

# KNIGHTLY NEWS

Palmetto Elementary Newsletter

March 2018

## “C” What Happens When We Aim For The Stars!

Here are few things to remember for the 2017-2018 school year!

- ◆ Always have your ID when you come to the office.
- ◆ Instruction starts at 8:00 AM daily.
- ◆ **All birthday parties will be celebrated the last Friday of the month. Please make sure that all food items are store bought. Please communicate with the teacher regarding food allergies and student counts.**
- ◆ Gate times: Coyote Gate open for staff only until 7:30 AM /open to everyone at 7:55 AM. Palmetto Gate open to everyone at 7:30 AM and closes at 8:00 AM. Coyote Gate closes at 2:40 PM and reopens at 3:05 PM. Palmetto Gate opens at 2:40 PM. PLEASE use the proper gate at the proper time to avoid traffic back up and delays.
- ◆ The gate for car rider parents closes at 8:00 AM. After this time students must be checked in through the office. The gate will close at 3:05 PM, and after this time the parent must come in with car rider tag or ID to pick up the student.
- ◆ Transportation changes must be completed in writing, no changes for dismissal will be accepted over the phone.
- ◆ **No student check outs after 2:00 PM.**
- ◆ For the safety of our students - Walkers will only be dismissed by Palmetto St. and Bike riders will only be dismissed by the Coyote St.
- ◆ **If a walker/biker rider student does not have a parent/guardian waiting for them at dismissal, they will be allowed to leave campus unattended. This is applicable for ALL STUDENTS.**
- ◆ If you have to park your car while on campus, please use a designated parking space.

### DID YOU KNOW?

**March 14:** Pi Day celebrates the annual occurrence of 3/14 with math jokes, pi-reciting competitions, and (of course) freshly baked pie.



### ~Clinic Corner ~

Just a reminder that students can't come back to school until they are 24 hours free of fever, vomiting or diarrhea. Also, giving a dose of Tylenol for a fever and sending them to school is not acceptable. It only masks the illness and will wear off. We are not completely out of "sick season" yet.

### Guidance Greetings:

I can't control anyone else, but I can control myself...my thoughts, my words, my choices, my actions, my reactions, my future!

### MEDIA CENTER NEWS:

March 2nd is Dr. Seuss' birthday. We will celebrate with special guest readers that will share some of the more rare books by Dr. Seuss.

### GIRL SCOUTS

Mother & Daughter Night Out at the movies...  
Saturday, March 10th  
"A Wrinkle In Time"  
Disney Springs (Downtown Disney)  
For more information, please call  
Tanya Foster, Girl Scout Program Specialist at:  
305-302-0301

If you have questions regarding your child's academic progress please follow these steps:

**Step 1: Conference with the teacher**

**Step 2: Conference with the Guidance Counselor**

**Step 3: Conference with the Academic Leadership Member**

### Upcoming Events at Palmetto Elementary:

March 6th: 4th Grade Writing FSA  
March 8th: Pajama Day Dress Down  
March 8th: 3rd & 4th Grade FSA Parent Event 6 - 7:30 PM  
March 9th: Spring Pictures  
March 10th: 3rd & 4th Grade FSA Parent Event 9 - 10:30 AM  
March 20th: ASA Parent Event 4 - 5 PM (ASA Parent's Only)  
March 21st: 2nd Grade Fieldtrip to the Polk County Landfill  
March 21st: 4th Grade Fieldtrip to AgriFest  
March 26th - 30th: SPRING BREAK — NO SCHOOL

### Test Taking TIPS:

Get enough sleep the night before the test.

Listen closely to any instructions.

Read the test through first.

Relax.

If you have extra time review your work.



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## ACADEMIC AWARENESS

Each month we will be highlighting academic awareness tips from each grade level, these tips are grade specific and can be used as a tool so that you can use to work with your child at home to increase academic awareness and promote a love for learning.

### **ESE - All Grades:**

Never lower your expectations for your child. Studies have proven that priming someone to believe in or question their capabilities significantly affects outcomes. Effort matters more than ability.

### **Kindergarten:**

In Math we are now working on numbers 11-20. We are working on putting the numbers in order, making sets for the numbers, and comparing the numbers (greater than, less than, equal). We are still working on counting to 100 by ones, tens, and fives.

### **First Grade:**

Read for 20 minutes

Practice High Frequency words

Practice counting backwards from 20 to 0.

### **Second Grade:**

This month we are focusing on:

**Point of View:** tells how characters think or feel in a story.

This character feels sad because \_\_\_\_\_ happened.

**Sequence:** tells the order of events in a story

First, \_\_\_\_\_. Next, \_\_\_\_\_. Then, \_\_\_\_\_. Last, \_\_\_\_\_.

### **Third Grade:**

Measurement Activities

- Share and discuss tables and graphs found in newspapers and magazines.
- Conduct a survey among family members or friends and construct a bar graph or pictograph.
- Make a physical pictograph using real objects (e.g., fruits, vegetables, cereal, kitchen tools). Record the graph on paper. Change the scale to create a new pictograph.
- Make records of important times of the day (wake-up, dinner, going to school, getting home from school, etc.) and practice telling how long between activities.
- Calculate elapsed time by finding out how long it takes to complete daily activities (soccer practice, homework, take a shower, etc.).
- Measure the perimeter and area of the rooms in your home to determine which rooms are the smallest and largest.

### **Fourth Grade:**

Measurement and Data Activities

- Use measurement tools when baking or cooking.
- Compare items by length or weight.
- Practice scheduling events to determine elapsed time.
- Use string to measure your wrist, neck, and waist. Then make comparisons.
- Read an analog clock throughout the day.
- Use a stopwatch to keep track on how much T.V is watched throughout the week and how much time is spent on homework, and compare the two amounts of time.