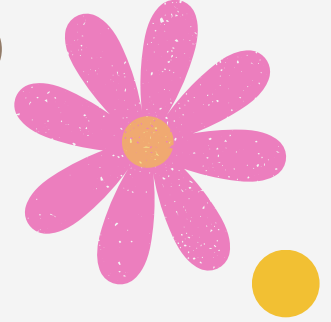


PIRATE TREASURES



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and families,

Spring is here! As warmer weather approaches, please be sure your student is in compliance with the dress code policy in the student handbook.

MAAP assessments will be given the week of April 30th-May 3rd. It is very important for students to be present and on time every day as we prepare for these tests.

Any additional help you could give at home would certainly benefit your child.

Gavin Gill, Principal



April Events

April 5th

5th grade Field Trip

April 11th

AR Field Trip
(qualifying students only)

April 18th

Progress Reports Issued

April 19th

April Student of the Month
Celebration

April 30th-May 3rd

MAAP Testing



**APRIL
2024**



**PEARL UPPER
ELEMENTARY**

ART

Ms. Creighton



During April and May, we will be doing a lot of free-drawing and activities that allow for individual creativity. We will also begin to explore projects that are related to Spring and Summer.

REMINDER: Please download the BoxTops app on your phone and scan your grocery receipts. This gives money to our school to help buy fun art supplies for our students! Also, remember to send pencil store money with your student on Art day.



LIBRARY

Mrs. Harrell

Pearl Upper is joining with the Mississippi Braves for their "Braves Bookworms" program. Students who meet their 4th 9 weeks AR goal (10 points) will receive a bookmark that can be traded in for 2 free tickets to the MS Braves game on May 3rd, May 4th, May 17th, or May 18th. Please encourage your student to meet their AR goal by the end of April so that you can plan to participate!

Also, please remind your student to take care of any books checked out from the Library and to keep up with his/her Library book. Fines for any lost Library books must be cleared by the end of the school year!

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Edmondson



April and May will be very busy months in P.E., so lace up your tennis shoes and get ready! We will start the month of April with retesting students on our Project Fit America equipment. This will show the progress students have made in endurance, strength, balance, and coordination this school year. We will end the month with some fun team-building games!



MUSIC

Mrs. Berger

During the month of April, fifth graders will finish up a beginner guitar unit and will learn a simplified chord progression that is commonly used in popular songs. We will follow up with a review in preparation for what music will look like in 6th grade for those who have signed up for band and/or choir.

Fourth graders will concentrate on learning music for the upcoming Honor Choir auditions. We will also continue to work on old and new chords for the ukulele. So far, students are able to play C, A minor, F, and G chords. Play-alongs for ukulele can be found on YouTube. I have a few of these listed along with other ukulele resources on my teacher website. You may go to the PUE website>Teacher Websites>Berger-music to access more information on ukulele and upcoming Honor Choir auditions. Information about Honor Choir for the '24-'25 school year will be sent home in April

COMPUTER

Ms. Gray



During this last semester, the 4th and 5th grade students will use their coding knowledge and creativity to complete projects and quizzes. The students will also be writing essays, creating books, and researching information related to coding.

Please remember to encourage your child to practice their typing lessons at home and to use proper typing technique while practicing typing! This will help your students on their upcoming MAAP assessments!



CONGRATULATIONS



**March Teacher of the
Month**
**Mrs. Mary Beth
Cummins**



**4th Grade
March Students of
the Month**

**5th Grade
March Students of
the Month**



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE *Nurse Brandi*



As the weather outside gets warmer, doctors begin seeing more sports-related injuries, especially sprains.

Many minor injuries and sprains can be treated using this method:

RICE

- 1. REST**--Avoid activities that cause pain, swelling, or discomfort.
- 2. ICE**--Even if you are seeking medical help, ice the injured area immediately to help with pain/swelling.
- 3. COMPRESSION**--To help stop swelling, compress the area with an elastic bandage until the swelling has stopped.
- 4. ELEVATION**--Keep the injury elevated 6-10 inches above the heart or “toes above the nose”.

****Health Trivia Question****

Q. Which type of tissue connects muscles to bones?

A. Tendons