

# 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



**December 13th** - Vision & Weight Make Up

**December 15th** - Holiday Under the Stars

**Winter Break December 23rd-January 9, 2023**

**January 9th** - Teacher Planning Day

**January 23rd** - SAC Meeting @ 6:00 pm

**January 31st** - South Plantation Innovation Zone (SPIZ) Showcase 6:00pm @ South Plantation High School

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*

I hope everyone had a happy and healthy Thanksgiving. There are so many things we are thankful for at Plantation. I am especially thankful for our fabulous scholars, our amazing teachers, staff and our extraordinary volunteers.

It's hard to believe that we have completed one quarter of the school year and is half-way through the second quarter.

Please be reminded that Interims and Report Cards are all electronic available on Virtual Counselor through your scholar's Clever dashboard.

Kudos to all the parents and scholars who attended our Curriculum Night. We had a great turn out and it would not be a success if not for the hard work and dedications of the staff. A big shout out to our magical team.

If you have not yet done so, you should have at least one conference with your child's teacher by Winter Break.

Please continue to remind your scholars of the importance of adhering to school procedures. This will also contribute to their academic success because the less time the teacher or administration has to use to redirect behavior the more learning time the scholars will have.

Plantation Elementary is a mandatory uniform school, scholars need to be in uniform every day. On Fridays, scholars are allowed to wear, school t-shirts or school shirts and jeans.

Our Scholastic Book Fair was a huge success, thanks to everyone for your support especially the parents who took the time to attend the Parent Night. A special thanks to Ms. Morris our Stem Coach.

Please mark your calendar and plan accordingly. January 12, 2023 will **NOT** be an Early Release Day. The district will be using that day as one of the hurricane make-up days.

Parents, be reminded if you have not done so as yet to take some time to review the Student Code of Conduct on line. It is important that you and your child become familiar with the guidelines and expectation in this document.

Our instructional day begins promptly at 8:00 am, please ensure that your scholar gets to school on time each day. No scholar must be dropped off prior to 7:15 am as there is no supervision. Remember safety is our priority.

Please continue to find the time to read with your child and ask them questions. This is how you become an active part of the Team Plantation.

**Happy Holiday Season and a Healthy and Prosperous New Year!**

### **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 notificación, por favor llame al colegio.

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

Sincerely,

Judith Pitter, Proud Principal of Plantation Elementary



## **ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL'S CORNER**

*Written by Mrs. Dana Rhodes-Hurley*



### **From the Assistant Principal's Desk...**

December is a special month for us here at Plantation Elementary. We really take joy in creating family traditions together and sharing those special moments and memories. Our Holiday Showcase will be held on Thursday, December 15th from 6:00 pm until 7:30 pm. This showcase will sure make new memories for you and your family. Students will participate in our Holiday SPIRIT week full of opportunities for them to enjoy the holiday season! Please check your child's bookbags for future SPIRIT week flyers.

Family traditions lend a certain spirit that nurtures the connection we share here at our school, giving us a sense of belonging and helping us celebrate years of good times with each other. More importantly, traditions create positive memories for children and at the end of the day the positive memories are what we carry in our hearts!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Hurley, Assistant Principal



Our Pre- K team welcomes the new students who have just arrived. Thank you, parents, for entrusting them in our care, and we look forward to working together as a team and appreciate your ideas and input. This month we are working on the theme, "People and Places in Our Community." The scholars are actively participating and enthusiastic as we discuss the theme.

Parents, please remember to always have an extra set of clothing, a blanket, diapers, and wipes for your scholars at school every day. Your child's teacher will be communicating with you to set up appointments for Our Parent Teacher Conferences. Please be on the lookout.

Happy Holidays and a prosperous New Year from the Pre- K Team.

Welcome to December! Our scholars are blossoming and becoming well rounded students just in time for the New Year! Thank you for your continuous efforts in supporting your child as they climb their way to the top of kindergarten success! As always, we look forward to partnering with you in your child's educational journey!

**ELA:** Our kindergarteners have been busy learning all about story structure. They are currently being introduced to concepts such as identifying characters and settings of a story. Soon they will be able to retell from the beginning to the end of a story, explaining any major events, problems, and solutions! Our students are utilizing their brainstorming skills to now elaborate on special moments in their lives by drawing and writing. The writing process is well underway! As always, we are incorporating daily foundational skills along with encouraging independent learning time from our young scholars! We want to remind all parents that it is extremely important that your child be on time and present each day. Please continue reading with your child each evening for 20 minutes and allowing your child to identify their sight words as they read.

**Math:** Our kindergarteners are now being introduced to the mathematical concepts of addition and subtraction! We are now beginning to identify addition as putting together and adding to as well as identifying subtraction as taking apart and taking from.

**Science/Social Studies:** Our very 1st Museum Night is right around the corner and our little engineers have been busy with their bridge projects! Our scholars continue making observations and collaborating with a partner to collect information, as this is the key to success in reaching our scientific goals!



Happy Fall and welcome to November 2022! Thanks for all you do in supporting your child on their academic journey in first grade. We are elated to partner with you in helping your little ones to grow and develop to their full potential.

### What we are Learning

**ELA:** Our 1st Graders are learning about text features in an informational text. They were introduced to using the table of contents, identifying headings, captions, graphs, map, glossaries, and using the illustrations to help them better understand a text. Students are also learning about different styles of writing. They were introduced to expository writing where they are learning how to explain or provide information about a topic using various sources and providing facts. They are also learning how to end their writing with a sense of closure. Please continue to work with your child and read with them every day.

**Math:** Our 1st Graders are busy learning various strategies to add whole numbers with sums from 0-20 and subtract using related facts. Some strategies they have been learning to use are the number line, counting on, the ten frame, using a model and their counters. They are also learning how to apply these skills in solving problems.

**Science/Social Studies:** Our students are learning how to sort objects by observable properties such as size, shape, texture, temperature whether an object or liquid is hot or cold. They have also been learning how to sort objects by weight or by whether they sink or float. Students have also been learning how to be a responsible citizen at school, at home and in their community.

Second grade continues to succeed! For Reading, in addition to some other standards, we'll be learning how to compare and contrast various elements within a story as well as understanding elements of poetry. We'll examine the particular language used to create and describe this art, as well as creating some poems of our own.

In Math, we'll go deeper and build on the foundation built earlier by looking at two-digit addition with regrouping. In writing, we've all been planning and creating Opinion Essays; now we're creating our own Informational pieces.

Alongside all this hard work, we're busy preparing for Museum Night! Each class has been assigned a specific simple machine type, and through research, experiments, and projects at home, we're looking forward to showcase our learning on December, 6th !



Hola! Hello!

It's unbelievable how quickly time flies when you are learning and having fun. The third-grade team cannot believe we are in the month of December and quarter 2 of the 2022-2023 school year already.

It was good to see so many 3rd grade parents at our Family Night/Curriculum Night. I hope you enjoyed the evening and learned a lot. We ask that you share what you learned with your neighbors.

As December is upon us, the 3rd grade teachers would like to remind the parents that attendance is important for the few weeks we will be at school before the winter break. Students are still actively engaged in learning, and we want to encourage you to send the students to school.

STEM Museum night is right around the corner. Third grade students are busy working on their projects. It would mean so much to your child to be here on Museum night to see their projects displayed.

On the third-grade block, we are busy with understanding geometry and measurement in math, classifying animals in science, talking about rules and laws in government and exploring theme and character's perspective in reading.

On the other hand, we ask parents not to forget that 3rd teachers are still conducting their first parent/teacher conference. Please reach out to us. We want to talk to you about how to help your child be successful in 3rd grade.

**HEADPHONES! HEADPHONES!** Please add them to the Christmas list/wishes. Students need them to use the laptops at school.

On behalf of the terrific third grade team,  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS!**

It's hard to believe that we are well under way into the second quarter of the school year! Things are moving quickly; students are engaged in learning and teachers are excited to continue to make the magic happen.

### What are we learning?

**Reading**-currently we are working on our literary benchmarks. We are learning how to identify text structure and features in text as we continue to review our previously learned standards so that our scholars achieve mastery.

**Math**- we continue to build fluency with recalling multiplication facts as we introduce division

**Writing**- we are sharpening our technique in writing expository essays, as well as how to write in cursive.

**Science**- 4th grade is ROCKIN' OUT as scholars learn about rocks and minerals

### Here are some ways you can support your scholar:

- 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

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents." Jane D. Hull

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



We are excited to share that our scholars are using their magical powers to unravel certain Benchmark standards in Reading. They are implementing strategies to enable them to identify Primary and Secondary Sources (ELA.5. R.3.3), following rules taught in English (ELA.C.3.1), using skills to respond and identify expository text, and analyzing author's purpose and perspective in both Reading and Writing (ELA.5.R.2.3).

In Math, scholars are so excited when it comes to solving real-world problems. Here, they are using the relationship between multiplication and division to solve multi-step problems (Envision- Chapter 5 & 6). In addition, scholars are working in pairs to create and explain how the ordered pair helps them to locate destinations (such as building, schools and other places). (Envision- Chapter 7)

When it comes to Science, our scholars are working off the chart to wrap up their presentation on Adaptations of Organism (SC.5.L.17.1) and will be moving on to "The Flow of Energy in a Food Chain "(SC.4.L.17.3)

December 5-9, 2022, Broward County Schools will be celebrating Inclusive Schools' Week. The word inclusive means to not exclude or leave out any members of a group or parts of a process. Our focus during this week is to ensure that all students feel like they belong and are an important part of our school community.

Plantation Elementary is a cluster school. This means that we have scholars who are autistic. It simply means that they learn differently. Autism spectrum disorder (ASD) is a developmental disability caused by differences in the brain. Students with ASD typically have difficulty with social communication and interaction, and restricted or repetitive behaviors or interests. They may also have different ways of learning, moving, or paying attention.

During inclusion week there will be activities that will encourage interaction among all students.

**Let's make our students successful by ensuring that:**

- all assignments are completed.
- scholars read for at least 1 hour each day, and
- an open line of communication is maintained with your child's teacher.

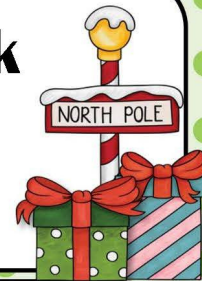


The Reading Corner  
Motivating young readers...



From the Literacy Desk

Building Life-long Readers



**Books Can be Gifts Too 😊**

As we approach the holidays this Christmas season, I wanted to remind us of how important it is to build fluency at home with our students. Hence, adding a book or two to the Christmas shopping list and under the tree is helpful in ensuring our children continue to read this holiday season. Here is a little helpful tip to add a little sparkle of a book for your child.

- Take them book shopping and pay close attention to the book/books they have their eyes on. Go back another time alone and buy that book. Wrap it and put it under the tree and watch their face lit right up!

**Free Books!**

Don't forget students K-5 may be eligible for a free at-home reading books.

Visit: [newworldsreading.com](http://newworldsreading.com)

**Save the Literacy Dates**

**Literacy Week**

January 23-27, 2023

**Theme**

Take a Deep Dive into Literacy, Splash into new Worlds.

**News! News!**

**Let's Get Into It....**

We are proud to say that we have Accelerated Reader known as AR up and running. Students are currently working on their AR goal. By now, students have received ZPD level (Zone of Proximal Development) from their teacher. Students should be reading and hitting those AR quizzes at 85% or higher weekly. Quarter 2 AR closes on Jan. 10<sup>th</sup>. Prizes and surprises are waiting!



Until next time.....Your Literacy Coach





# GUIDANCE CORNER



Character Trait for December:

**CITIZENSHIP:**

GoodCITIZENS obey rules, laws, cooperate with others. They respect parents, teachers, and others in authority. They protect the environment. They are responsible for themselves.

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

**School Counselor's Tip**



*Upcoming Activities:*

*Holiday Show  
Christmas Spirit Week*



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LET'S CELEBRATE WINTER BREAK  
DECEMBER 24, 2022 - JANUARY  
9TH, 2023



## ***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*