

The Panther Playbook

Pines Lakes Elementary
A School Wide Title I School



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A Message From Our Principal

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I am so very proud of how our students, their families, and our entire staff came together to make this challenging school year one that we will remember for all the good reasons! The famous children's TV show star, Mr. Fred Rogers, taught us that during tough times we should "look for the helpers". As I look back on our year, our Panthers truly came together and helped one another, making the tough times a little more manageable. Thanks to our entire PLE family, we can close the chapter on the 2020-2021 school year and say that we thrived as a school family! I know you must be looking forward to the new school year as much as I am! We have much work to do in 2021-2022 but we are ready, willing and able!

This newsletter contains important information on the upcoming school year. Please keep it handy throughout the summer to be sure your family is ready for the 21-22 school year. If you have any questions over the summer, please feel free to contact the school during our office hours - Monday through Thursday from 7:30 am - 4:00 pm.

For our Panthers who are leaving us to go to new places or are moving on to middle school, I wish you all the BEST! As we say goodbye to another school year, know that our entire PLE family believes in you and will always be part of your life - and I thank you for being a special part of mine! I look forward to seeing the rest of our boys and girls in August, when we are issuing "Passports to Success" for our learners!

In the meantime, best wishes for a safe and fun summer!

Mrs. Sasse

Message From Our Assistant Principal

Looking back on this year, I'm proud to note how far we have come with all the challenges we faced as a school family. This was a year of holding strong to our PLE values and building an education fit for the future. We are committed to preparing our Pines Lakes Panthers for tomorrow's world, by empowering our young scholars to shape the world they want to live in.

I am delighted that teaching and learning are the things we do best. Our awesome teachers have already begun planning for the new school year and have registered for professional development courses this summer. Our Panthers also have the opportunity to continue their learning by engaging in online lessons, fun instructional games and access the progress dashboard as they track their progress via the iReady learning platform. I encourage all students to take advantage of this opportunity as iReady ends on July 31, 2021 for the 2020-2021 school year.

I want to personally thank our fifth-grade students and their families who have come to the end of their Pines Lakes journey this year for being a part of our community, and I wish you all the brightest of futures. There will always be a place in my heart for you. I cannot wait to hear about your experiences in your educational journey. As we look to the next academic year, I offer a warm welcome to all the new students starting at Pines Lakes and their families. It's an exciting time to be joining our school family and we are looking forward to seeing you all in August!

Wishing you all an enjoyable summer,

Ms. Balroop

Important Dates

MEET & GREET: TBA

Date, time and details to be released over the summer.

FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL:

Wednesday, August 18, 2021

OPEN HOUSE & PTA MEETING: TBA

Date, time and details to be released over the summer.

STUDENT SCHEDULE

- 7:20 am Breakfast opens and students arrive to their morning area
- 7:45 am First bell rings and students enter class
- 7:50 am Tardy bell and class begins
- 1:50 pm Students are dismissed
- 1:50 pm On-site aftercare begins
- 2:50 pm Staff day ends and office closes
- 6:00pm On-site aftercare closes





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| PTA EVENTS/VOLUNTEER PROGRAMS |
| Fifth Grade End of Year Activities Staff Appreciation |
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| COMMUNITY OUTREACH |
| Shop with a Cop – Pembroke Pines Police Back to School Extravaganza – Back to School Supplies through the Student Services Dept. Thanksgiving Baskets Program – Calvary Chapel |
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| VIRTUAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT |
| FSA Parent Nights Kindergarten Orientation Open House School Advisory Council Meetings School Advisory Forum Meetings |
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| RECOGNITIONS |
| Employee of the Year – Mrs. Diaz Teacher of the Year – Mrs. Dejean Honor Roll Kids of Character – Danna Gavidia F. Pie-Ready Incentive Smart Cookies Rewards Staff Character Award – Mrs. Benitez Student of the Month |

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| VIRTUAL FIELD TRIPS |
| Pre-Kindergarten: Dublin Zoo (Ireland)- Live Web Cams San Diego Zoo (USA)- Live Web Cams National Aquarium Washington D.C. |
| Kindergarten: Broward Theater SEAS Program Curious George and the Golden Meatball Aesop Bops |
| First Grade: Math STEM project- Fun With Food How Legos are Built Flocabulary- Learning Through Rhyme |
| Second Grade: Museum, Zoo, and Aquarium visits - live webcams Florida Everglades with Ranger DEP Coral Reef visit with DEP Scientist |
| Third Grade: Park Ranger at Everglades National Park The Lion King Theater Production |
| Fourth Grade: Black Violin Performance Everglades Live: Habitats, Adaptations, and Human Impacts on the Everglades Dr. Kaboom Wheel of Science |
| Fifth Grade: JA Biz Town Live Teams call from NBC Meteorologist |



PINES LAKES ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



Mandatory School Unified Dress Policy

Students are to wear uniforms daily as noted below:

UPPER SCHOOL (Grades 3-5):

Tops: Yellow Collared Top

Bottoms: Khaki Shorts, Rompers, Skorts or Pants (*No leggings*)

LOWER SCHOOL (Grades K-2):

Tops: Navy Blue Collared Top

Bottoms: Khaki Shorts, Rompers, Skorts or Pants (*No leggings*)

PANTHER CUBS (Pre-K & VPK):

Navy T-shirt & Navy Elastic Bottoms (*No leggings*)

ACCESSORIES:

Shoes: Closed Toe Shoes or Sneakers

Jackets: Navy Blue

Poncho/rain jacket: Recommended for rainy day (*umbrellas not permitted*)

SPIRIT DAY- Fridays Only:

Spirit or class t-shirt with jeans (*only on Friday; no ripped jeans*)

In accordance with SB Policy 5309, all Pines Lakes students are expected to follow the Mandatory School Unified Dress Policy.

Parents may purchase uniforms at any retailer of their choosing.