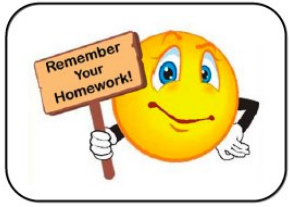


PANTHER NEWS

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Meet the new Principal

I'm Mrs. Wanda Burton and I have lived in Page since Oct. 1993. I have three children who went through PUSD and are now thriving adults. I left Page for the last five years as an administrator in Maricopa County, Red Mesa Unified School District and most recently the last three years in Sacaton Elementary School. It is good to be home. My passion is giving students an opportunity for new learning and adventures. In the Middle School this year we are focusing on accelerating learning. COVID-19 did a number on education, but teaching is the best career to modify and adjust for success. Thank you for being a Panther!

3rd Period Skills

In 3rd period skills all teachers are supporting Social Emotional Learning (SEL) and Reading standards at grade level. To accelerate student learning in core ELA classrooms, students rotate to teachers every three weeks for acceleration in vocabulary, strategies, and practice 30 minutes a day. When students start the standard in their 50 minute ELA class, they will be able to access the grade level learning because the vocabulary, differentiated skills, and the practice they participated in 3rd period will be fresh in their mind. The paradigm shift is to pre-teach instead of reteach.

Picture Day

PMS will have picture day on Friday, September 10, 2021. All students have their picture taken on Friday and picture packets can be purchased. Students in Social Studies class will report to room 810. Retakes will be on October 14th and any absent students from September 10.



Sports at the Middle School

Football and Cross Country are the sports for the first nine weeks of school. 7th and 8th grade play football, but all grades can participate in all other sports. The next season is volleyball and wrestling. If your student wants to play, sign up online at registermyathlete.com and get your physical turned in to Lou Brown.

Lunch Periods

Just like last year, PMS has two lunch periods. What is different is that all grades are mixed in both lunch periods. Students look at who their 4th hour teacher is, and that determines if they have first lunch or second lunch. On Wednesday it is the 5th hour teacher that determines what lunch hour students have.

Parent Volunteer Opportunities:

Join the PMS site council. We meet once every 9 weeks to plan and engage our school for improvement. We talk data, student success criteria, and develop a healthy and safe campus culture. If you have a talent you would like to share with students during lunch recess time, we encourage you to reach out to Mrs. Burton or Ms. Robbins to schedule some afternoon sessions for the students. We will support you with supplies and supervision for the opportunity you provide our students to learn something new.

