

KNIGHTLY NEWS

Palmetto Elementary Newsletter

May 2019

Traveling Around the World to “C” if we can find a “B”!

Throughout the 2018-2019 school year, there are a few things to remember.

- Always have your ID when you come to the office.
- Instruction starts at 8:00 AM daily.
- Gate times: Coyote Gate open for staff only until 7:30 AM / open to everyone at 8:00 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, after this time the parent must come with a 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 2:15 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 a bike in the bike corral, we suggest you have a lock on it for extra security.

Clinic Corner

If your child currently takes medication at school please make sure that you get a new Medication Authorization form for the new school year. All clinic forms are good for one school year.

Also, please remember to pickup any medication that your child has in the clinic on the last day of school, any medication not picked up will be destroyed.

If your child has borrowed clinic clothes please return them before the end of the year. Fifth grade students will have an opportunity to participate in our uniform trade in program.

If you have questions please call the clinic at 863-427-6011.

Media News:

All students must have their library books returned to the library on or before May 10th. This is the last time they may have books out. If a student has a missing, lost or damaged library book they must take care of this obligation by May 10th as well. This is especially important for our 5th graders who will be leaving us. The District has said that no 5th grader should leave our school owing any library books. Obligations for library books can be resolved in several different ways:

1. Return the missing book.
2. Pay the value of the book.
3. Replace the missing book with one of similar value age appropriate for our students.
4. Use 100% scores on their AR tests to count as \$1.00 each test towards the fine of the library

School shirts are on SALE!

If you buy two or more shirts they are \$5 each for the month of May. Supplies are limited so get yours while they are available.



Title 1 Parent Survey

Please participate in the Parent Survey. Follow the link below:
<http://tinyurl.com/y3dbppoc>

Dress Down Days

To participate in the dress down activity please turn in your \$1.

May 3rd: Dress your BRIGHTEST

Wear your brightest colored clothes, the brighter the better.

NEON, Tie-dyed, or Multi Colored

May 6th: TEAM Spirit Day

To show our TEAM spirit for FSA testing, wear your favorite team jersey, sports shirt, or team logo.

PLEASE FOLLOW DISTRICT DRESS CODE POLICY

DID YOU KNOW

May 20, 1932:

Amelia Earhart departs Harbour Grace, Newfoundland, in her Lockheed Vega on her solo nonstop flight across the Atlantic.

On May 20, 1932, Earhart became the first woman and the only person since Charles Lindbergh to fly nonstop and alone across the Atlantic.

Uniform Trade- In

Fifth grade students can turn in gently used uniforms (shirts & bottoms)

May 22nd through May 24th

students turning in uniforms will be given a free dress down ticket to be used May 28th through May 30th.

More information will be sent home at a later date.

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

Step 1: Conference with the teacher

Step 2: Conference with Mrs. Shifley

Step 3: Conference with the Academic Leadership Member

Upcoming Events at Palmetto Elementary:

May 1st & 2nd: 4th/5th Grade FSA ELA

May 1st: Interims go home

May 3rd: Dress Down for \$1

May 6th: Dress Down for \$1

May 7th & 8th: FSA Math Testing for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th

May 9th & 10th: 5th Grade NGSSS Science Testing

May 27th: NO SCHOOL

May 30th: LAST DAY OF SCHOOL - EARLY DISMISSAL DAY @ 12:25 PM

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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 work with your child at home to increase academic awareness and promote a love for learning.

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Kindergarten:

We are almost done! Kindergarten will not be doing an award ceremony. In place of the awards, the teachers will be putting on an end of the year celebration for all K students. We will need parent volunteers! If you are an approved volunteer and interested in helping, please let your child's teacher know! The celebration will take place on Wednesday, May 29th. More information will be coming home soon!

Also, please continue to work with your child for 1-2 hours a week over the Summer break. Have your child practice High Frequency Words, Letters, Sounds, Reading, Writing, Counting, Adding, and Subtracting. Don't let them loose all they have learned throughout the school year. We hope you have wonderful Summer. Keep reading and writing!

First Grade:

Language Arts: We have worked so hard this year and I am proud of everyone! It is important to keep your child's mind engaged and working over the summer in order for them to stay strong academically. Please have your child read every day. You can visit the local library to sign out books or look for any reading programs the library might offer. Talk to your child about what they read and ask good questions like "why" and "how". Encourage your child to read books out loud so you can hear them and help them. They can even act out the story after or draw a picture of their favorite part.

If you are going on vacation or taking some day trips, encourage your child to keep a summer journal to write about what they did and what they liked. Not only can they look back on it later in life, but it will keep their writing skills sharp over the summer!

Math: Practicing and memorizing basic addition and subtraction facts will help your child as second grade approaches. Practicing these facts can be done with a lot of games that your child will enjoy such as dominoes, UNO, Yahtzee, and many computer games. You can buy flashcards and create your own game or have your child make up a math game. Math keeps getting more complex through the grades and you do not want your child stuck on figuring out basic facts! I know it's the summer but these skills are important to continue and your child will have fun doing it!

Second Grade:

Third Grade:

Fourth Grade:

We are very excited for the end of the school year! With that being said there is plenty your child can work on to help them be prepared to enter the 5th grade! Students will want to focus heavily on their multiplication facts, they need to have these memorized to assist in solving many math equations next year. Also, students can read books over the summer. It may be best for them to read aloud to a family member or friend to build their reading fluency. Thank you for a wonderful school year with your children!

Fifth Grade:

Math– Keep reviewing multiplication, division, and fractions to make sure they have that foundation for 6th grade. They will take home the math book home so they can review in the summer.

Always encourage your kids to work in the computer programs to practice during the summer (IXL, StudyJam, Istation)

Always read a book and answer questions.