

The Panther Playbook

Pines Lakes Elementary
A School Wide Title I School



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A Message From Our Principal

Happy Fall to all our Panthers! It's hard to believe that the first quarter of the school year ends later this month. Use the information below to mark your calendar. In fact, there are so many great things happening at PLE, I hope you'll take a minute to allow me to brag about them! Our school is committed to continuing our improvements in reading achievement. Each team of teachers has a devoted thirty-minute intervention block of time to provide students with another dose of reading instruction. Students are grouped based on their individual needs and receive instruction from either their teacher or another teacher on their grade level. During this targeted instruction, research-based programs are used that enrich, support, or remediate the students' skills in literacy. All our students have the benefit of accessing iReady at home. This web-based program is provided free to parents, and personalizes student instruction to target students' unique areas of needs in order boost achievement in reading and math. Please reinforce your child spending a minimum of 15-20 minutes nightly on iReady math or reading, more information can be found at

<http://i-readycentral.com/familycenter/>

As we dive further into STEM this year, we are continuing are quarterly STEM Family Nights. Our first one is scheduled on November 6th at 6:30PM. You won't want to miss out on this opportunity to see our student projects and experience Science, Technology, Engineering and Math with our hands-on demonstrations.

We are so proud of our Swimming Panthers! Thanks to the Swim Central program, our Pre-K Panther Cubs and Kindergarten students will attend free water safety classes this year. Special thanks to our parent chaperones who are dedicated to helping us during swimming! The first two weeks of this month are designated as "Disability History and Awareness Weeks". At PLE, we celebrate all our students and strive to promote positive attitudes, a culture of mutual respect, and understanding of all. We have some fun things planned in recognition of this special week.

I hope to see you and your family at one of our October events. Until then, I wish you a beautiFALL day!



@Sasseprincipal

Mrs. Susan Sasse

A Message From Our Assistant Principal

Panther Family, we are off to an amazing start to the school year! I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know you and your children over the past several weeks. I would also like to thank everyone that attended our first PTA meeting of the year in September. There are so many activities and events that would never be possible without the support of our PTA, and most importantly... "YOU" the parents. We are looking forward to expanding our PTA membership and the opportunities that we can provide to our students. I would like to encourage you to participate in any way that you can, such as volunteering your time, your suggestions or your talents, just to name a few.

Please join us at our next School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting and School Advisory Forum (SAF) meetings on October 25th at 7:30 a.m. Attending our SAC and SAF meetings give you an opportunity to get involved and play an active role in your child's/children's education. Reading our newsletter, visiting the school website and looking for us on social media are all great ways to stay informed.

In order to help your child/children be successful at school it's important they are prepared and organized. It is imperative that our students arrive to school on time and ready to learn each day. As a friendly reminder, the tardy bell rings at 7:50 a.m. Breakfast is available from 7:10 a.m. until 7:40 a.m. and is free of charge to all students. You can help your child/children by reviewing nightly homework and making sure that their book bag is packed and ready for the next morning. This can alleviate stress from your morning routine.

Let's continue a year of success as we move forward in the school year!



@AP_Balroop

Ms. Amrita Balroop

Important Dates

- 10/09.....Holiday – NO SCHOOL
- 10/14 - 25.....K Swimming Lessons
- 10/14 - 18.....National School Lunch Week
- 10/15.....Leadership Night
- 10/17Early Release Day- 11:50 AM
- 10/18.....No School –Teacher Planning
- 10/23 - 31.....Red Ribbon Week
- 10/24.....Individual Picture Day
- 10/25.....SAC/SAF Meeting 7:30 AM
- 10/28 – 11/8.....Pre-K Swimming Lessons
- 10/31.....Fall Festival Parades 9:15 AM.

Safety First

From Officer Soubasis



WARNING*****WARNING*****WARNING

You have been politely asked or warned by Police Traffic Units, notified via "Parent Link," and notified via the monthly Panther Playbook Newsletters to NOT BLOCK THE ROADWAY ON 103rd AVE. or any entrance or exit to communities at dismissal time. These requests have been made several times this year as well as past years. When Officers are assigned and visible in the area, parents adhere to the law. When there is no police presence, parents go right back to blocking the road.

CITATIONS ARE COMING-DO NOT BE SURPRISED! Please do not be upset with school staff or police officers when you receive a citation for violating several state laws that prohibit the stopping, parking, obstruction of any roadway or intersection, which endangers the safe movement of vehicles or pedestrian traffic, traveling thereon.

City officials, law enforcement, school board safety personnel, as well as locally impacted citizens and surrounding communities have patiently waited and attempted to correct this issue. The state laws will begin being enforced with citations being issued within the upcoming days.

Fall Festival Parade October 31st at 9:15 AM.

Students may wear a costume of their choice to school and bring uniform clothes to change into. Student dress code must be followed including closed-toe shoes.

Accessories, masks and face paint are NOT permitted! Parents and families are welcome to join us on the sidewalk near the bus loop to view our parade.





STEM-azing Stuff

Mrs. Funk, STEM Coach

Greetings PLE Families,

Now that our school year is in full swing, our Panthers are diving into curriculum head on. Science is now focusing on the scientific process and how scientists collect, organize, and analyze information. Students are recognizing the importance of being organized just like a scientist. Students are continuing to make observations of the world around them by using their senses. They collect all data, organize and analyze their data, and can draw conclusions based on their findings. Hope to see everyone at our first Family STEM Night on November 6th.



Loving Literacy

Mrs. Benitez, Literacy Coach

Happy October Panther families!
Even though it doesn't feel like it, fall is here and it is a great season to get into the love of reading!
What better way to spend family time than reading great books!
There are many online resources available to help your child access books on a computer, tablet, or phone.
The links below are great for all grades:
www.storylineonline.net
www.childrenslibrary.org
www.getepic.com
Your local library also has special sections of fall themed books for all grade levels.
Remember that reading at home is an integral part of student achievement and the positive impact it can make on your child.
Happy Fall!

At PLE, Library Media is now on social media!
Whether you use Facebook, Instagram or Twitter, look for PLElibrarylady and follow Mrs. Ashley to stay informed about what's going on in our library media specials class!



Healthy Hearts and Minds

From Mrs. Yoloye

Kid of Character-September



Summer shows the characteristic of Responsibility every day in the classroom. She comes to school prepared to learn and always has the materials needed. During certain activities of the day she will remind other students of their responsibilities and what they should be working on, taking care of others. She is definitely a classroom helper. She is a great student and wonderful young lady to have at PLE! Congratulations Summer!

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Anti- Drug Campaign is the oldest and largest drug prevention program and reaches millions of Americans each year from October 23rd to October 31st in thousands of schools. Pines Lakes Elementary will celebrates this substance abuse prevention week with school wide activities.

Harvest Food Drive

Harvest Drive is a non-profit organization that provides food and assists families through Broward County Schools. Each year the goal is to feed a minimum of 2000 needy families throughout the county and Pines Lakes Elementary wants to be a part of this event. If your family is in a position to help a needy family, please send in the following items according to your child's grade level.

- Pre- K - Large toothpaste, napkins, or canned cranberries
- Kindergarten - Dish soap, peanut butter or Jelly
- 1st Grade - Juice (apple or grape), cereal/oatmeal or cookies
- 2nd Grade- Canned gravy, canned tuna/meat, or canned fruit
- 3rd Grade - Canned vegetables, laundry detergent, or canned soup
- 4th Grade - Canned vegetables, laundry detergent, or canned soup
- 5th Grade- Pancake mix, pancake syrup, pasta, rice or aluminum foil

We appreciate all donations but please send in items from the list, items that are not expired and must be sealed. If your family is in need of a Thanksgiving Basket, Please contact Ms. Wolfe-Yoloye at 754-323-7100. Donations will be accepted from October 21st to November 15th, 2019.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, genetic information, marital status, national origin, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. The School Board also provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director, Equal Educational Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department & District's Equity Coordinator/Title IX Coordinator at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008, (ADAAA) may call Equal Educational

Opportunities/ADA Compliance Department at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine (TTY) 754-321-2158.



Exceptional Student Education

Dr. Taber, ESE Specialist

Fall is finally here and our students with disabilities are celebrating by making wonderful contributions to Pines Lakes Elementary. Disability Awareness in Broward County is celebrated the first two weeks in October. The Florida Statue (1003.4305) was created to increase attention to preventing harassment of students with disabilities and to encourage better treatment of individuals with disabilities. We should always remember that disabilities are inclusive of age, gender, ethnicities, or socioeconomic and the only things that individuals with disabilities have in common is the fact that they are always on the receiving end of societal misunderstanding and discrimination. Kathy Snow (2016) in her article "People First Language" teaches us that words matter and that disability is a natural part of the human experience. People with disabilities cannot be defined by their diagnosis just like others cannot be defined by their gender, ethnicity, or other traits. Disability is a medical diagnosis and when we define people by their diagnosis we devalue and disrespect them as individuals. Making a different starts with simple changes, even in the way we address disabilities.

Few Examples of People First Language

Instead of saying... Say:
Handicapped, disabled, special needs - Children/adults with disabilities
He is autistic - He has autism
She is learning disabled - She has a learning disability
Normal or healthy people - Typically developed
Handicapped parking - Accessible parking
He is special's needs - He receives special education services
Additional information about disabilities and other resources available in Broward County Public Schools can be found at the Exceptional Student Learning Support website at: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/7674/urlt/0064490-dha-resource2010.pdf>

If you have any questions about disability or the history of disabilities, please let me know. I would be happy to meet with you and talk about our available resources. In the meantime, on behalf of the ESE Department at Pines Lakes Elementary, we wish you another great month of learning.

POWER UP WITH NUTRITION

Parents I encourage you to practice your child's lunch number with them as this helps to speed up the breakfast and lunch line. As each class learns their lunch number they will be entitled to a free ice cream as a reward.

Please remember to put money on your child's lunch account. If you want to pay on-line, you can do so at myschoolbucks.com. Also, if you need to apply for Free or Reduced lunches please fill out the online application at myschoolapps.com.

Kelly Hepler, Cafeteria Manager

