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Palmetto Elementary Newsletter

May 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.

End of the Year Awards:

May 18- 2nd grade
May 22- 3rd grade
May 23- 1st grade
May 24- Pre-k

Times to be announced. There will be a parent letter that will be sent home regarding End of the Year Awards.

Upcoming Events at Palmetto Elementary:

May 2nd: Field Day 2nd & 3rd Grade
May 3rd: Field Day Kdg & 1st Grade
May 4th: Field Day 4th Grade
May 10th: Laser Light Assembly
May 23: 4th Grade Dance (During school hours)
May 24: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL (EARLY RELEASE)

~Clinic Corner ~

Please make sure that if your child has medicine in the clinic that you pick it up at the end of the school year.

If your child takes medication at school you will need a new medication authorization form for the new school year.

Guidance Greetings:
Do something today that your future self will thank you for.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS:
No book check outs after May 8th. If you have a lost book, it needs to be returned or paid for by May 8th.

ASA PARENTS:
LAST DAY OF ASA
IS MAY 17th.

School Shirts on SALE
If you purchase 2 or more they are \$5.00 each for the month of May!!

Field Day

Your child may wear a cap, visor, and/or sunblock to protect their skin from the sun.

Sneakers or tennis shoes are required. If your child is not wearing appropriate shoes they will not be allowed to participate. You may want to send a change of clothes (school uniform) because they will be **getting wet!**

You need to send the following items in a bag:

EXTRA UNIFORM
ONE SMALL TOWEL
EXTRA SHOES

If there are any questions, please feel free to contact Coach Gonzalez or Coach Colon

All students will receive a complimentary Kona Ice during Field Day. If you would like to send money for your child to upgrade you may do so.



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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.

Kindergarten:

During the summer continue to work on writing three or more sentences on a given topic. Remember to begin each sentence with a capital letter, use space between words, and end each sentence with a punctuation mark. Practice adding and subtracting within ten.

First Grade - Fourth Grade:

Summer Reading Ideas

Investigate your public library's summer reading program. Most libraries offer a special program or two during the summer, including puppet shows, book authors and children's storytellers. Most are free of charge.

Make your own audio book! Most phones and computers have simple recording apps on them which are perfect for making homemade audio books! Have your child make up a story, or reread a favorite loved book. The recordings will be priceless!

Visit a museum, online! You'll be surprised by how much you can explore without leaving your house. One example is the [Smithsonian Institution Kids](https://www.si.edu/Kids) site at <https://www.si.edu/Kids>. It's complete with offerings from Art to Zoo, for kids and students of all ages.

Point, shoot, and write. Most families have access to a digital camera, iPad or camera phone. Snap some photos and then encourage your child to write a silly caption for each photo. Not feeling that ambitious? Cut out some pictures from a magazine or the newspaper and have your child write original captions for those.

For beginning readers...

The meaning of the print. This includes pointing out specific words within a book and drawing the child's attention to the print. For example, "Here are the penguin's words. He says, thank you."

The organization of the book and print, which includes understanding the way pages are read, the role of the author, and print direction. For example, "I am going to read this page first and then this page over here next." Or "This is the top of the page. This is where I begin reading."

The letters, which includes helping your child know that letters come in uppercase and lowercase, and helping your child learn the names of each letter. For example, "This M in the red block is an uppercase letter. See how this uppercase letter is bigger than these lowercase letters?"

The words, which includes helping your child recognize some written words, and the match between spoken words and written words. For example, "Let's point to each word as I read it. Ready?"