



# PIRATE TREASURES



## MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear parents and families,

Thank you for a great start to our school year! We truly appreciate your continued support. I look forward to seeing the great things our students will accomplish this year.

Please continue to support your child with high expectations for good behavior, providing a routine time for homework, and encouraging independent reading. Encourage your student to do his/her best during the coming months.

Our student goals for the First Nine Weeks are:

- **Classroom Discipline:** Students should have no more than 2 card flips during the first nine weeks.
- **Bus Discipline:** Students cannot have any Bus Discipline Referrals during the first nine weeks.
- **Attendance**--Students should have no more than 3 unexcused absences during the first nine weeks.
- **Math iReady:** Students must have an average of 80% or above on iReady lessons in Math.
- **ELA iReady:** Students must have an average of 80% or above on iReady lessons in ELA.

Students who meet at least 4 of the 5 goals listed above will receive an incentive at the end of the first nine weeks.

Thanks again for your continued support!

Kim Scutch, Principal

## WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF



*Left to right: Ms. Jillyssa Davis, Mrs. Emily McGairty, Mrs. Mary Golman, Mr. Jeff Whitfield, Ms. Robyn Ellis, and Ms. Cassidy Little*

## September Important Dates

### September 4th

1st 9 Weeks Progress Reports Issued

### September 5th

Chocolate Fundraiser ends;  
Hearing/Vision Screening (5th grade)

### September 16th

School/Class Pictures

### September 23rd-25th

MVP Testing; Homecoming Parade

### September 26th

September Student of the Month  
Celebration



## **LIBRARY**

*Mrs. Harrell*



Students were excited to begin checking out library books last month! All classes are scheduled to come to the library once a week for 40 minutes to check out books. Each week, the students have lessons that connect to the standards they are learning in their ELA classes or help them become more knowledgeable about the books and authors in our school Library. Each student has been given an AR goal of 10 points for 1st 9 weeks, and students will receive a prize when they reach their goal.

I look forward to a fun and exciting year of reading, learning, and exploring books with your student!

## **PHYSICAL EDUCATION**

*Mrs. Edmondson*



I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your child during this first month of school. September will be jam-packed with fun challenges and activities. Students will begin the month with Project Fit America beginning-of-the-year fitness tests at Pearl Upper.

Parents, please help your student remember to wear tennis shoes, wear shorts under dresses/skirts, and bring a water bottle on their P.E. day!!



## **ART**

*Ms. Creighton*



Students have been learning about the Seven Elements of Art and completing a corresponding activity during art class. We will continue this into the month of September.

Students may purchase pencils, erasers, pens, bookmarks, and more from The Pencil Store during their weekly Art class. Items range from \$.25 to \$2.50.

**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!

## **COMPUTER**

*Ms. Gray*



I look forward to another exciting year teaching Computer Science to the students at Pearl Upper! I will be introducing and reviewing the fundamentals of computer science based on the Mississippi Department of Education standards during our lessons each week.

In preparation for this school year, please encourage your student to practice their typing lessons at home in addition to their allotted 30 minutes in the classroom.



## MUSIC

*Mrs. Berger*



Students have been busy learning new things in the music room!

Fourth grade students will begin learning to play the ukulele in September. Our PUE music department owns enough ukuleles for each student to play one during music class, so students do not need to bring instruments from home. Our goal is to learn three basic chords on ukulele this month!

Along with ukulele review, 5th grade students will begin learning music for the Christmas program, which will be performed on December 11th. This performance will be held in the Auditorium at Pearl High School. Permission forms for this performance will be sent home with signed papers the second week of September. This form plus money for your student's t-shirt need to be returned no later than September 19th.

The PUE Honor Choir will be singing pregame at the football game on Friday, October 31st, for Pearl Upper night at Ray Rogers Stadium. We'd love for you to join us to hear their performance!



## A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

*Nurse Robyn*



### Welcome to a new school year!

I look forward to caring for and keeping the students of Pearl Upper healthy, safe, and well this school year.

Here are a few tips from Nurse Robyn to help stay healthy while at school:

1. **WASH YOUR HANDS**--Good handwashing is the number one rule to cut down on colds and illnesses. It is very simple but very effective!
2. **GOOD SLEEP HABITS**--Success at school depends heavily on having a healthy, consistent bedtime routine and patterns. Ensuring that students are getting plenty of sleep will help keep behavior and emotions on track. Our 4th and 5th grade students need to be getting 9-11 hours of sleep at night.
3. **BREAKFAST**--While overall good nutrition is important to maintain a strong immune system, a balanced breakfast fuels you up and gets you ready for the day.
4. **EXERCISE**--Getting plenty of exercise helps kids' bodies and minds stay healthy.
5. **HYDRATION**--Ensuring your student stays well-hydrated is so important, especially in this Mississippi heat! Lack of proper hydration can lead to headaches, stomachaches, fatigue, and not feeling well overall. Encourage plenty of water throughout the day and limit sugary beverages.