



2024

Panther Tales

UPCOMING EVENTS

- May 1-22 No Lunch Guests
- May 1 FSA Reading Test for Grades 3-5
- May 3 Last Day for Checkouts in the Library
- May 3,10,17 PTA School Spirit Store
- May 6 Library Closed
- May 6 Cox Hero Awards
- May 6-10 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 7 FSA Math testing for Grades 3-5
- May 9 FSA Science Test for 5th Grade
- May 9 Ransom Band Instrument Tryout 5-7pm
- May 10 AR Due
- May 13-17 Chromebook Collection
- May 16 Kindergarten End of Year Ceremony
- May 17 5th Grade End of Year Ceremony
- May 17 Kindergarten Luau
- May 20 AR PARTY
- May 20 Kona Ice Day
- May 22 Last Day of School/ Early Release Day 12:20
- May 22 Report Cards in FOCUS
- August 12 Back to School



From the Principal's Office



Mrs. Dawn Morris

Pine Meadow Elementary is an amazing educational institution filled with educators who are passionate about teaching and have a love for children that goes beyond the classroom. Due to the growing population, the need to balance class size, and to best meet every child's academic needs we will no longer be able to honor teacher requests. Rest assured that every Panther teacher is exceptional and would be a great fit for your child.

If you have specific concerns for your child, a Parent Input Form has been created and located in the front office.

If you choose to fill out the Parent Input Form, for the 2024-2025 school year, please do so before:

May 10, 2024

NO LUNCH VISITORS THIS MONTH



May 1st – May 22

Due to state testing and the many activities scheduled for the month of May, there will be no visitors allowed to eat lunch with students. Please pass the word to relatives to alleviate disappointment.



Testing Schedule:

May 1st

Reading Test for Grades 3-5

May 7th

Math Testing for Grades 3-5

May 9th

Science Test for 5th Grade



May 3, 10, 17

Register for Kindergarten



Registration begins April 1, 2024

Monday - Thursday

Children who are 5 years old on or before September 1st are eligible to start Kindergarten in AUGUST.

Complete Focus Registration application, located on the Escambia County Public Schools website:

[Escambiapublicschools.org](https://www.escambiapublicschools.org)

Click on Families, go to registration for students.

Take the following documents to your school. Registration is not complete until all documents have been approved and forms have been signed.

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residence (Utility bill or lease only)
- Immunization Record
- School health exam (Physical)
- Student's SS card or SS#

For more information, please contact your residential school or the Office of Enrollment Services. 850-469-5580

Innovation Center News



Library Books are
Due
May 10



Please check for lost or misplaced books at home, school, daycare, in backpacks, desks, cars, and even grandma's house!



AR PARTY

Monday, May 20

K-1st Grade 8:30-9:15

2nd -3rd Grade 9:20-10:05

4th -5th Grade 10:10-11:55

To attend party, students need to meet AR goals 3 out of 4 nine weeks. Teachers will receive a list of students who will be attending.

The cut-off date for AR points is May 10th.

Thank You PTA for Sponsoring this Party!

2024 Cox Inspirational Student Heroes & Escambia County Council of PTAs Student of the Year

This award recognizes students who have shown great fortitude by successfully adapting to and/or conquering personal problems, challenges, or situations. The student may be successfully overcoming one or more of the following:

Academic Difficulties

Language Barrier

Mental/Physical Disabilities

Family Adversity

Serious Illness

Substance Abuse

Congratulations to Our Hero!



Za'Cyiah Soglo

Za'Cyiah is one of the most kind and thoughtful students at our school. She goes out of her way to spread joy and is willing to help others in any capacity. Za'Cyiah can be found sharing an original song accompanied by a silly dance, a hilarious joke, or an uplifting story to bring a smile to those around her. Her compassion and understanding allow her to recognize and lend a hand to fellow students who may be facing struggles of their own. Typically, she is the first to provide encouragement, comfort, and support.

Za'Cyiah has faced academic and personal barriers and has worked hard to improve academically and personally. She also teaches her peers and family members how to handle difficult situations. Za'Cyiah has overcome much in her short life and has made it a goal to become a certified school counselor because she has a strong desire to help others and make a positive difference in the world. Due to the adversity she has faced, she has made it her mission to spend her life assisting others who are facing their own hardships.



Kindergarten Luau May 17th

Kindergarten is having an end of the year Luau! Students will be participating in several Luau activities and games throughout the day. Students are encouraged to dress up in their best Luau attire.

This is a student only event!

MAY 22



Please check report card progress on the FOCUS portal.



Wednesday, May 22nd

*School will dismiss at 12:20.
Please be on time to pick up your students!



When: May 20th

What: Kona Ice

Cost: \$4.00

All students will be able to purchase this cool treat after lunch at the gates behind the gym.

Information coming home soon!

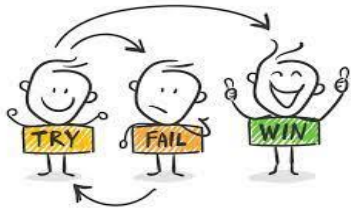
SCHOOL YEARBOOK

To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook

(Must be a parent or student 13 years or older)

1. Go to www.treering.com/validate
2. Enter your school's passcode:
1012923600032466

Price: \$20.22



Teach perseverance at home by applying some of the following strategies:

Resist Rescuing Immediately. Give children the chance to struggle, sometimes an extra moment or two is all they need to be successful in a situation. If needed, adjust the level of difficulty of a task without taking away the challenge completely.

Regularly Encourage your Child to Try New Things. Most activities are not easy to do initially which is a valuable lesson for a child to learn. To encourage taking on a challenge, try new activities with your child or as a family. Studies show that infants as young as one year old were more likely to persist if they saw an adult persisting through a challenge.

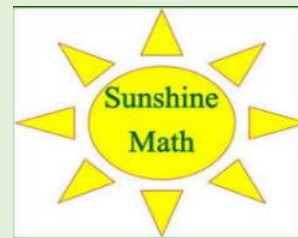
Teach Practical Problem-solving. Before a child becomes frustrated, help him think about another way to solve the problem. Helping him to learn to stop and think can often reveal a new or different way to reach the same goal.

Practice Positive Sayings. Sometimes, when encountering a new situation, children are quick to give up, stating, "I can't!" Help your child change his thinking by practicing statements like, "I can't, YET!" If he is becoming frustrated, remind him of past successes and how he overcame challenges before, so he can do it again. Often helping him change his negative statements into positive statements will help him to persevere a little longer.

Remind them of their Successes. When children are reminded of past successes when they struggled, but persevered, they are often willing to keep with it a little longer. When they finally succeed in their current venture, you can praise their efforts and recognize their perseverance amid a challenge.

The ability to persevere is necessary for overcoming obstacles, navigating challenges, and meeting success each new day. By practicing these skills with your child, you are teaching him or her the key to perseverance and success later in life.

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Twenty ECPS Elementary Schools participated in the 2024 Annual Sunshine Math Competition. Almost 400 third, fourth, and fifth graders competed in both individual and team round math competitions. The top ten individual scores were honored as well as the top five teams.



3rd Grade Individual Winners:

1st Place: Butler Dowling

2nd Place: Daniel Ryan

3rd Grade Team Winners

3rd Place: Dowling Butler, Jackson Rodriguez, Jonah Vann, Carolena Barragan

4th Grade Individual Winners

1st Place: Jaxon Albano

3rd Place: Travis Eggleston

5th Place: Skylar Gibbons

6th Place: Liam Mason

4th Grade Team Winners

1st Place: Jaxon Albano, Pax Fisher, Connor Stewart, Travis Eggleston
4th Place: Skylar Gibbons, Liam Olson, Deleia Marshall, Alex Harr

5th Grade Individual Winners

2nd Place: Quinn Taylor

4th Place: Derek Zheng

10th Place: Carter Jarman

5th Grade Team Winners

3rd Place: Derek Zheng, Quinn Taylor, Patrick Givens, Mabel Kauzlarich