

Welcome to our November/December Newsletter! We hope all of our Panther Families had a nice Fall Intersession. These next few months will go by quickly (with several school breaks), so please help us keep our Panthers present, focused, and on track! By now, you should have viewed your student's report card online. If you would like a conference with your child's teacher, please reach out through email, in the planner, or call to schedule an appointment. An open line of communication is so important in forming positive school/home/family partnerships. If you have not set up your FOCUS Parent Portal, please do so as soon as possible! We are here to assist you, so please contact our Registrar at 941-255-7622 ext. 3459 if you have any questions.

As a reminder, students are to wear their school issued I.D. badges and lanyards as part of their uniform. Please help establish the habit of having the badge on before they leave home, as it is required for riding the bus and entering the school building. We look forward to seeing our families at our scheduled Family Engagement events, Spirit Nights, and other events this year.



First Grade



Most of our first graders are enjoying the new schedule and we are looking forward to seeing some amazing academic growth this year! We can't do it alone, so we are asking that you continue to work with your child at home. You can read together, practice spelling words and sight words, and you can even have conversations with your child. That's right, just simply talking to your child about the things you see outside, or at the grocery store, or on tv, can help improve your child's Oral Language which directly impacts the ability to be successful at school. The first-grade teachers thank you for your help. Please reach out to us if you have any questions and/or concerns.

Thank you,
The First Grade Team



Second Grade



Our second grade students will be enjoying a production of The Nutcracker on December 1st, 2023 at CPAC. Families should have received information about this trip. The Second Grade Swim program is being postponed until the spring.



Garden Club News



Our Panther Garden Club has been working hard to keep our gardens beautiful! We appreciate the work they put into this project.

If you would like to volunteer in our school garden or can donate supplies, please contact Mrs. Shelatz at 941-255-7622 or email allyn.shelatz@yourcharlotteschools.net



Music Notes



The Panther Chorus is preparing to perform on 12/1/23 for the Punta Gorda Christmas Tree Lighting Ceremony starting at 5:00 p.m. in downtown Punta Gorda, Florida. Our Chorus will join participating Chorus groups from East Elementary and Sallie Jones Elementary. Sponsored by the Punta Gorda Chamber of Commerce, this is a very special celebration for our community.

The Panther Chorus will also be hosting a Holiday Music Presentation and Sing-A-Long during the school day on 12/19/23 for our entire student body to start off the Winter Break. Beginning somewhere around 1:45 pm and lasting until 2:55 p.m., the Chorus will present some stand-alone selections and will also lead the audience Sing-A-Long. Our own Mr. Cruz has agreed to read the ever-popular seasonal poem "The Night Before Christmas".

May you all have a Very Merry Christmas and a Prosperous New Year.

Mrs. Navarro and the Panther Chorus 2023-24

Wellness with Wally

Hi Panthers! We are excited to be learning about baseball during P.E. classes. It is always fun learning new things and trying different activities to see what you like and what you are good at. I know many of our Panthers play baseball and this will be a fun unit of study! It is important to stay active. Exercise and a healthy diet are important in taking care of your body. Each month, I will be sharing a simple recipe (see recipe below) to try at home, and I hope you enjoy trying new things!



Veggie Tree

Simply arrange broccoli into a tree shape, add cherry tomatoes for garnish, pretzel sticks for the trunk and yellow pepper strips for a star. You can add cauliflower snowballs if desired!



Santa Fruit Kabobs

Use bananas (cut in half), strawberries, green grapes, marshmallows (cut into quarter size slices), and mini marshmallows to create a "santa" and slide them onto a toothpick. Add a red candy to garnish if you'd like.

As we enter flu season, check out this easy chart to see when you should keep your child home!


I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours	Body rash with itching or fever	Itchy head, active head lice	Redness, itching, and/or "crusty" drainage from eye	Hospital stay and/or ER visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM...

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication i.e Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for 24 hours	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash, itching, or fever I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse	Evaluated by my doctor and have a note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school
--	---------------------------------	--	---	--	--	---

IMPORTANT!



FORTIFYFL

SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORTING APP

QUICKLY AND EASILY SUBMIT A TIP

By accessing FortifyFL, students can provide a description of the threat, share pics and videos and optionally submit their contact information.

Anonymous or Non-Anonymous

You decide whether you want to include your name and contact information.

Convenient

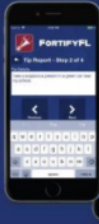
Submitting a tip is quick and easy using our mobile app or website.

Include Photos and Video

You can also include photos or video with your tip report.

QUICKLY SEND TO AUTHORITIES

FortifyFL automatically routes your tip report to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



Your School Officials

The tip report goes to your local school officials when submitted.

Local Law Enforcement


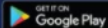

Your local police department or sheriff office receive copies of your tips automatically.

State-Level Officials

State-level officials also have access to your tips to make sure proper steps are taken.

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. FortifyFL was created and funded by the 2018 Florida Legislature as part of the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.

#FORTIFYFL
GETFORTIFYFL.COM



- **December 2nd:** GOTR and Panther Boys Running Club @ Laishley Park (8:00am)
- **December 8th:** Winter Family Night
- **December 9th:** Free entry to the Ringling Museum 10am-5pm
- **December 12th:** Spirit Night at McDonald's
- **January 17th:** Spirit Night at Rita's
- **January 22-26:** Literacy Week