

# PIRATE POINTS



The official newsletter of Pearl Public School District

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### UPCOMING DATES

**May 15**  
Class of 2025 Graduation

**May 19-22**  
Second Semester Exams

**May 23**  
End of 2nd Semester



[Click here to view the PPSD Calendar.](#)

### May Employees of the Month



Kevin Knuckles  
Technology Department  
Administrator of the Month

Linda Nobles  
Pearl High School  
Certified Staff of the Month

Nichole Stewart  
Pearl Lower Elementary  
Classified Staff of the Month

Congratulations to the May Employees of the Month! The Employees of the Month Program is sponsored by Merit Health.

### Congratulations, 2024-2025 Retirees!



Congratulations to the 2024-2025 retirees! This group has more than 261 years of combined service in education.

# Thank you, TEACHERS

Tomorrow, Friday, May 9, is the last day of teacher appreciation week. Have you thanked a teacher?

*\*Pearl Junior High will celebrate next week!\**

## SCHOOL NEWS

- **ECEC**
  - 5/14: Water Day
- **PLE**
  - 5/12 & 13: Summer Reading Book Fair
  - 5/12: Kindergarten Awards Day
  - 5/13: 1st Grade Awards Day
  - 5/20: Field Day
- **Northside**
  - 5/9:
    - 3rd Grade Tours Pearl Upper
    - Perfect Attendance Popsicle Party
  - 5/12-14: Spring Library Book Fair
  - 5/19: Field Day
- **Pearl Upper:**
  - 5/13: Field Day
  - 5/19: 4th Grade Awards Day
  - 5/20: 5th Grade Awards Day
- **Pearl Junior High School**
  - 5/9: Field Day
  - 5/15: 8th Grade Awards Day
  - 5/16: 6th & 7th Grade Awards Day
- **Pearl High School**
  - 5/9: Class Day
  - 5/15: Graduation

### GOLF TEAM TRYOUTS

Any student, in grades 7-12, interested in playing on the golf team, needs to attend tryouts on Monday 5/12 and Tuesday 5/13 at 4:00 p.m. at the Pearl Municipal Golf Course. Golfers must provide their own golf clubs, balls, and tees. If you are unable to make those dates or have questions please contact David Houston, [dhouston@pearlk12.com](mailto:dhouston@pearlk12.com).



Purchase athletic tickets on [GoFan.co](https://www.gofan.co).

[Purchase PJHS event tickets.](#)

[Purchase PHS event tickets.](#)

### UPCOMING ATHLETIC TRYOUTS

#### JH BASEBALL

MAY 12  
3:30-5:30  
HS BASEBALL FIELD

#### HS BASEBALL

MAY 19  
3:30-5:30  
HS BASEBALL FIELD



### SOFTBALL TRYOUTS 2025-2026

**REGISTRATION NOW OPEN!**

MONDAY MAY 12, 3:30-5:30PM  
CURRENT 6TH-7TH GRADERS

TUESDAY MAY 13, 3:30-5:30PM  
CURRENT 8TH-11TH GRADERS

WEDNESDAY MAY 14 3:00-5:00PM  
MAKEUP DAY

MUST HAVE: CURRENT PHYSICAL, GLOVE, ATHLETIC CLOTHES, AND WATER

@ PEARL HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL FIELD

REGISTER NOW WITH QR CODE:

OR VISIT:

[HTTPS://TINYURL.COM/MTXXVUJH](https://tinyurl.com/MTXXVUJH)



[Click to download the activity scheduler app to view Pirate athletic schedules.](#)



**June 2 - 4, 5:30 pm – 7:30 pm**

**Registration Forms must be received by May 16, 2025**

### Registration

Open to girls 4<sup>th</sup> grade and up.  
Cost is \$40, payable by cash, CashApp - \$2022piratevolleyball, or check – PHS Volleyball Booster Club. Includes a commemorative shirt.  
Pizza will be provided.  
Click QR Code to register.



Participants will be taught basic volleyball skills such as serving, receiving, digging, setting, and hitting.

Campers will play a scrimmage game at the conclusion of the camp.

Contact Coach Roy Harper at [rharper@pearlk12.com](mailto:rharper@pearlk12.com) for more information.

 Pearl Public School District

# WE ARE HIRING

- Special Education Teacher - Self-Contained (Grades 2-3)
- Kindergarten Teacher
- Second Grade Teacher
- Fifth Grade ELA Teacher
- Elementary Behavior Class Teacher
- Assistant Teacher (Grades 6-8)
- Athletics Custodian/General Maintenance Staff (Grades 9-12)
- Bus Drivers

**Go to [www.pearlk12.com](http://www.pearlk12.com) to apply now!**



**GAMEDAY**  
SPRING GAME

PEARL PIRATES *Pearl* vs  NESHOBA CENTRAL ROCKETS

TUESDAY, MAY 13TH | 6:00 PM | RAY ROGERS STADIUM



**EPI**

Make Back to School Easier with EPI School Supply Packs

- Teacher Approved
- Delivered Before the First Day of School
- Save Time & Money

**SHOP NOW**

**Order Your Teacher-Approved Packs by May 20!**

Make school supply shopping easy! Educational Products Inc. (EPI) packs contain teacher-approved items and are delivered before school starts. When you buy from EPI you lock in pricing and avoid not being able to find everything on your list.

Shop now for your 2025-2026 school supplies. Avoid the stores and get all your school supply shopping done online.

**Click your school for the 2025-2026 school year to order now!**

- [ECEC \(PreK\)](#)
- [Pearl Lower Elementary \(K & 1st Grade\)](#)
- [Northside Elementary \(2nd & 3rd Grade\)](#)
- [Pearl Upper Elementary \(4th & 5th Grade\)](#)

**\*Please note: You are NOT required to buy your supplies through this service. This is an option offered as a convenience to PPSD families.\***



**FEDERAL PROGRAMS ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING**

Agenda: Planning meeting for Federal Funds Uses

 May 20, 2025  Pearl Central Office  
3375 Highway 80 East

 5:30 p.m.

 Scan the QR code or go to <https://forms.office.com/r/CVScR8ZRD>

# PHS NIGHT

@ TRUSTMARK PARK

**SATURDAY, MAY 10**  
**6:00 P.M.**

FEATURING PERFORMANCES BY  
PEARL SINGERS AND PEARL DRUMLINE

Join us on Saturday, May 10, for PHS Night at the Mississippi Mud Monsters game at Trustmark Park. The Pearl Singers will perform the National Anthem with a special performance by the Pearl Drumline.

PEARSON FOUNDATION, INC.  
PO BOX 54056  
PEARL MS 39288

**May 28 - July 2, 2025**

## SUMMER LEARNING INSTITUTE & DAY KAMP

**Registration Dates:**  
April 28, 29 & 30  
May 6 - 9, 12 - 14, 19 - 22

**Registration Time:**  
11:00 am - 4:30 pm

**Registration Location:**  
PEARSON Foundation Office  
206 Old Whitfield Road  
Pearl, MS

**Information:**  
Office: 601-939-7517  
Text: 601-942-2990  
PEARSON39208@gmail.com

**Camp Location:**  
Pearl Lower Elementary  
Pearl City Park Complex

While the camp itself is free, a non-refundable \$50 registration fee is required per child to secure their spot.

The Summer Learning Enrichment Institute - Day Kamp is a community-led pilot program created to prevent summer learning loss and support year-round academic and personal growth. Built with input from families and local leaders, it's designed to inspire students beyond the summer months.

The PEARSON Foundation Summer Learning & Enrichment Institute is May 28 - July 2, for 1st-8th graders. Registration is open now through May 5. Space is limited! [Click here for more information.](#)

## Check out these FREE ACT resources below!

The next ACT will be given on June 14. The deadline to apply is tomorrow, May 9. Go to [my.act.org](http://my.act.org) to register.



## Get your game on with REAL ACT practice test questions!

FREE & accessible anytime, anywhere  
Short, engaging practice sessions  
Reinforces key ACT concepts



Each subject matter (English, Math, Reading and Science) contains 3 quizzes

Start practicing today!  
Scan the QR code or visit  
<https://quizme.act.org> to begin.



## FREE ACT PRACTICE RESOURCES



### PREPARING FOR THE ACT? WE'VE GOT YOU COVERED!

Check out these free practice tests, videos, and study guides to help you feel confident on test day. Click the links below to access each resource instantly!

#### PRACTICE TESTS, GUIDES, AND VIDEO RESOURCES:

Full-length online practice test that incorporates the upcoming enhancements	Preparing for the ACT Test Guide   2024-2025 (pdf)	Preparación para el examen ACT   2024-2025 (pdf)
Preparing for the ACT Test Guide   2020-2021 Practice Test (pdf)	PreACT Secure Practice Test Booklet and Answer Document (pdf)	ACT English Free ACT Prep Sample Class (video)
ACT Math Free ACT Prep Sample Class (video)	ACT Reading Free ACT Prep Sample Class (video)	ACT Science Free ACT Prep Sample Class (video)
Student Advice on Taking the ACT (video)	Student Advice on Test Anxiety (video)	Student Views on ACT Test Prep (video)
How to Prepare for Taking a Test (video)	Practical Resources, Tools, and Tips to Help You Prepare for the ACT (video)	How Can the ACT Test Help Me? (video)



Scan the QR code for a digital version of this resource!



## Substitute With Kelly!

Do you know someone who would be interested in working as a substitute teacher or paraprofessional? Great substitute teaching opportunities are available Pearl Public Schools. You don't need prior teaching experience—just a desire to help students become the best versions of themselves. [Click here to learn more!](#)

Scan or click the QR Code to fill out a quick interest form!



## PEARL PUBLIC SCHOOL DISTRICT

Pre-Kindergarten Program

FOR THE 2025-2026 SCHOOL YEAR

Please visit our website or call the PPSD Early Childhood Education Center for more information on the 4-year-old program.

☎ 601.933.2461

🌐 [www.pearlk12.com](http://www.pearlk12.com)



If you're interested in enrolling your child in the 4-year-old program at the Pearl Public School District Early Childhood Education Center (ECEC) for the 2025-2026 school year, call 601-933-2461 or [click here for more information.](#)



## Bus Drivers Wanted!

Contact the PPSD Transportation Department at 601.932.7985 for more information.

Visit [pearlk12.com/employment](http://pearlk12.com/employment) to apply online!

**Starting at \$18.07/hour!**



**Catch a Pirate!**

[Tell us about a PPSD staff member deserving of recognition!](#)



[Become a Pirate Perks Partner today!](#)



[Stay informed - click here to check ActiveParent.](#)



[Click here to nominate someone for the PPSD Alumni Spotlight.](#)

*The mission of Pearl Public School District is to prepare each student to become a lifelong learner, achieve individual goals, and positively impact a global society.*

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June 1 - 30, 2025

# Summer Library Program

FOR ALL AGES



## FOR KIDS

### FOR ADULTS

- June 2, 6:00 p.m. Create and Connect
- June 9, 4:00 p.m. Miniature Crafts and Crochet
- June 16, 6:00 p.m. Yoga Class
- June 18, 6:30 p.m. Novel Tea Book Club
- June 19, 10:00 a.m. Novel Tea Book Club
- June 24, 6:00 p.m. Simply Crafts
- June 26, 3:00 p.m. Create and Connect

- June 2, 2:00 p.m. Kickoff Party
- June 3, 6:00 p.m. Dinosaur Experience
- June 7, 11:00 a.m. Hip-Hop Dance Class
- June 7, 1:00 p.m. Dance Off
- June 10, 1:00 p.m. Hattiesburg Zoo
- June 16, 4:00 p.m. Make your own comics!
- June 17, 1:00 p.m. Board Game Day
- June 23, 3:00 p.m. Blue Blur's Birthday Bash
- June 24, 6:00 p.m. Science Museum @ 6 PM

### Lapsit Story Time

Every Thursday 10:30 a.m.

### Preschool Story Time

Every Wednesday 10:00 a.m.



Pearl Public Library  
2416 Old Brandon Rd  
601-932-2562

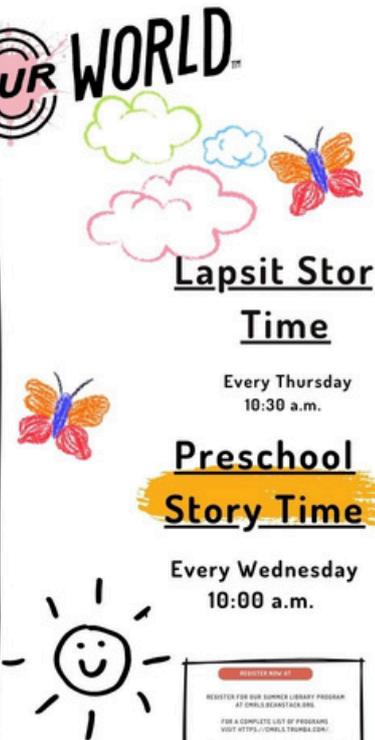


For a complete list of programs visit <https://cmrls.trumba.com/>.



### TEEN & TWEENS

- June 4, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lessons
- June 10, 6:00 p.m. Teen Hangout
- June 11, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lessons
- June 13, 2:00 p.m. Podcasting Class
- June 17, 6:00 p.m. Graphic Novel Book Club
- June 18, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lessons
- June 25, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lessons



July 1 - 30, 2025

# Summer Library Program

FOR ALL AGES



## FOR KIDS

### FOR ADULTS

- July 7, 6:00 p.m. Create and Connect
- July 14, 4 p.m. Miniature Crafts and Crochet
- July 16, 6:30 p.m. Novel Tea Book Club
- July 17, 6:00 p.m. Novel Tea Book Club
- July 21, 6:00 p.m. Yoga Class
- July 29, 6:00 p.m. Simply Crafts
- July 31, 3 p.m. Create and Connect

- July 2, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lesson
- July 9, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lesson
- July 11, 1:00 p.m. Let's Create!
- July 15, 1:30 p.m. Friendship Bracelets
- July 16, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lesson
- July 23, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lesson
- July 29, 1:00 p.m. Rock Painting
- July 30, 3:30 p.m. Quick Drawing Lesson

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### TEEN & TWEENS

- July 1, 6:00 p.m. MDOT Teen Program
- July 8, 4:00 p.m. Cross-stitching
- July 8, 6:00 p.m. Teen Hangout
- July 14, 5:00 p.m. Record Painting
- July 15, 6:00 p.m. Graphic Novel Book Club
- July 22, 1:00 p.m. Crystal Necklaces
- July 28, 3:00 p.m. Photography Class

