

The Panther Playbook

Pines Lakes Elementary
A School Wide Title I School



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A Message From Our Principal

As this school year quickly comes to a close, I want to take this opportunity to remind parents of our process for student placement for the upcoming school year. As principal, I invest many hours placing each student with a teacher who can best meet their needs. I carefully review your child's academic history and consider recommendations made by our teams of teachers. To that end, I appreciate the confidence and trust you have in my administration to make the best placement decisions for our PLE students.

Knowing that, it is not recommended or necessary for parents to request a particular teacher with certain traits such as structure, nurturing, warmth or caring. We are fortunate that ALL our teachers possess those important qualities and more! Parents whose children have a unique circumstance (such as chronic health condition or social-emotional distress) and worry this could impact their placement could put this in writing to me so I am aware of their needs when I schedule them in class. Please keep in mind that for several reasons, a specific teacher cannot be requested.

This month we show our gratitude for our STEMazing staff during the week of May 6-10. Please refer to the flyer coming home this week for the fun ways in which our students can show their teachers some PLE love!

Once again, thank you for your trust and faith in my abilities to complete the important task of providing a STEMazing

Message From Our Assistant Principal

It's hard to believe that this school year has just a few weeks remaining! Watching your children grow academically, socially and emotionally has been an absolute pleasure this year. Reflecting on the growth of our students affords us the opportunity to celebrate the dedicated teachers that we have in our building.

From our classroom assistants to the front office and facilities staff, each and every adult at Pines Lakes Elementary preforms their job responsibilities with love. I've enjoyed working collaboratively with students, staff and parents to help make PLE better each and every day. I urge our students and parents to continue to practice the habits of excellence that we have established this year.

Research shows that reading each night for 30 minutes helps to improve memory and cognitive function, increases empathy and reduces stress, can improve social skills, and actually increases not only your intelligence but learning capacity as well.

I'd like to personally challenge each and every student to finish strong this 4th quarter. In sports as well as literature, those that slow down early are often passed by another who refuses to give up. Never be outworked by someone around you.

Each week, I monitor student academic progress using I-Ready. Simply signing on and using for 45 minutes per week is just the start. In order to receive the greatest benefit on the time invested; your child should be able to pass 70% of more of the lessons they are exposed to. If you want to know about how to use I-Ready to help reinforce the learning that occurs in the classroom, reach out



Important Dates

5/1.....Kindergarten Round Up 6:00PM

5/1 & 2.....FSA ELA Grades 4 and 5

5/3 & 6.....Science Test Grade 5

5/7 & 8.....FSA Math Grade 3 – 5

5/10.....Kids of Character 7:30 AM

5/17.....SAC Meeting 7:30 AM

5/13 & 14.....Reading Testing Grades 1 & 2

5/27.....No School
Holiday

END OF YEAR ASSEMBLIES:

VPK and Pre-K– 5/23/2019 - 8:30AM

Kindergarten – 5/24/2019 - 8:30 AM

First Grade – 5/28/2019 – 8:30AM

Second Grade – 5/29/2019 – 8:30AM

Third Grade – 5/30/2019 – 8:30AM

Fourth Grade – 5/31/2019 – 8:30AM

Safety First

From Officer Soubasis

To the entire PLE Family - to include staff, students, and parents,

Thank you for making it another wonderful year for me as an SRO. I have received word that the police command staff will be keeping me here at PLE again for next year! I am excited and very happy to have the opportunity to continue working with all of you as well as the new families that will be starting here at PLE. I would like to wish each of our 5th grade Panthers good luck in their future and at their new schools. I would also like to thank them for paving the way for our younger Panthers; showing them that it is okay and normal to grow, change, and move forward. You are all an inspiration to the younger ones following behind you. Whether you are moving on to 6th grade, moving to another town, or transitioning to a different school, you all will be missed and always remembered. Parents, please keep an eye out for notifications on the traffic, pedestrian, and bicycle patterns that will

**The Office will gladly accept gently used uniforms if you are able to donate for our future panthers.*

Checks not accepted in the Café after April 30th; cash or online payments only!



STEM-azing Stuff

Mrs. Funk, STEM Coach



Thank you to those families who were able to join us for our final STEM Family Night of this school year. It was so exciting to watch our PLE families experience and interact with all the marine information and hands on activities shared with us by NSU and FIU! Marine science has so many different facets, and living in Florida provides us with more opportunities to get up close and personal and understand our ocean dwelling friends. Coral reef conservation is so important to Florida. Our coral reefs serve as protection to our coasts by reducing wave energy during storms such as hurricanes. They also serve as a source of food and shelter for many species and provide us with medicines and important ingredients for health and beauty products. So as summer approaches and you may be headed out to the beach, please keep in mind this information and let's do our part to keep these beautiful underwater living gardens as healthy as possible. Check out this website for additional information on how you can help our reefs:

<https://www.nature.org/en-us/about-us/where-we-work/united-states/florida/stories-in-florida/florida-keys-reef-resilience-program/>

It has been another STEM-azing year at PLE, and I hope that you continue to incorporate STEM activities throughout the summer months. Be a scientist in the kitchen by trying new recipes, take part in a beach or neighborhood clean up, and even build something new and useful together

Loving Literacy

Mrs. Benitez, Literacy Coach

Research shows that reading just six books during the summer may keep a student from regressing reading levels over the summer. So are you ready to explore a universe of stories, adventure and fun this summer at your library? It's all happening from June 1 through August 10 during Summer at Your Library: A Universe of Stories!

Summer at Your Library is Broward County Library's annual Summer Learning Program, a universe of fun, learning, connecting and reading for babies, children, teens and adults. They'll have amazing events, giveaways and chances to earn great prizes. This year's theme is "A Universe of Stories," so the programs will be focusing on space and astronomy. Check out a real-life moon rock at the Main Library, take a trip around the universe via virtual reality demos and enjoy free story times, live performances and shows, art workshops, hands-on programs, presentations, movies, games, S.T.E.A.M. activities and more.

Register online at Broward.org/Library/Summer or in person at any Broward County Library location to win prizes for participating in **Summer at Your Library** by reading, attending events and completing activities. **Summer at Your Library** also features the return of the Florida Panthers' Summer Reading Tour, which brings pro hometown hockey players to library locations throughout Broward, as well as visits from Foster Grandparents; hands-on virtual reality events with augmented reality gear; and free meals and snacks at participating libraries.

All of Broward County Library's Summer at Your Library events are free and open to the public.

Summer at Your Library: A Universe of Stories Summer Learning Program will celebrate its kick off at the **14th Annual Children's BookFest** on Saturday, June 1st at **North Regional/Broward College Library**. Celebrate the 50th anniversary of the first man on the moon at the family festival which offers live performances, arts and crafts, face painting, and more. **PAWSITIVE PTA NEWS** The first 1,000

Thank you to all of the parents and staff who volunteered to make the year a success. We still have board positions available. If interested please email pantherprideple@yahoo.com. Wishing all of our panthers a wonderful summer.

Exceptional Student Education

Dr. Taber, ESE Specialist

It is hard to believe we are quickly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. In the next couple of weeks, our students will be taking their end of the year assessments and / or the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Students who have an Individualized Educational Plan (IEP) will take their assessments with specific accommodations. Each child is unique and individual so each student received accommodations tailored to their own academic needs. If you would like detailed information about your child's specific accommodations, please call or visit my office anytime. Please know that the ESE **Healthy Hearts and Minds**

Mrs. Yolove, Guidance

Congratulations to Alberto, our Kid of Character for the month of May. Alberto is a great student showing skills in tolerance, cooperation, and respect. He puts in effort daily to listen to his teacher and loves to participate in our lessons. Alberto is a good friend and works positively with his peers.

We are very proud to have him represent PLE. Congratulations, Alberto!



