

# Monthly Parent Newsletter

February 2025



## Welcome to Pathway Speaks



Parents, thank you for your continued participation in our first ever **BOOKBLAST!** The students are enjoying receiving daily prizes and we look forward to all the wonderful books they will receive at the conclusion of this event. We would like to thank Mrs. Fritz-Barker for leading this initiative.

The faculty and staff are Pacing along to a Great Path of Teaching and Learning. We are most definitely **#Growing Greatness** at Pathway K-5. Parents, this month we will have a **Moment in Black History** every morning on the announcements. The students will learn about our local famous African Americans. We are asking that you make sure our students are coming to school eager and ready to learn. Our teachers provide explicit instruction and engaging lessons to maintain the attention of our students. We want them to gain as much as they can from the staff at Pathway K-5. Our goal is always for our students to have a successful transition to their zoned schools. We will reach our goals one day at a time.

Parents, every student in the building will have a “Positive Panther Talk” with Ms. Glover. We want the students to experience going to the Principal’s Office for Positive Praise Points.

In addition, we will continue our in-house field trips, etc. but remember most events are behavior incentives. Our goal is to have visits from the Environmental Center, The Science Machine, Divine Wholistic and the Exploreum. We plan to continue our Easter Egg Hunt, Field Day, Fun Friday Rotations and the 4H Club for 4th and 5th grade students. In addition, we will keep requesting motivational speakers.

Please make sure to read the handbooks, newsletters, and other important information on the website and through social media.

Together, we can make a real difference Thank you for your continued support!

### Mission Statement

The mission of Pathway Elementary is to ensure every child receives an equitable education, maintains positive relationships and meets their daily goals.

### Vision Statement

The vision of Pathway Elementary is to provide every child with a safe, secure, and loving environment in which to learn.

### Panther Positive Statement

I believe I can do anything, I set my mind to do. I can reach my goal. I can follow directions. I can control my behavior. I can change my mindset. I can reach my full potential. I am an achiever and I believe I can do anything!

*Kirsten G. Glover*



## Uniform Policy

Our uniform policy has not changed. Please remember that we wear navy polo style shirts with a collar, khaki pants (no dark colored pants), white socks, brown or black belt and any style tennis shoes. NO HOODIES are allowed. NO BOOK BAGS ARE ALLOWED on Alternative end. No juices of any kind. No Flavor Packets! No Candy! No Jewelry! No Colored Hair! Students may only bring in clear water bottles. If you need assistance with uniforms, never hesitate to call the school.



## Attendance & Transportation

### Arrival and Dismissal/Safety/Lockdown

In order to accomplish our goals, students must arrive on time for school daily. School takes in at 7:20 a.m. and dismisses at 2:20 p.m. Tardy Bell rings at 7:45 a.m. Breakfast is served from 7:20 - 7:40 and Lunch is served from 12:00 -12:30 daily. Remember, attendance counts!! In efforts to maintain safety, we will routinely practice safety and lockdown procedures. Send an excuse/note when your student is out of school. Also, you must be here on time to pick up your student.



## What else is NEW???

We will be getting ready for our ACAP Testing in March. Please make sure to get the students to school on time. The testing window opens March 17, 2025.

### ACAP Alternate

The ACAP Alternate is a criterion-referenced assessment, designed to measure student progress on the Alabama Alternate Achievement Standards (AAAS). The assessment is administered to students with the most significant cognitive disabilities in Grades 2-8, 10, and 11, once a year, in the spring, and includes the content areas of English language arts, math, and science (Grades 4, 6, 8, 10, and 11 only).

### ACAP Summative

The ACAP Summative is a computer-based, criterion-referenced assessment, designed to measure student progress on the Alabama Courses of Study Standards. The assessment is administered to students in Grades 2-8, once a year, in the spring, and includes the content areas of English language arts, math, and science (Grades 4, 6, and 8 only). The ACAP Summative is constructed to meet rigorous technical criteria and to ensure that all students have access to the test contents via principles of universal design and appropriate accommodations.



## Important Dates

- 2-2-8-2025 School Counselor Appreciation Week
- 2-3-2025 Virtual Day No School for Students on Campus
- 2-05-2025 ACCESS WIDA Testing for EL  
World Read Aloud Day (ARI Coach)
- 2-06-2025 PST/Regular Progress Reports Sent Home
- 2-7-2025 4H Club 4th and 5th grade  
Motivational Speaker
- 2-11-2025 International Day Of Women and Girls in Science
- 2-14-2025 4H Club 4th and 5th grade Valentine's Day
- 2-15-2025 National School Resource Officer Day
- 2-17-2025 Random Act of Kindness Day
- 2-21-2025 Motivational Speaker
- 2-24-2025 ACIP Meeting @9:00
- 2-28-2025 Dr. Seuss Week- Fuse Project  
Volunteers will visit all classrooms to read to our students

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## Spotlight Award



Spencer Anderson is our Spotlight Winner for February. We are so proud of you and all of your hard work.



Our counselor is truly dedicated to student achievement and providing incentives for students to strive for excellence. Ms. Perine is simply extraordinary. We are so grateful to have her at Pathway K-5. All of your hard work and efforts have not gone unnoticed. Our students love you and we do too! Happy Counselor's Appreciation Week.



Our nurse is the best in town! She loves our students and is very attentive to their needs. We appreciate Nurse Brazelton.

## A Few Things to Remember

- **Incentives/Awards-** We will celebrate quarterly our students who make gains in iReady, HMH, and Behavior. We will also highlight our students with Perfect Attendance.
- **Grades/PST-** You will receive a Progress Report twice per quarter along with a PST Progress reports to monitor grades.
- **Websites to assist students with extra academic practice**
- Students should take advantage of the resources we have available on <https://pathwayk5mcpssal.schoolsites.com/library>. Follow us on Facebook and Twitter as well @KirstenGloverAP



Happy Birthday to all the students who will celebrate a Birthday in February. We hope you enjoyed your day.

All students will receive a birthday token from the office.

Remember- Our Pathway Spirit Shirts are only to be worn on Friday's.

Happy Birthday to all the Parents who will celebrate a birthday in February.

Reminder: We have parent backpacks for Grades 1-5. Please let your child's teacher know if you would like one.

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We appreciate all of our dedicated parents! Thank you for being an active participant in our educational journey.  
 Pathway K-5 Parents, you are appreciated!!!



*Thank you for reading!*

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