

Patriot Pride

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Principal's Corner

Dear Proud Patriot Families,

I'd like to send a big thank you to everyone for the excellent start to another school year here at Carlton Palmore Elementary. Although very different, our smooth start would not have been possible without you. I trust that you truly enjoyed your Thanksgiving Break and were able to spend time together as a family.

This school year is going by quickly, I cannot believe we are already in December! This has been a year unlike any other as we continue to implement safety protocols to ensure our students and staff remain safe. In addition to dealing with the COVID pandemic, the colder months bring the cold and flu season. I hope that you and your family remain safe and in good health. Please ensure that your child continues to wear a mask to school and washes their hands frequently. We only have a few short weeks before we will have our Winter Break and celebrate the new year.

Communication is vital to ensure our students are excelling. Please communicate with your child's teacher often. If you need to schedule a conference, please call the school or place a note in your child's agenda. We cannot meet face to face but will work together to meet virtually or schedule a phone conference. We are a team and can do anything if we work together. By constantly communicating with one another, your child will benefit.

Don't forget to check your Parent Portal often to stay informed of your child's grades. Remember, all interim reports and report cards are being sent home via email and through Parent Portal this year. If you did not receive your child's first 9-week report card either through e-mail or via Parent Portal, please contact the front office. Also, if you need assistance with connecting to the Parent Portal, please contact the front office.

Please remember drop off time begins at 7:30 am and all students should be dropped off by 7:55 am to ensure they are seated in class by 8:00 am. Students who do not arrive in class by 8:00 am are tardy and will not have time to get breakfast. REMINDER – the only children dropped off in the front of the building, with the busses, are our Pre-K students and our students with special needs. We want to thank you for ensuring your child is here on time and ready for learning each day by 7:55 am, in plenty of time to get to class and in their seat, ready to learn by 8:00 am.

As we prepare to move into 2021, I hope you have a fantastic Winter Break and a very Happy New Year!

Mrs. Dardis

School Counselor Corner

Applications for the 2021-2022 school year for Cambridge AICE, Choice Schools, Career Academies, International Baccalaureate (IB), and Magnet Schools will be accepted through January 12, 2021. To learn more about individual program requirements as well as how to apply, please visit polkschoolsfl.com/schooloptions.

Before applying, please log into your Parent Portal account and ensure your address and contact information is correct. If this information is not correct, please contact the office to make the necessary changes.

Important Upcoming Events

- ◇ 12/4/2020 - Interim Reports sent home
- ◇ 12/9/2020 - SAC Meeting (Virtual)
- ◇ 12/14/2020 through 12/18/2020 - Holiday Spirit Week
- ◇ 12/18/2020 - PBIS Leadership Event: Movie and Popcorn
- ◇ 12/18/2020 - Last day before Winter Break
- ◇ 1/5/2021 - Students return from Winter Break
- ◇ 1/15/2021 - End of 2nd 9 Week Grading Period
- ◇ 1/20/2021 - Early Dismissal at 12:30
- ◇ 1/29/2021 - PBIS Leadership Event Camo

Coaches' Corner

The second STAR Assessment window for the 2020-2021 school year begins December 1st. Please encourage your children to try their best on these assessments. Students in grades K-5 will test in Reading, and students in 1st through 5th grades will also test in Math.

Teachers use these assessments to see the growth students have made so far this school year. In addition, they are used to determine interventions needed to ensure students master all of the standards in their grade level this year. Once the assessments have been taken, teachers will send home the Parent Report to share the progress your child has made.

As part of their homework each night, students should be reading and practicing their math facts. Your encouragement in this is greatly appreciated!

Mrs. Miller and Mrs. Paye

Media Center News

We are still trying to round up all the school materials that sheltered in place with you last spring. Please look for and return items on your Students' fine notice sent recently via FOCUS emails. Remember the following:

- ◆ If you did not receive an email and want to be on the mailing list, make sure an up to date email is on file in FOCUS at our school.
- ◆ Information about lost items is also available on the Parent Portal.
- ◆ Lost material fines will be deleted when items are returned.
- ◆ All fines for library books were adjusted for the age and condition of the materials.
- ◆ Questions? Please contact the school.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Dunn

7 HABITS SPOTLIGHT

Students who earn the required amount of patriot stamps each month will be rewarded at the end of each month. We will celebrate the students' positive behavior efforts with Popcorn and a movie on December 18, 2020. In addition, students who are eligible to participate in January will be rewarded with a camouflage dress down day. Watch for those patriot stamps! Check your child's agenda daily!

Each month, students will learn one of the 7 Habits. For the month of December we will focus on Putting First Things First. For the month of January, we will focus on having a Win-Win Attitude.

Student Leaders of the Month

These students have exhibited the seven habits for the months of November and December!

Pre-Kindergarten:

Mrs. Ortiz: Anakin Stillinger, Victoria Santiago

Ms. Oberhofer & Ms. Oxley: Penelope Maldonado, Cohen Robinson

Kindergarten

Ms. Golotko: Emmalee Cox, Owen Smith

Mrs. Hollingsworth: Myra Williams

Ms. Marotti: Charlotte Champion, Owen Rodriguez

Ms. Rogers: Braylin Mack, Daila Wallace

1st Grade

Ms. Arnold: Max Palacios, Jackson Davis

Mrs. Isaac: Havyn Wilson, JaydaDior Johnson

Mrs. Portillo: Finley Ayers, Naidalyz Jimenez

Mrs. Steele: Carl Crawford, Lily Rodriguez

2nd Grade

Ms. Grant: Jomar Velez Soto, Dawson Lott

Ms. Lockhart: Kamryn Lewis, Quinton Pope

Mrs. Watler: Aiden Davis, Isaac Hellmuth

3rd Grade

Mrs. Amezcuita: Raniya Bell, Delmarri Haynes

Mrs. Goddard: Quinn Yates, Diego Soto Garcia

Ms. Pierce: JaNarri Cooper, Alex Nason

4th Grade

Mrs. Deneve: Damaris Deleon-Fuentes, Kailyn Henry

Ms. Hayes: Anthony Echevarria, Scout Lever

Mrs. Richardson: Elizabeth Medina, Isabella Tate

5th Grade

Mrs. Gerstler: Oscar Soto Garcia, Oniyah Lang

Mrs. Maldonado: Lissette Hernandez, Annaya Smith

Ms. Rivera: James Orasky, Madison MacDowell

Mrs. Zimmerman: Jaylen Jones, Alex Perez

Ms. Schultz: Marty Pass, Carolina Romero-Alvarez

1. Proactive
2. Begin with the End in Mind
3. Put First Things First
4. Think Win-Win
5. Seek First to Understand then.. Be Understood
6. Synergize
7. Sharpen the Saw

