to create/animate sprites, and learn how to modify data stored in a variable.

Please encourage your child to practice their typing lessons at home in addition to their allotted 20 minutes in the classroom and to use proper typing technique while practicing typing! Happy Fall!

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Nurse Robin



Boo! Germs Are Scariest Than Ghosts!

October means costumes, candy, and.....cold and flu season creeping right alongside them!

Here are a few tricks for staying healthy this season:

- **Scrub for 20 seconds:** Wash hands before sorting or eating Halloween candy--that's about as long as it takes to sing "Happy Birthday" twice or hum the theme from your favorite spooky movie!
- **Cover it up:** Sneeze or cough into an elbow, not hands--especially before handing out or grabbing treats.
- **Balance the candy with real food:** Loading up on sugar and skipping fruits, veggies, and protein can leave your body with fewer of the nutrients it needs to fight off germs. Enjoy the treats--just don't let them replace real meals!
- **Stay home if you're not feeling well:** No costume is worth spreading the sniffles to the whole class.

This Halloween, let's make sure the only things getting passed around are compliments on costumes--not colds!



CONGRATULATIONS



2026-2027
Teacher of the Year
Mrs. Wendi Gartman



Teacher of the Month
Mrs. Emily Williams



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