



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:** No more than 2 card flips during the First Nine Weeks
- **Bus Discipline:** No Bus Discipline referrals during the First Nine Weeks
- **Math iReady:** Average of 80% or higher on iReady Math lessons
- **ELA iReady:** Average of 80% or higher on iReady ELA lessons

Students who meet at least 3 of the 4 goals listed above will receive an incentive at the end of the first nine weeks.

Thanks again for your continued support!
Gavin Gill, Principal

WELCOME OUR NEW STAFF



Left to right: Ms. Kelcie Alexander, Mrs. Tiffany Hoard, Mrs. Laura May, and Mrs. Kala Leathers

September Important Dates

September 7th

1st 9 Weeks Progress Reports Issued

September 8th

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

September 19th

School Pictures

September 29th

September Student of the Month
Celebration

**SEPTEMBER
2023**



**PEARL UPPER
ELEMENTARY**

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 and activities to complete while checking out books. These activities connect to the standards the students are learning in their ELA classes. 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



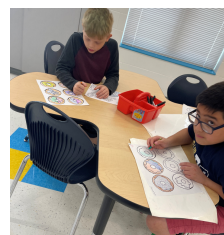
I have thoroughly enjoyed getting to know your child during this first month of school. September will be jam-packed with fun challenges and activities. Students will begin the month by continuing the Project Fit America beginning-of-the-year fitness tests at Pearl Upper!

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



ART

Ms. Creighton



Students are creating "sweet treats" during art classes this month! Students just finished making donuts and will soon be working on cotton candy. We are also discussing the elements of art and tying them into our art projects. So far, we have discussed value and texture.

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



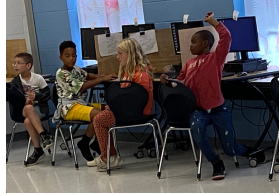
I am excited about the upcoming year in music for our PUE students! During the month of September, 4th grade students will begin a unit on ukulele. The PUE music department owns enough ukuleles for each student to play during music class. Students do not need to bring instruments from home. Our goal is to learn three basic chords this month!

Along with ukulele review, 5th grade students will begin learning music for the Christmas program, which will be held December 7th at 6:00 p.m. This performance will be held in the Auditorium at Pearl High School. Permission forms for this performance were sent home with signed papers the first week of September. This form plus \$12 to cover your student's t-shirt need to be returned no later than September 22nd.



COMPUTER

Ms. Gray



This will be another exciting year teaching Computer Science to the students at Pearl Upper! This year, students will review basic computer components, functions, terminology, and programming.

Fourth grade students will begin the year with a review of loops and events. The students will also develop an understanding of algorithms, nested loops, conditionals, and other concepts.

Fifth grade students will begin with an introduction to the Sprite Lab programming and terminology. They will then learn about more complex coding, which they will use to solve challenging puzzles and complete an open-ended project in which they will create a game or drawing.

In preparation for this school year, please encourage your child to practice their typing lessons at home in addition to their allotted 20 minutes in the classroom and to use proper typing technique while practicing typing.



A NOTE FROM THE NURSE

Nurse Brandi



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 Brandi 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 up and ready for the day.
4. **EXERCISE**--Getting plenty of exercise helps kids' bodies and minds stay healthy.