MIMOSA PARK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

PELICAN PRIDE

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Angi Butler/Principal Gina Burst/Assistant Principal Kandyce Simoneaux/Assistant Principal

Principal's Message

Happy October Pelican Families,

The 2026–2027 school year is off to a wonderful start! Our students have quickly settled into familiar routines and procedures, allowing our teachers to focus on delivering high-quality instruction grounded in effective instructional practices. Through thoughtful modifications and a continued commitment to meeting the individual needs of our students, we are seeing wonderful progress through our Tier 1 instruction.

As we approach the close of Quarter 1 on October 9 and prepare to begin Quarter 2 on October 14, we are proud of the growth and accomplishments of our students and grateful for the continued support of our families.
October brings cooler seasonal changes, exciting school activities, and many opportunities for our Pelican families to connect with our school community. Please take note of the following important dates and events:

- **PTO Fall Fun Run Fundraiser:** September 28-October 9
- **Mimosa Park Book Fair:** October 19-October 30
- **Individual Picture Retakes:** Tuesday, October 20
  -Students who missed school pictures in September will have their pictures taken on this day. Students should wear their school uniform.
- **Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences:** October 22-23
  -Please remember that both days will be early **dismissal days. Students will be dismissed at 12:45 PM**.
- **Red Ribbon Week:** October 26-30
  -Students will participate in fun and meaningful activities designed to promote healthy choices and encourage a commitment to living a healthy, drug-free lifestyle.
- **Halloween Activities:** Friday, October 30
  -Students are welcome to wear Halloween costumes to school Please remember that masks are **NOT** permitted.

As we continue working together to support our students, there are several simple ways families can help their children develop strong academic habits and experience continued success:

- Review your child's folder and homework assignments each day.
- Read with your child and practice math facts each evening.
- Review, sign, and promptly return folders, progress reports, and other important papers.
- Maintain open and ongoing communication with your child's teacher so that questions or concerns can be addressed promptly.
- Encourage your child and celebrate their effort, growth, and accomplishments along the way.

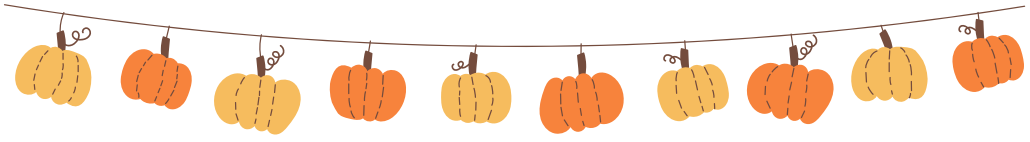
Thank you for partnering with us and for the time and encouragement you provide at home. Your support with homework and daily learning helps foster confidence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning.

We have so much to be thankful for and proud of at Mimosa Park Elementary! Our students, families, teachers, and staff make MPE a truly special place to learn and grow.

Family and school community remain at the heart of everything we do. Through our continued commitment, communication, and teamwork, we will work together to ensure that every student has the opportunity to thrive.

Thank you for being an important part of our Pelican family. We are excited about all that October has in store!

Warmly,
Angi Butler
Principal
Mimosa Park Elementary



MPE LIBRARY Newsletter

OCTOBER 2026 **MRS. N. CAMPO - LIBRARIAN**

Library Book Checkout

Our students have done a wonderful job checking out their library books! Students will borrow the library book for one week, and return it on his/her library day in order to select a new book.

Students who do not return their library book on their library day will receive an overdue library book notice. Please return overdue books as soon as possible!

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

Scholastic Book Fair

We are busy preparing for our Scholastic Book Fair which will be held from Monday, October 19- Thursday, October 29, 2026. Volunteers will be needed to help with this exciting event. Further information will be sent home as this event nears. Visit our Book Fair webpage by scanning the QR code.

SCAN ME

Upcoming Events

- Oct. 5-9 - Prize Week
- Oct. 19-29 - Book Fair
- Oct. 30 - Oct. logs due

Mystery Readers

Interested in being a Mystery Reader? There are limited spots available for the Fall semester. Scan the QR Code to sign up!

SCAN ME

READ MORE BOOOOKS!

October

Counselor's Corner



Red Ribbon Week
October 26-30

Dress Up Days:

- Monday - Wear Red Day
- Tuesday - Our Futures are Bright - wear bright colors
- Wednesday - Team Up to Make Smart Choices - athletic clothes/team attire
- Thursday - Drugs are Crazy - crazy hair and/or socks
- Friday - Say Boo to Drugs - Halloween colors or costumes - no masks

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.

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This month, our students will celebrate Red Ribbon Week by learning how healthy choices help us grow, learn, and feel our best! Through fun activities and special dress-up days, we'll encourage students to make safe choices, take care of themselves, and be proud of making positive decisions every day.

Mimosa Park Elementary PTO News

PTO would like to welcome our members for the 2026–2027 school year! Thank you to everyone who joined during our membership drive, and congratulations to our gift card and classroom pizza party winners!

Although the membership drive has ended, you can join PTO at any time throughout the school year. Membership is only $5, and there are no obligations once you join. We will keep you updated on volunteer opportunities, school events, and ways to help, and you can choose your level of involvement. For membership information, email mimosaparkpto@yahoo.com.

We are excited for our fourth annual Mimosa Park Fun Run! This year's theme is Global Kitchen, and Chef Perci is taking our Pelicans on a fun adventure around the world. Our Booster fundraiser is now underway, with character lessons, classroom incentives, nightly challenges, and plenty of fun leading up to Fun Run Day on Friday, October 9. If you have not already registered your student, please visit mybooster.com. Registration is free, and families can easily share their student's fundraising page with friends and family. All students will participate in the Fun Run and receive a t-shirt, regardless of how much they raise.

Be sure to follow Mimosa Park Elementary PTO on Facebook for fundraiser progress, reminders, and Fun Run updates. You can also continue supporting MPE throughout the year by participating in pizza nights, scanning Box Tops receipts, and turning in Community Coffee labels. Our next pizza night is Wednesday, October 7.

Thank you for your continued support of Mimosa Park, our teachers, staff, and students!



Don't forget to Like us on Facebook. We can be found at www.facebook.com/MimosaParkElementaryPTO or by scanning this QR code!

Important Reminders

*Parent/Teacher Conferences will be held October 22nd & 23rd. Both days will be early dismissal days.

*Schools are closed October 12th & 13th for Fall Break.

*All dismissal changes are due to the front office before 2:30 PM. All notes should contain the teacher's name and complete dismissal information. Please note that no child will be taken off of a bus for parent pick-up. This is strictly enforced.

*No student will be allowed to return to class once they have left for the day. Please do not bring students back to school to get books, homework or any other forgotten items. Children are reminded repeatedly throughout the day to pack needed items. By October, children are responsible for getting things home.

safety first

HALLOWEEN SAFETY

Boo!

Halloween Safety: Everything you need to know to keep your kids safe on Halloween.

Everyone loves a good scare on Halloween, but not when it comes to child safety. There are several easy and effective behaviors that parents can share with kids to help reduce their risk of injury.



Walk Safely

- Cross the street at corners, using traffic signals and crosswalks.
- Look left, right and left again when crossing and continue looking as you cross.
- Put electronic devices down and keep heads up and walk, don't run, across the street.
- Teach children to make eye contact with drivers before crossing in front of them.
- Always walk on sidewalks or paths. If there are no sidewalks, walk facing traffic as far to the left as possible. Children should walk on direct routes with the fewest street crossings.
- Watch for cars that are turning or backing up. Teach children to never dart out into the street or cross between parked cars.

Trick or Treat With an Adult

- Children under the age of 12 should not be alone at night without adult supervision. If kids are mature enough to be out without supervision, remind them to stick to familiar areas that are well lit and trick-or-treat in groups. Keep costumes both creative and safe.
- Decorate costumes and bags with reflective tape or stickers and, if possible, choose light colors.
- Choose face paint and makeup whenever possible instead of masks, which can obstruct a child's vision.
- Have kids carry glow sticks or flashlights to help them see and be seen by drivers.
- When selecting a costume, make sure it is the right size to prevent trips and falls.

Drive Extra Safely on Halloween

- Slow down and be especially alert in residential neighborhoods. Children are excited on Halloween and may move in unpredictable ways.
- Take extra time to look for kids at intersections, on medians and on curbs.
- Enter and exit driveways and alleys slowly and carefully.
- Eliminate any distractions inside your car so you can concentrate on the road and your surroundings.
- Drive slowly, anticipate heavy pedestrian traffic and turn your headlights on earlier in the day to spot children from greater distances.
- Popular trick-or-treating hours are 5:30 to 9:30 PM so be especially alert for kids during those hours.

Excited about Enrichment October 2026



P.E. with Mr. Paradise & Ms. Crutti	The last few weeks in P.E. we have been learning about each other and how we will be working as a team. We are learning the principles of teamwork with the ultimate goal of creating a group of students that work with, care for, and help each other. During P.E. time we have also been discussing our rules, procedures and our personal hopes and dreams for P.E. this school year.
Art with Mrs. Matherne	Kindergarten, first grade, and second grade artists at Mimosa park will be designing their names. Their name designs will be creative and colorful. They are using the elements of line and color to create their "fancy" lettering! Students are also learning routines and procedures. Soon, every class will have several student helpers who will be class heroes and leaders! Our young artists are looking forward to may hands-on experiences.
Music with Mrs. Pepperman	Welcome! This month, our young musicians will be introduced to the world of pitched and unpitched percussion while learning about musical opposites such as loud and quiet, high and low, and fast and slow. Our second grade musicians will begin working on their Christmas musical while building the skills necessary to read music.

Mimosa Park Elementary



TEACHER OF THE MONTH

Megan Otwell



SUPPORT STAFF OF THE MONTH

Paula Jascot

August 2026

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

Mrs. Otwell's kindergarten class did activities to learn to break apart sentences. We are getting those reading fundamentals started early!









STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

We recognized our students of the month for August at this month's Community Morning Meeting!

Pre-K: Kallan Cressionie, Adalyn Damare', William Shaw, Robert St. Romain & Annistynn Tyler

Kindergarten: Blake Denham, Harper Donahue, Saige Guillot, Owen Massimini, Elijah Reynolds & Viviana Todaro

First Grade: Jaxon Aucoin, Trinitee Batiste, Audrey Cheung, Adeline Norris, Emma Ritzmann & Kane Smith

Second Grade: Kambrie Cressionie, Jordyn Gullage, Aiden Jewell, Aisha Lujan, Javen Toney & Mason Weinberg

Congratulations to all of you!







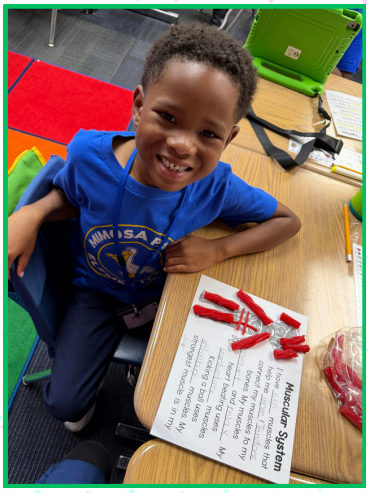








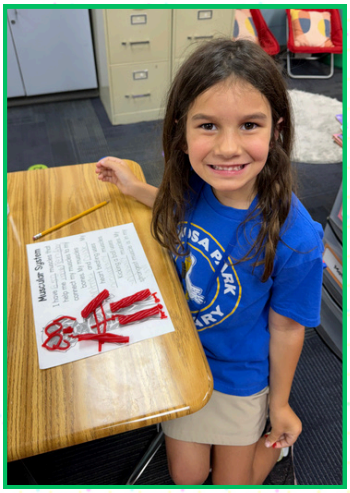




Our first graders have been busy working on math skills, learning about the human body and practicing teamwork!









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7 MINDSETS

Mindset 1 of 7

A FAMILY GUIDE TO THE *7 MINDSETS*

Everything is Possible

WHAT YOUR STUDENT IS LEARNING

The *Everything is Possible* mindset focuses on the power of hope, reminding us that everyone has the potential to achieve great things. Every young person can build a life full of happiness, success, and meaning. When students believe in that potential, they reach for more.

RESEARCH SHOWS

Better grades

plus stronger friendships and emotional well-being.

PRACTICAL TIPS FOR YOUR FAMILY

1. **Talk about the future**
   Picturing the future sparks positive growth. Talk about their dreams to build hope and expand their sense of what's possible.

2. **Support dreams, don't shut them down**
   A goal may seem unrealistic, but what matters most is that they dream. Discouragement can stop them from setting goals at all.

3. **Share your dreams and failures**
   Talk about your own dreams and the times things didn't go as planned. It shows them it's okay to try, fail, and keep going.

MINDSET MATTERS

ways we support your child

- ***Dream Big***
  Set ambitious goals and believe in the potential to achieve extraordinary things.
- ***Embrace Creativity***
  Look for new ideas and new ways to grow.
- ***Think Positive***
  Build resilience and meet challenges with optimism.
- ***Act and Adjust***
  Take charge and keep moving forward, even through setbacks.

Try this together this week

Pick one "impossible" dream together and name a single small step you could take toward it this week.

CONVERSATION STARTERS

What's something you did that seemed impossible at first? How did you make it happen?

What's one new thing you want to try this week, even if it feels difficult?

What's one goal or dream you're excited about right now? What's one small step you could take toward it?

Can you think of a time you kept trying even when something was hard? What helped you keep going?



Our Pre-k friends had so much fun learning about the 5 senses!











October 2026

Sun	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thurs	Fri	Sat
				1	2	3
4 2nd Grade Lunch Visitors →	5 Playgroup 10-11	6 Pink Link Dress Down $1	7 Papa John's Night	8	9 FUN RUN EVENT	10
11	12 FALL BREAK No School	13	14 Quarter 2 Begins	15 Dress Down for September Perfect Attendance (Students will receive a pass)	16 Community Morning Meeting	17
18 Quarter 1 report cards go home this week →	19 Playgroup 10-11 Pre-K & 1st Grade Artsperience	20 Picture retakes	21	22 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	23 EARLY DISMISSAL PARENT/TEACHER CONFERENCES	24
25 Pre-K Lunch Visitors → Red Ribbon Week →	26 Wear red	27 Wear bright / neon	28 Wear team attire	29 Crazy Hair / Socks	30 Halloween Dress down day	31 HALLOWEEN

BOOK FAIR ALL WEEK

BOOK FAIR THROUGH THE 29TH

October 2026 Elementary Menus

St. Charles Parish Public Schools

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

AVAILABLE DAILY

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

POPULAR WINTER SQUASH VARIETIES





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

Thursday, October 1	Friday, October 2
Breakfast Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Pork Chop Macaroni & Cheese Broccoli Florets Carrots Pineapple Tidbits	**Breakfast** Waffle Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Baked Beans Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Orange Wedges

BENEFITS OF PUMPKIN



- **NUTRIENT-RICH** — High in vitamins (A, C, E.)
- **HIGH IN ANTIOXIDANTS** — Protect cells from damage
- **BOOSTS IMMUNITY** — Help the body fight infections
- **AIDS WEIGHT LOSS** — Low in calories high in fiber
- **PROMOTES EYE HEALTH** — Supports vision
- **HEART HEALTHY** — Help lower risk of heart disease

Monday, October 5	Tuesday, October 6	Weds, October 7	Thursday, October 8	Friday, October 9
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	**Breakfast** Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Orange Chicken Fried Rice Edamame Beans Asian Salad Mandarin Oranges	**Breakfast** Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Turkey & Sausage Gumbo Steamed Rice Potato Salad, Crackers Cucumber/Tomato Salad Banana	**Breakfast** Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Meatsauce w/ Spaghetti Broccoli Florets Italian Salad Garlic Bread Pineapple Tidbits	**Breakfast** Muffin w/Cheese Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Mini Corn Dogs Crinkle Cut Fries Carrots & Celery w/Ranch Orange Wedges Cookie

Monday, October 12	Tuesday, October 13	Weds, October 14	Thursday, October 15	Friday, October 16
FALL BREAK MONDAY OCTOBER 12TH & TUESDAY OCTOBER 13TH No School WE WILL SEE YOU BACK ON WEDNESDAY OCTOBER 14TH!		**Breakfast** French Toast Sticks Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Carnival Chili w/Cheese Carrots, Fritos Steamed Corn Pear Halves Animal Crackers	**Breakfast** Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Juggling Fish Nuggets Macaroni & Cheese Green Beans Cucumber & Tomato Salad Banana	**Breakfast** Donut Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Big Top Burgers Tater Tots Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Baked Beans Orange Wedges

CAFETERIA CIRCUS

NATIONAL SCHOOL LUNCH WEEK
OCT 12TH-16TH *2026

Monday, October 19	Tuesday, October 20	Weds, October 21	Thursday, October 22	Friday, October 23
Breakfast Grits w/Sausage Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Red Beans & Rice Mustard Greens Steamed Carrots Cornbread Peaches	**Breakfast** Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Taco's w/Cheese Steamed Corn Refried Beans Taco Salad Cup, Salsa Banana	**Breakfast** Cinnamon Roll Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Chicken Alfredo Broccoli Florets, Dinner Roll Cucumber/Tomato Salad Apple Wedges Jello w/Topping	**Breakfast** Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice EARLY DISMISSAL **Lunch** Bosco Sticks Marinara Sauce Cup Green Beans Pineapple Tidbits	**Breakfast** Parfait Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice EARLY DISMISSAL **Lunch** Chicken Sandwich Tater Tots Lettuce/Tomato/Pickle Orange Wedges

National School Lunch Week (NSLW) celebrates the school nutrition professionals who serve nutritious, delicious meals that help millions of students learn, grow, and thrive.

It's a time for schools, families, and communities to recognize the important role school meals play in supporting student health, well-being, and academic success.

Every school day, more than 95,000 schools and institutions serve lunch to over 30 million students nationwide.

Monday, October 26	Tuesday, October 27	Weds, October 28	Thursday, October 29	Friday, October 30
Breakfast Pancakes Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Totchos Green Beans Cornbread Applesauce	**Breakfast** Chicken Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Roasted Chicken Loaded Mashed Potatoes Baked Beans Apple Wedges	**Breakfast** French Toast Sticks Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Veggie Soup Grilled Cheese Sandwich Garden Salad Banana Brownie	**Breakfast** Sausage Biscuit Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Turkey Stew w/Rice Candied Yams Steamed Cabbage TANGERINES	**Breakfast** Waffle Cereal w/Graham Crackers Yogurt w/Tiger Bites Fruit or Juice Choice **Lunch** Pizza Marinara Sauce Steamed Corn Orange Wedges

