



PEACE RIVER ELEMENTARY PANTHER PRESS



Wow! October is already here, and our Panthers are still hard at work, setting goals for each month and striving for success! October 6th marks the end of Trimester 1, and teachers will be preparing report cards soon. We are encouraging our students to remain focused and present, while looking forward to our Fall Intersession. 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.

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.

Kindergarten News

Kindergarten will be a very busy place leading up to the Fall Intersession! We continue to blend and segment words together in order to increase our beginning reading skills. We are learning to identify the main topic and important details of stories. Our reading unit is centered on rules...rules at home and school, and rules to keep us safe. This is also connected to our Social Studies curriculum. In Math, we are learning the 2-dimensional shapes and their characteristics. We will begin to understand addition before the break as well. We'll also continue to explore living things in Science. Kindergarten is the place to be!

First Grade

First grade is in full swing! The end of Trimester 1 is approaching fast (October 6th), and shortly after, your Panthers will be receiving their first report card. Please make sure you are reading with your child as much as possible and asking questions about what he/she reads. Continue to study the grade-level sight words, and as always, feel free to reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Thank you,
The First Grade Team

Garden Club News

Our Panther Garden Club recently sponsored an event to clean up our school garden, which had suffered damage from past storms, and was in need of care. Thanks to community volunteers and their hard work and donations, our garden looks amazing! The volunteers worked from 5:30pm until past dark to clean out beds, take out blocks and reinstall walls, fill beds with new soil, and replant. The new butterfly garden and vegetable beds were organized by master gardeners from Florida-Friendly Landscaping, UF/IFAS Extension. The Good News Club and Cub Scout Pack #388 had a great time replanting our garden. A special THANK YOU to the Punta Gorda Wal-Mart for bring our garden to life with your gift of new soil and gardening supplies! Sara Weber from the UF/IFAS Extension deserves a shout-out for continually helping our students learn in the garden, and for bringing donations of seeds, butterfly plants, and assistance in beautifying our school.

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

Wellness with Wally

Hi Panthers! We are excited to be learning about tennis during P.E.. It is always fun learning new things and trying different activities to see what you like and what you are good at. It is also 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! Since it is October, I found a pumpkin theme recipe. Hope you like it!

Pumpkin Fruit Dip

Ingredients

- 1 1 can (15oz) pumpkin
- 1 cup nonfat, plain yogurt
- 1/2 cup sugar
- 1 1/2 tsp. cinnamon
- 1/2 tsp nutmeg



Instructions

1. In a large bowl, mix pumpkin, yogurt, cinnamon and nutmeg. Add sugar a little at a time to reach desired sweetness. Serve with apple slices, bananas, or grapes! Refrigerate leftovers within 2 hours.

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
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Currier's Corner

Hello! I am Sandi Currier, the new Licensed Clinical Social Worker for Peace River Elementary. I wanted to inform you we will begin our Florida Resiliency Education in October. There will be classes in 4 Domains offered, the first being Character Education. Some of the topics for the different grade levels are I Can Be Honest, Integrity, Showing Kindness to Others, and Positive Influencer. The class consists of a short video and question and answer time afterwards. It should be engaging and applicable to all our students!

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