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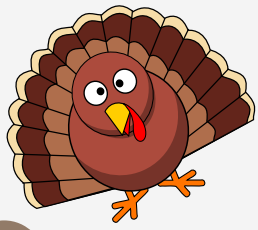
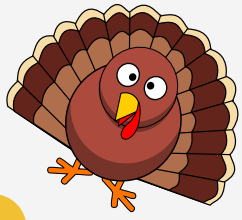


# PIRATE TREASURES



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents and Families,

It is hard to believe that the holiday season will be here soon! We could not be prouder of all the progress our students have already made this year. They are working hard to achieve their goals. Please continue to encourage your child to work toward their second nine weeks goals:

1. No bus or office referrals
2. No more than 2 tardies
3. Have an 80% pass rate on iReady ELA lessons
4. Have an 80% pass rate on iReady math lessons
5. Show one level of growth or score proficient or above on the 2nd MVP Science Test (5th grade only)

Thank you for your continued support!

Kim Scutch, Principal

Red Ribbon Week

### Wear Red Monday

### Team-Up Tuesday

### Camo Wednesday

### Silly Sock Thursday

## *November Events*

**November 3rd**
*Promote the Vote event*

**November 5th**
PUE Night at Ray Rogers Stadium

**November 6th**
Schoolwide Spelling Bee (participating students only)

**November 10th**
Beta Club Induction 6:00 p.m. (participating 5th graders only)

**November 12th**
5th Grade Thanksgiving Lunch; Progress Reports Issued

**November 17th-19th**
MVP Testing

**November 19th**
4th Grade Thanksgiving Lunch

Kiwanis Club Pancake Supper (at Pearl High School)

**November 20th**
November Student of the Month Recognition

**November 23rd-27th**
Thanksgiving Holidays

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# ART
*Ms. Creighton*

During the month of November, students will begin working on holiday art. Fourth grade students will make ornaments while learning about the history of the Christmas tree. Fifth grade students will learn the origins of gingerbread houses and will then create their own. All of these art projects will be sent home before the holiday break in December.

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*

Fifth grade students are working hard to learn all the words to the music for our Christmas program "A Pirate Christmas". Please make plans to attend this production. All 5th grade students who paid for a shirt and returned the permission slip will need to be at Pearl High School Auditorium on December 10th no later than 5:45 p.m. The program will begin at 6:00 p.m. Students will receive their performance T-shirt the week of the Christmas program.

Fourth grade students will begin learning the notes of the musical alphabet and where these pitches are found on the treble clef staff. We are continuing to practice rhythms and will soon introduce sixteenth notes. On ukulele, students will learn a new chord, G7, in order to get ready to learn Christmas songs in December.

# LIBRARY
*Mrs. Harrell*

Our recent Book Fair was a success! Thank you to everyone who shopped and allowed their student to shop. We earned money to purchase lots of new books for our Library!

Please remind students to finish their Library books and take AR tests on them so that they can meet their 2nd 9 weeks AR Goal!

# COMPUTER
*Ms. Gray*

During the month of November, the 4th grade students will learn to add instructions and gather repeated code into loops, and they will learn to recognize patterns that need to be repeated. The 5th grade students will learn how the use of functions helps simplify code and helps organize their program. Both 4th and 5th grade students will also be introduced to the fundamentals of Artificial Intelligence (AI) and machine learning by focusing on predictive data models.

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! This will help students prepare for testing.

# PHYSICAL EDUCATION
*Coach Owens*

We will start the month of November by developing our fine motor skills during a cup tower building activity. We will then play a fun game called "Battleship" in honor of Veteran's Day. We will end the month by playing basketball and volleyball!

# CONGRATULATIONS

THANKFUL

***October Teacher of the Month***
***Mrs. Mandi Shelton***

***4th Grade October Students of the Month***

***5th Grade October Students of the Month***

# A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

***Nurse Robyn***

## "Fall Back Into Better Sleep"

**When Daylight Savings Time ends this November, it gets darker earlier--and for a lot of kids, that means bedtime routines get thrown off too! Good sleep is one of the biggest boosts to mood, focus, and even immune health, so this is a great time to reset the routine before winter break really shakes things up.**

**A few tips for better sleep this fall:**

- **Keep bedtime consistent:** Even on weekends, try to stay within an hour of the usual bedtime.
- **Dim the lights early:** Lowering lights (and screens!) an hour before bed helps the brain wind down.
- **Watch the caffeine:** Chocolate, soda, and some snacks have more caffeine than you'd think. It is recommended that caffeine shoud be avoided in children under 12.
- **Aim for 9-12 hours of sleep::** That's the recommended range for elementary-aged kids.

**A well-rested student is a happier, more focused student--let's make this fall the season we catch up on sleep!**