

# TIGER



# TRIBUNE

PLANTATION ELEMENTARY "SPROUTING STEM MUSEUM MAGNET SCHOOL"

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MONTHLY NEWSLETTER

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PLANTATION ELEMENTARY SCHOOL MISSION STATEMENT  
TO PROVIDE THE BEST LEARNING ENVIRONMENT OPPORTUNITY FOR EACH CHILD IN  
ORDER TO DEVELOP HIS/HER FULL POTENTIAL.



THE MAGIC  
STARTS HERE

-SCHOOL THEME

OCTOBER

IMPORTANT  
REMINDER

**September 15-October 15th** Hispanic Heritage Month

**October 14th-** Hispanic Heritage Day- Represent a Hispanic Country

**October 19th** – Central Area Advisory – 6:00pm  
Indian Ridge Middle

**October 24th – 28th** – Red Ribbon Week

**October 24th** – SAC/PTO – 6:00pm

**October 26th** – South Plantation iZone  
Community Meeting @9:30 am at  
Plantation Elementary

**October 27th** – Early Release Day-  
Dismissal @ 12:00pm

**October 28th** – Teacher Planning Day- No school  
for students

**October 31st-** Storybook Character Day

There is No adult supervision for students before 7:15 a.m. Breakfast is served between 7:15 and 7:45 a.m. Students entering the cafeteria after 7:40 a.m. will **NOT** be served unless they arrive on a late bus. Be sure your children arrive at school on time and report absences by calling the attendance line 754-322-8002.

School Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
8:00 a.m. – 2:00 p.m.

Office Hours:  
Monday – Friday  
7:30 a.m. – 3:00 p.m.

**"HOME OF THE TIGERS"**



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

*Written by Mrs. Judith Pitter*

It is hard to believe it's October and we are almost to the end of the first quarter of the school year!!

Thanks to all the parents, who attended Open House. We were happy to see everyone. I would like to thank all the parents and visitor to our school for their patience and cooperation as we continue to exercise safety measures on our campus. Parents please be reminded you must have a picture ID to enter the school. You also need ID for late pick up and drop off. School begins promptly at 8:00, teachers begin instruction, if your child is tardy they are missing valuable instructional time. Students that are not in the school building by 8:00 am must be signed into the school. Please do not leave your students outside the building.

Breakfast is from 7:15-7:45, students must be in the cafeteria prior to 7:35 to be served breakfast. Thank you all for having your students in uniforms every day. On Fridays, students are only allowed to wear a school shirt or school t-shirt with jeans. Students need a school t-shirt for off campus field trips. School shirts are \$10.00 each.

Please join us in congratulating our teacher of the year, Mr. Dale Foster, fourth grade teacher and our Employee of the year, Ms. Glenna Ethridge- Teacher Assistant.

We are recognizing teachers at Plantation Elementary who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another /other subjects.

In order to remain in this assignment, the teachers will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Training Advocacy (META) timeline. These teachers are: Ms. Anderson, Ms. Bennett, Ms. K. Brown, Ms. P. Campbell, Ms. Fleming, Ms. Forde, Ms. Griffin, Ms. Heslop, Ms. Hobbs, Ms. Jackson, and Ms. Leon.

Parents, thank you for attending Plantation's first SAC/PTO meeting that was held on Monday, September 26th. The meeting was well attended and enjoyed by all in attendance. We truly appreciate your input in electing the 2022-2023 PTO Officers. These officers are all dedicated volunteers that are committed to serving and working together to support Plantation's students, staff and programs. Please support your PTO by becoming a member and joining today at a cost of \$10 per family. Remember "It takes a village to raise a child."

***Please note we encourage our staff and students to wear pink every Friday in support of Breast Cancer Month***

### **Parents, Padres, Paran,**

If you need assistance in reading or understanding this newsletter, please call the school.

Si necesita ayuda para leer o entender esta notificacion, por favor llame al colegio.

Si ou bezwen ed pou li ak konprann let sa-a: ou ka rele lekol-la. 754-322-8000.

Sincerely,

Judith Pitter, Proud Principal of Plantation Elementary



## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

*Written by Mrs. Dana Rhodes-Hurley*



I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well as we enter the beautiful season of Fall. Things here at Plantation Elementary are “Falling” into place very well! The children are getting used to their class routines and social interactions as well as becoming more independent. They are remembering the Power of 3 verses, Take Care of Myself, Take Care of Others, and Take Care of my School/Classroom. Feel free to stop in and be a part of the MAGIC here at Plantation Elementary by becoming a parent volunteer. Visit the website [browardschools.com/volunteerapplication](http://browardschools.com/volunteerapplication) to become a volunteer today.

October will be a busy month at Plantation Elementary. We are continuing with our cheerleading, step team, and drum line practices for our upcoming Holiday Extravaganza. We are looking forward to our scholars dressing up for our annual character book parade on Monday, October 31st – watch for information to come home!!!

In addition, if your child missed picture day do not worry individual picture make-ups are schedule for Thursday, November 3, 2022. If you have any questions or concerns, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hurley, Assistant Principal



Our Pre-K students here at Plantation Elementary have begun their journey as they are provided opportunities for success. We can't express enough to our parents of caring for their children with positive language being used to describe them. Let's look for and point out their strengths.

Our students are getting familiar with our daily academic routines that consist of their letters, sounds, numbers, shapes and colors. Additional learning includes their daily calendar activities. So, parents please continue reinforcing their learning at home.

In Head Start our Creative Curriculum theme of study is Clothes. As we study clothes, we will also learn concepts and skills previously mentioned along with arts & technology. We are exploring Seasons, and pumpkins through literacy, science, social studies, music, and math.

For October, we're embracing Home & School Connection through our Family Pumpkin Project.

- Please provide jackets in their bookbags, a blanket or towel weekly and change of clothes.
- Remember to read and talk to them daily, these interactions build success!
- Reminder Parents: please take the time to give each other a hug, a smile and an embrace to show your love daily.

The Kindergarten team would like to say Happy October! We are beyond thrilled to see the amazing transformations our students have undergone thus far! Our kindergarteners are shining, thanks to your continued support! As always, we look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational journey!

**ELA:** As the Kindergarten team continues administering many readiness assessments, we want to remind all parents that it is extremely important that your child is on time and present each day. Please continue reading with your child every evening for 20 minutes and allowing your child to identify their sight words as they read. Remember, sight words should be memorized and recognized by sight.

**Math:** Our kindergarteners are currently exploring the mathematical concept of Comparing numbers to five and will begin working with numbers 6 to 10 in the coming weeks.

**Science/Social Studies:** Our students are currently learning all about making observations of living things. Your child is also learning to collaborate with a partner in order to collect information from nonfiction texts.



Welcome to a magical and exciting year in 1st Grade! The 1st Grade team would like to welcome you to the 2022/2023 school year, and we look forward to partnering with you in your child's academic journey!

**ELA:** Recently 1st grade completed several beginning of the year assessments. We officially began instruction on September 12th. Our first graders are learning about story elements where they get to identify the characters, the setting, the events, the conflicts, and solution in a story. We are also incorporating daily foundational skills to help build fluency in reading as well. We are also encouraging independent learning from our students. Our scholars are learning to work at different literacy stations and to collaborate with others. In writing they are learning how to state and express their opinions about a topic. We want to remind all our parents that it is crucial that your child be on time and present in school each day. Please continue to work with your child and read with them every day.

**Math:** Our 1st Graders will be introduced to a new math curriculum this year called enVision. They will be learning many mathematics concepts and principles. They are currently learning to use several addition and subtraction strategies.

**Science/Social Studies:** We are currently exploring and learning about matter.

As we enter the new season of Fall, Second Grade continues to work hard!

In Reading we'll be working on Central Idea and Key Details; looking for evidence which supports the key point of Non-Fiction Texts. We'll also be learning about how text features and photographs can help readers to better understand what they have read. As always, daily reading practice at home is important, as well as opportunities to discuss and think deeper about what has been read.

In Math we began the quarter developing our understanding of addition and subtraction facts and strategies, and now we'll be working with Arrays! You can help your child at home by practicing various ways to add using arrays, exploring patterns in number sequences, and also practicing their addition and subtraction fluency.

Thank you for your continued support!



As we enter fall with all the excitement and changes in weather and time, so do our third-grade teachers and students. Teachers and students on the 3rd grade block are settled and holding their own with reading, math, science, social studies, and language arts. Since, we have returned to school we are in awe at how quickly the school year is going by. However, we are excited about being back in the classroom in the full swing of things.

A special shout out and thank you to all the parents who showed up for 'Open House'. For those who could not make it, "we missed you". Each third-grade teacher was able to discuss the road to success in 3rd grade for our magicians! Do not forget parents, that parent/teacher conferences are being scheduled now. Come sit and talk with your child's teacher about test results, behavior in the class and ways you can help at home with schoolwork. Please be on the lookout for your child coming home with the first STEM project of the school year.

On the other hand, we are anxious to let you know that we are exploring, learning, and gathering skills good readers need to be successful readers in comprehending texts. So far, we have placed in our 'Readers' Toolbox, the skills of how good readers use text features to help them understand as they read. We also learned a tool that help good readers determine the meaning of new words. In the next coming weeks, we will be getting to know characters in texts. You better believe we are multiplying using different strategies. Science has taught us about the scientific method and how matter works. Social Studies is taking us across the world zooming in on regions, oceans, and will give us something to write about in our expository essays.

Oh well! Oh well! We are certainly keeping busy in 3rd grade! Until next time, 'stay safe'

Welcome to the 2022-2023 school year. It is hard to believe that we are well into our 2nd month of school. Where does the time go? Scholars are becoming familiar with the 4th grade routines and expectations. The 4th grade teachers are committed to deliver data-driven, differentiated instruction-the recipe to success. This year, 4th grade will make the magic happen!

### What's brewing in our classrooms?

**Reading**-currently we are engaged in rigorous instruction on Central Idea. Scholars are learning how to determine the most important information in a text, by identifying the topic and supporting details. This allows them to summarize effectively.

**Math**- we are learning strategies to recall multiplication facts with automaticity. Not only that, but we are learning a variety of methods to multiply multi-digit numbers.

**Writing**- we are learning the art of writing expository essays, as well as how to write in cursive.

**Science**- Have you ever wondered what causes day & night? ...different seasons? ...why the moon seems to change shape? Soon, your scholar will have all the answers to these questions

"The Magic Starts Here" and the potion continues to brew within the walls of the 4th grade classrooms, but there are a few secret ingredients that we would love to share with you.

- Maintain communication with your child's teacher
- Monitor and guide scholars at home as they complete homework assignments
- Ask them to explain what they learned in school today
- Encourage them to participate in class and stay focused
- Challenge them to read a new chapter book each month

Your partnership and continued involvement in your child's life will help to make the magic happen. We are looking forward to another outstanding academic year!

Mr. Foster, Ms. Bedoya, and Ms. Sewell



## **ELA and Writing**

In 5th grade, your child is required to read widely and deeply from a range of high quality, increasingly challenging fiction and nonfiction materials from a variety of genres. Building knowledge about subjects through research projects and responding analytically to literary and informational sources is key to your child's continued success. Your child is required to write essays that are several paragraphs long. By devoting significant time and effort to producing numerous written pieces over short and extended timeframes throughout the year, he or she will also gain control over many conventions of grammar, usage, and punctuation as well as learn ways to make himself or herself understood.

## **HOW YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD AT HOME**

### **Reading:**

- Invite your child to read his or her writing out loud to other family members.
- Ask questions about your child's word choices and ideas.
- Discuss your family stories and history. Encourage your child to ask relatives questions about their lives. Put the information together in an album or brainstorm different ways to tell family tales, such as poems or short stories.
- Encourage your child to read at least 30 minutes each day.

### **Mathematics**

- Look for "word problems" in real life. Do math problems with decimals, for example when balancing a checkbook or reading a credit card statement. Encourage your child to read at least 30 minutes each day.

### **Important Reminders**

- Homework should be completed daily.
- No school for students and staff on Wednesday, October 5th
- Picture retake is in November 3rd, 2022.



## **Ways you can help your child with FLUENCY**

Reading is one of the most important components of language learning and education. It forms the basis for learning how to read – only to learn from what we read. While most children gain the fundamentals of reading by the time they are in second grade, not every child develops the ability to read fluently. Reading fluency is more or less a skill that enables the reader to read quickly, accurately, and with expression.

If your child is struggling to read fluently, there are many strategies you can use at home to support this critical, lifelong skill. Don't worry! Any child who struggles with reading fluency can improve with practice, attention, and consistent feedback. Here are a few simple ways to get your child(ren) reading pages and pages of text with absolute confidence.

- Model fluent reading - One of the best ways to improve a child's reading fluency is to model it for him/her. Let the child see and hear what fluent reading should sound like.
- Stopwatch readings - Another strategy that works for improving reading speed, which is also a major part of fluency, is asking your child to read a given passage in a set time frame.
- Choral read aloud sessions - "Choral reading," is when a teacher or parent reads aloud and asks the children to follow at the same pace.
- Re-read favorite books - Always encourage your child to re-read favorite books. In fact, the more accustomed to reading a particular book your child is, the more fluent he/she becomes at reading it.





# GUIDANCE CORNER



CHARACTER TRAIT FOR OCTOBER:

### RESPONSIBILITY

Responsibility means being dependable and accountable for your words and actions.

Responsibility requires us to listen, share, and encourage each other.

### School Counselor's Tip



### Upcoming Activities:

*Red Ribbon Week: October 24-28*



LET'S CELEBRATE HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH  
SEPTEMBER 15 - OCTOBER 15, 2022

**Contact Information:**  
**754-321-8110**

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## ***FORTIFYFL TIP REPORTING***

**The safety and security of our students, staff and schools remain the highest priority for Broward County Public Schools (BCPS). The Division of Safety, Security and Emergency Preparedness would like to take this opportunity to remind everyone of the anonymous tip reporting resource FortifyFL and the responsibilities of each school based on Florida Statute.**

**Section 943.082 (4b) of Florida Statutes states:**

**“The district school board shall promote the use of the mobile suspicious activity reporting tool (FortifyFL) by advertising it on the school district website, in newsletters, on school campuses, and in school publications, by installing it on all mobile devices issued to students, and by bookmarking the website on all computer devices issued to students.”**

**The FortifyFL app, from the State of Florida, allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. By accessing FortifyFL, anyone can provide a description of a potential threat, share pictures and videos. Submitting a tip is quick and easy using the mobile app or website. FortifyFL is a free mobile phone application that is available in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.**

**In order to further promote the application to students and parents (and to facilitate compliance with this statutory requirement), please post the attached images (available in English, Spanish, and Haitian-Creole) to promote awareness of FortifyFL throughout your school. If you have posters that include SaferWatch, Silence Hurts AND FortifyFL these are acceptable as well. Posters for SaferWatch or Silence Hurts (which do not include FortifyFL) do not satisfy this requirement.**

**Please remember the purpose of this tool is to report unsafe, potentially harmful, dangerous, violent, criminal activity, or the threat of these activities, to the appropriate authorities. Submissions go directly to school administrative staff, District officials, as well as local law enforcement agencies and will be investigated appropriately.**

**When submitting a tip, please remember to include as much detail as possible, such as social media handles, images, dates, times, or other relevant information that will assist investigators.**

**Note that this method of reporting is NOT a replacement for calling 9-1-1, when there is a crime in progress or an emergency.**

**BCPS encourages everyone to be vigilant in reporting all suspicious activity to the appropriate authorities, regardless of your preferred method of communication. Providing contact information is optional.**

**Working together, we can improve the safety in schools and our community.**



## **Partners In Education (PIE) News**

*We truly appreciate and LOVE our Partners in Education. We continue to THANK all our ongoing partners: Plantation Police Department, WAWA Plantation, The Plantation Women's Club, Chrisdan Communications, Chase Bank, YMCA, TGI Fridays (Plantation), Dunkin Donuts (Plantation), Krispy Kreme (Fort Lauderdale), Publix, Home Depot who provide us with donations and incentives that include school supplies, kid's meal certificates, gift cards and special offers or services. Please keep them in mind while you are out shopping, dining or having fun within our community.*

## **VOLUNTEER NEWS**

If you or someone you know is interested in helping to assist in the classrooms, office, or cafeteria, as well as chaperone during field trips, mentor students in reading or math, or help in any capacity, please log onto the Broward County's District Parent Involvement Website at: <http://www.getinvolvedineducation.com/parents/> and register today. Please contact Ms. Mitchell, our Volunteer Coordinator, at 754-322-8000 for more information.



## TITLE I INFORMATION

The School Board of Broward County Title I Center for Parent Involvement is located at

701 NW 31 Avenue, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311  
For more information, call 754-321-1425 or visit  
[www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/)

The District Parent Involvement Policy 1165 can be found at  
<http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/sbbcpolicies/>

Title I information can also be located at our school website (above). In addition, the School Improvement Plan with the Title I addendum can be accessed for your review. Click on the link provided.



*Tiger Nation Please join our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO)  
Our meeting will be held after the monthly SAC Meeting.*

*Reminder: Membership is only \$10 per year. Please turn in \$10 cash with the PTO form you can request from your child's teacher.*

*Thank you for joining Plantation Elementary School's Parent Teacher Organization. Our goal is to meet the needs of students and teachers as well as provide incentives through fund raising activities. We look forward to having a successful year. Once again, thank you for your support.*

*Together, we will give our children the roots to grow and the wings to fly!  
-Anonymous*