

The Panther Playbook

Pines Lakes Elementary
A School Wide Title I School



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A Message From Our Principal

The second half of the school year brings much excitement with it, but it is also our time to pack in as much as we can prior to ending the year. This time of the school year is commonly referred to as "Crunch Time" as we revisit our standards, fine tune our instructional practices, and devise alternate strategies to help each student reach their grade level goals. One of the strategies we use during Crunch Time is to provide extra opportunities beyond the school day for students in need of support. Our Extended Learning Opportunity (ELO) Camp for third, fourth and fifth graders will begin this month. Students attending these weekly after school sessions were selected based on academic criteria. The teachers provide these campers with extra instruction in reading and deliberate lessons in iReady. This camp is funded using School Accountability funds approved by our SAC.

Our school, along with all others in Broward, will be commemorating the second anniversary of the tragedy at MSD with a "Day of Honor in Service and Love". Each of our grade levels has planned special activities for our students. They will participate in games, interactive read-alouds, community outreach, and mindfulness exercises. We also have Jump Rope for Heart that day and are encouraging all our students to wear Maroon in honor of MSD.

I wish you and your family a LOVELY February!



@Sasseprincipal

Mrs. Susan Sasse

Important Dates

- 2/7..... Kid of Character 7:50 AM
Honor Roll Assembly 8:30 AM
National Wear Red Day
- 2/8.....Community Peace Picnic 11:00 – 2:00
Chorus Performs at 11:45 AM
- 2/10 – 14.....Book Fair
- 2/11.....Interim Reports Issued
- 2/14.....Day of Service & Love
Wear Maroon
Early Release Day 11:50 AM
Jump Rope for Heart
- 2/17.....Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 2/22.....Bike Rodeo
10:00 AM-12:00 PM
- 2/28.....SAC/SAF 7:30 AM
Health Screening

#2getherInServiceandLove



Safety First

From Officer Soubasis

We want to advise you that The City of Pembroke Pines as well as the School Board will be doing some road work on NW 103rd Ave. along the west side of our school and near the Senior Center. The work is scheduled to start the last week of January and will continue through the month of February. Our kids, school schedule, and safety will not be affected by this work. We may have some challenges during dismissal time depending on work crews/vehicles being in the area however, once the flow of traffic starts for pick up, it should be unobstructed and continue to move smoothly. Please be patient and respectful with one another! As always, remember...Do not block the senior center entrance/exits, do not obstruct the roadway for through traffic, and do not block any intersections. If you walk to school and use the east sidewalk on NW 103rd Ave., please try to use the west sidewalk to avoid any potential hazards. The City will periodically be posting Traffic Police Officers in the area to enforce any violations. If you have any questions please feel free to call me. Thank you, Officer Dean. Happy Valentine's Day!



A Message From Our Assistant Principal

In January our students and teachers have set our goals and now we are in the mode of executing these goals! Our teachers have been dissecting student assessment data and engaging in professional learning communities to ensure that students' needs are met. To attain any goal, it's essential that we monitor our progress.

As a parent there are many ways that you can monitor your child's path towards success. Reach out to your child's teacher to set up a conference where you can learn how to use i-Ready to view detailed parent reports. Our amazing teachers have had tremendous impact on their students, with many of them showing over a year of academic growth in just 20 weeks!

This month, we have tons of great events planned to help your child to fall in love with learning. Being on time ensures that your child won't miss out on a minute of instruction. Maximizing instructional time helps students to learn more and increases their chances of earning an invite to our Smart Cookie Celebration.

Students who are working diligently and meeting mastery also have an opportunity to earn a chance to win in our raffle. For every 70% and above that students receive on our school-wide cycle-assessments, they will have their name put into our end of the year drawing.

Stay up to date on the latest PLE news by ensuring that you are signed up to receive our messages through ParentLink. Mrs. Sasse will share important news each week that will help you and your child to be informed. If you have not gotten this news, we encourage you to update your phone numbers with our front desk. You can also follow us on Twitter to be informed on all the great things happening at your child's School.



@AP_Balroop

Ms. Amrita Balroop





STEM-azing Stuff

Mrs. Funk, STEM Coach

Happy February PLE Families!

Thank you to those families that attended our STEM Night last week and I hope to see you all on April 22 for our final STEM Night of this year.

I am sure many of you tuned in to watch the Super Bowl yesterday, and while you may have been entertained by the commercials and the half-time show, have you ever stopped to think about the uniforms? Believe it or not, there is science behind their design. Starting with the helmet, an air bladder is designed on the inside of the helmet to help soften the impact of a hit to the player's head. Shoulder pads are designed to act as shock absorbers, like that in a car. Imagine that a 300-pound defensive back can produce a hit with a force of up to 1600 pounds! The player's equipment is specifically designed with this energy distribution in mind. The uniform pants even have padding and rubber built in for these same reasons. As technology continues to advance, you can expect to see uniforms become more and more high tech with safety as a priority.



Loving Literacy Mrs. Benitez, Literacy Coach



February 14th: A Day of Service and Love

Broward County Public Schools has designated Friday, February 14, 2020, as *A Day of Service and Love*, in commemoration of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School tragedy. It will be a day to give back to the school community. Students and staff will participate in activities that serve others within our school and local community.

We encourage you to celebrate this day of service and love as a family.

Here are some ways to commemorate this day at home:

- Make cards for friends, family, or local community members such as first responders (police, fire) and deliver them together.
- Write notes for your child and put them in their lunchbox or backpack.
- Read books together about family, friendship, love and kindness.
- Spend extra special time as a family.

This day provides a great opportunity to shower your children with love! It is a day you can share with your whole family, and it provides an opportunity to teach your children about the importance of serving and caring for others.

Power Up with Nutrition

From Mrs. Hepler, Food & Nutrition Manager
The cafeteria is excited to remind everyone that all students eat free for breakfast, so come join us each morning at 7:10 am. Please remember to give your child their lunch money. You can make a payment online and also monitor your child's account at [myschoolbucks.com](https://www.browardschools.com). or send cash, or check to the cafeteria with your child.

Apply for the 2020-2021 Voluntary Prekindergarten
Please call the District VPK Program at 754-321-1954 or The Early Learning Coalition of Broward at 954-377-2188.
To locate your boundary school, visit:
<https://www.browardschools.com> and search "find my school".



Exceptional Student Education Dr. Taber, ESE Specialist

February 14th is a day to celebrate our loved ones but here at Pines Lakes Elementary, every day is a good day to celebrate the ones we love. Each day students in the ESE program make gains, advance, and get a little closer to their academic goals, and that is a great reason to celebrate.

Pines Lakes has fourteen amazing ESE teachers who on a daily basis help students achieve academic gains. With patience, love, and dedication, our eight preschool ESE teachers welcome almost eighty students with smiling faces. With love, patience, and dedication Mrs. Norman, Mrs. Berson, and Ms. Bynum work diligently to bring each student to their highest potential.

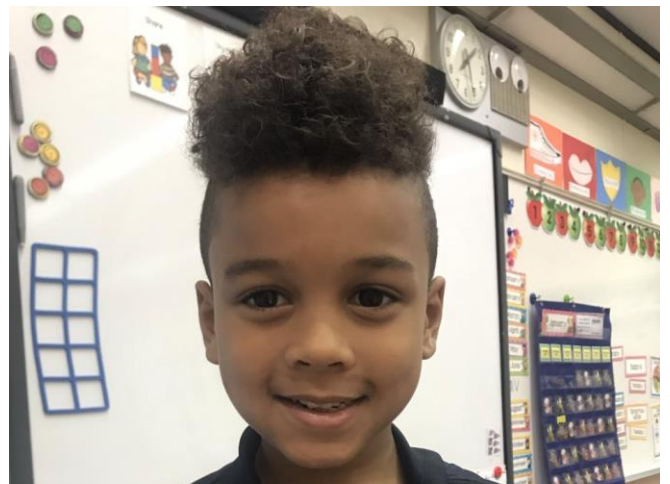
Here at Pines Lakes Elementary, we LOVE our ESE teachers and ESE students.

Healthy Hearts and Minds

Mrs. Yoloye, Guidance

Princeton is a model of positive behavior, friendship and kindness. Princeton exemplifies this month's character trait of honesty because he is always truthful in what he does and what he says. Princeton can be relied on to do the right things even when no one is looking and even though being honest can sometimes be hard. Princeton's teacher is very proud to have him in her class.

Congratulations for being selected our Kid of Character for January.



"PAWSITIVE" PTA NEWS

Valentine's Day Grams are on sale for \$1 each, cash only. Grams will be delivered on Friday, February 14th. PTA is sponsoring a Bike Rodeo, hosted by Pembroke Pines Police Department on Saturday, February 22nd. Yearbooks are on sale for the low price of \$17, online only! PTA will host a painting event in March, look for the flyer coming home with details. Interested in joining the PTA Board, send us an email, pantherprideple@yahoo.com.

