



PIRATE TREASURES



MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and families,

We have had a terrific first semester!
Thank you for supporting our students and teachers.

Our fifth grade Christmas program will be Thursday, December 7th, at 6:00 p.m. at the Pearl High School Performing Arts Center. We hope everyone can join us for “Dear Santa”. It is going to be a great show.

Don’t forget that we will have MVP Benchmark Exams on December 12th-14th. Please be sure your child is at school on time and eats a healthy breakfast on these days.

We will have our “Snow What Fun Day” and Christmas parties on Thursday, December 21st. These parties will be for students only. Please check with your child’s teacher for more information on Christmas parties.

Have a wonderful Christmas break!

Gavin Gill, Principal

December Events

December 7th

PUE 5th grade Christmas Program
6:00 p.m. at Pearl High School

December 12th

MVP ELA Testing

December 13th

MVP Math Testing

December 14th

MVP Science Testing
(5th grade only)

December 15th

December Student of the Month
Recognition

December 21st

“Snow What Fun” Day/ Christmas
Parties
(students only)

December 23rd-January 7th

Winter Break



**DECEMBER
2023**

ART

Ms. Creighton



December is such a fun month for art class as we will be working on holiday projects! Fourth graders will be working on and painting ornaments made with model magic. They will also continue to learn about the elements of art. Fifth graders will be working on sleigh bells and stockings.

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.



MUSIC

Mrs. Berger

“The best way to spread Christmas cheer is singing loud for all to hear!” We will be singing Christmas songs with the ukulele to finish up our semester-long unit on ukulele. Students have now learned four chords on the ukulele. I am so proud of their hard work! We will continue to play school-owned ukuleles throughout the year. If you are interested in learning more about this instrument, I have some resources on my teacher website.

The PUE Honor choir will be taking a field trip to sing at the Pearl Senior Center on December 15th.

Our fifth grade classes are presenting “Dear Santa” at the Pearl High School auditorium on December 7th at 6:00 p.m. Students participating in the program will need to be at the PHS auditorium by 5:30 p.m. Notes with more information will be sent home the week of the program. These 5th graders have been rehearsing and preparing so well in order to make the program the best it can be!



**PEARL UPPER
ELEMENTARY**



LIBRARY

Mrs. Harrell

Reading at home can make a big difference! Students will not be able to keep their school Library book over Christmas Break. However, students/families are always welcome to visit the Pearl Public Library at any time. We also have a Digital book Library called MackinVia which allows students to read electronic books (e-books) from home or school. Students can login to the MackinVia e-book Library through their Clever Portal or can download the MackinVia app for free. Students will be given a “Read-a-latte” Winter Break Reading Challenge before Winter Break, and they will receive a prize for completing this over the Winter Break.

PHYSICAL EDUCATION

Mrs. Edmondson



Our focus is on fitness and teamwork during December as we play and work hard to strengthen our muscles. We will begin the month with volleyball drills and games. We will wrap up the month with Mr. Dear and his team of Taekwondo trainers. Their focus will be on muscle strengthening, balance, hand/eye coordination, and improved focus.

I wish you all a Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!



CONGRATULATIONS



**November Teacher
of the Month**
Mrs. Amy Peoples



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



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



**Spelling Bee
Runner-up (left)
and Winner (right)**



COMPUTER

Ms. Gray

During the month of December, the 4th grade students will review prior lessons and will begin learning to build programs. The 5th grade students will review prior lessons and begin exploring the challenges and benefits of digital sharing. Both 4th and 5th grade students will also be introduced to writing books on the Story Jumper website.

Please remember to encourage your child to practice their typing lessons at home and to use proper typing technique while practicing typing! Happy Holidays!

A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Nurse Brandi



Promoting Positive Mental Health Through the Holidays!

The holiday season is a fun and joyous occasion for most of us but can be overwhelming at times. We can be very busy, and there can be high expectations that cause stress. Our mental health can sometimes suffer. We need to remember that selfcare is still important! After all, if we can't take care of ourselves, then we can't take care of others!

Simple Holiday Self-Care Tips:

- Get enough sleep
- Try to keep a routine
- Make a plan and get organized
- Pay attention to nutrition
- Unplug and spend time with family & friends without screens
- Exercise your stress away

SELF CARE
is a
PRIORITY

