

# ORCHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## STUDENT & PARENT

### HANDBOOK

*SCHOOL YEAR 2024-2025*



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*Ms. Powe Principal*



## Mission

The mission of Orchard Elementary School is to educate children to reach their potential academically, physically, socially and emotionally. The faculty and staff will provide quality-learning experiences in a safe, clean and nurturing environment. This can be accomplished through a partnership with the family and community working together to provide the necessary resources and support to produce a positive educational environment essential to learning.

## Motto



## Busy Bee Rules

**B**e kind, obedient, and neat.  
**U**se appropriate voices and language at all times.  
**S**how respect to everyone and everything.  
**Y**ou are hardworking.  
**B**ehave at all times.  
**E**nter school with and "I CAN" attitude.  
**E**xercise self-control and excellence.  
**S**hine!

## Beliefs

- The Orchard school family believes that basic skills lay the foundation for the life-long learning process.
- We believe the school, home, and community have joint responsibility for the educational process.
- The Orchard faculty and staff believe students have a shared responsibility for their own learning.
- We believe students of today will live in a different future and we must prepare them to confront new challenges..
- The Orchard faculty and staff believe that every child can and will succeed!



# MCPSS SCHOOL CALENDAR

BOARD APPROVED on 01/22/2024

MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS  
2024-2025 SCHOOL YEAR CALENDAR

176-Students  
187-Teachers

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■ First and Last Day of Quarter    
  Virtual/Distance Instruction  
 Teacher Planning/Staff Development/Student Holiday    
 ■ Student/Teacher Holidays



## STUDENT CARPOOL PROCEDURES

ONE OF THE MOST DIFFICULT JOBS IN THE SCHOOL IS GUIDING THE TRAFFIC AND SAFELY LOADING AND UNLOADING STUDENTS. PLEASE BE PATIENT AND COOPERATIVE. YOU MAY HELP BY FOLLOWING THESE DIRECTIONS:

**MORNINGS:** TRAFFIC ENTERS ONE WAY STUDENTS WILL BE UNLOADED IN FRONT OF THE BUILDING. NO STUDENT MAY BE DROPPED OFF ON HOWELL 'S FERRY ROAD.

PLEASE FOLLOW THESE SIMPLE DIRECTIONS:

1. COME TO A FULL STOP IN FRONT OF THE SCHOOL AFTER PULLING AS FAR DOWN AS DIRECTED.
2. STUDENTS MAY NOT UNLOAD UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE TEACHERS ON DUTY.
3. DO NOT DRIVE OFF OR MOVE YOUR CAR UNTIL DIRECTED TO DO SO BY THE TEACHERS ON DUTY.

UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY STUDENTS BE LOADED OR UNLOADED ANYWHERE ELSE.

**AFTERNOONS:**

1. TRAFFIC ENTERS ONE WAY. AUTOMOBILES WILL UTILIZE FOUR LANES.
2. DO NOT LEAVE YOUR CAR TO PICK UP OR CALL YOUR CHILD TO THE CAR.
3. THE TEACHERS ON DUTY WILL DIRECT YOU.
4. ALWAYS MOVE DOWN TO THE END OF THE LINE.
5. PLEASE DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET AROUND THE SCHOOL. STAY IN YOUR CAR; WE WILL LOAD YOUR CHILD
6. UNDER NO CIRCUMSTANCES MAY STUDENTS BE LOADED ANYWHERE ELSE.
7. REMIND YOUR CHILD TO WATCH FOR YOUR CAR AND TO REFRAIN FROM PLAYING.
8. ONLY ONE LANE OF TRAFFIC WILL EXIT AT A GIVEN TIME. DO NOT BEGIN TO EXIT UNTIL DIRECTED. A TRAFFIC PATROL PERSON WILL ASSIST ON HOWELL 'S FERRY ROAD.
9. THIS SYSTEM WORKS ONLY IF YOU COOPERATE. WE MAY ALTER THE MANNER IN WHICH YOUR CHILD IS PICKED UP IF YOU BREAK THE RULES.



## SCHOOL BUS REGULATIONS

STUDENTS WHO LIVE TWO MILES OR MORE FROM SCHOOL ARE ELIGIBLE FOR BUS TRANSPORTATION. (PHYSICALLY HANDICAPPED STUDENTS ARE EXEMPT FROM THIS LAW.) STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ABIDE BY ALL SCHOOL BUS RULES. THE BUS DRIVER WILL BE REQUIRED TO REPORT ANY UNACCEPTABLE CONDUCT TO AN ADMINISTRATOR.






UNAUTHORIZED PERSONS MAY NOT BOARD THE BUS.

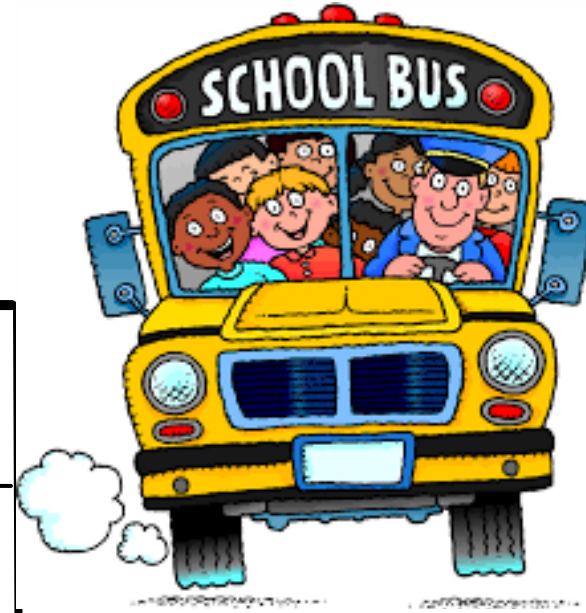
“THE RIGHT OF ALL STUDENTS WHO RIDE ON SCHOOL BUSES IS CONDITIONAL ON THEIR GOOD BEHAVIOR AND OBSERVANCE OF THE RULES AND REGULATIONS. ANY STUDENT WHO VIOLATES ANY OF THESE RULES AND REGULATIONS WILL BE REPORTED TO THE PRINCIPAL WITH THE RECOMMENDATION THAT BUS PRIVILEGES BE SUSPENDED.”





# AUGUST 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 PROF. DEV./ 	2 TEACHER WORK DAY 	3
4	5 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT/ REGISTRATION 9AM-1PM	6 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT MEET THE TEACHER 2PM-4PM	7  FIRST DAY OF school	8	9	10
11	12 HMH MATH WINDOW OPENS 	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 IREADY WINDOW OPENS	20	21	22	23 HMH MATH WINDOW CLOSES 	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31



## IMPORTANT INFO:

- REGISTRATION- AUGUST 5TH-6TH.
- 1ST QUARTER BEGINS-AUGUST 7TH
- PLEASE REVIEW THE TRAFFIC PROCEDURES FOR ARRIVAL AND DISMISSAL.

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Beanner D. Powe  
Principal

# Orchard Elementary School 2024-2025 Uniform Policy

6400 Howell's Ferry Road  
Mobile, AL 36618

Phone (251) 221-1571  
Fax (251) 221-1570

Pre-K			
Girls	Solid Light Blue Shirt (Polo Type Shirt) Long or Short Sleeve Khaki Pants, Shorts, or Skirt NO skinny jeans, tights, or leggings. Must be free of rips, holes, or tears.		
Boys	Solid Light Blue Shirt (Polo Type Shirt) Long or Short Sleeve Khaki Pants or Shorts NO skinny jeans, tights, or leggings. Must be free of rips, holes, or tears.		
Grades K-5			
Girls	Solid Navy Blue Shirt (Polo Type Shirt) Long or Short Sleeve Khaki Pants, Shorts, or Skirt NO skinny jeans, tights, or leggings. Must be free of rips, holes, or tears.		
Boys	Solid Navy Blue Shirt (Polo Type Shirt) Long or Short Sleeve Khaki Pants or Shorts NO skinny jeans Must be free of rips, holes, or tears.		
All Students			
Footwear	Athletic Shoes with Laces or Velcro NO Boots, Open Toe/Heel, Light Up Shoes Socks Solid White, Black, or Navy Blue	Headwear	Headbands and Hair bows Solid White, Navy Blue, or Light Blue NO hats or hoods will be worn in the building.
Belt	Solid Black or Brown Students with belt loops must wear a belt.	Outerwear	Jackets and Sweaters Solid Navy Blue
*Students should be dressed in proper uniform daily. No exceptions.			



# SEPTEMBER 2024

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 <b>LABOR DAY</b> No School!	3	4	5	6 GRANDPARENT'S BREAKFAST DAY 	7
8 	9	10	11 PROGRESS REPORTS	12	13	14
15 	16 No School! 	17 	18	19	20	21
22 1ST DAY OF AUTUMN 	23 EDUCATION TECHNOLOGY DAY	24	25 	26 Cookie Dough Fundraiser Begins 	27	28
29	30 VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY					

  
**HAPPY  
LABOR  
DAY!**  


LABOR DAY- NO SCHOOL- SEPT 2ND

GRANDPARENTS BREAKFAST- SEPT. 8TH

HISPANIC HERITAGE 9/15-10/15

PROGRESS REPORTS -SEPTEMBER 11TH

PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT - SEPT. 16TH

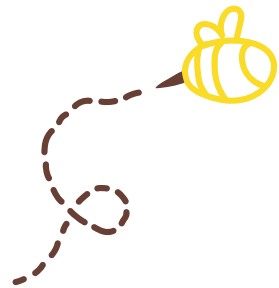
OPEN HOUSE- SEPT. 17TH

VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY- SEPT 20TH

# ORCHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL DAILY SCHEDULE

7:40 AM	STUDENT ARRIVAL AND BREAKFAST
8:00 AM	CLASS BEGIN/STUDENTS REPORT TO CLASS
8:05 AM	TARDY BELL
2:45 PM	WALKERS/VAN DISMISSAL
2:50 PM	BUS/CAR DISMISSAL

- STUDENTS MUST NOT ARRIVE BEFORE 7:40 AM. THERE WILL NOT BE ANYONE TO SUPERVISE THEM.
- .NO EARLY DISMISSALS AFTER 2:00 PM.



## IMPORTANT!

ALL PARENTS MUST REMAIN IN THE CAR AT ALL TIMES WHILE IN THE CAR LINE. THE FACULTY AND STAFF WILL MAKE SURE EACH CHILD GETS TO THEIR CAR SAFELY.





# OCTOBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S MONTH BREAST CANCER AWARENESS MONTH		1 	2 	3	4	5
6	7	8	9	10	11 1ST QUARTER ENDS	12
13	14 TEACHER WORK DAY NO SCHOOL	15 2ND QUARTER BEGINS	16 	17 NATIONAL BOSS DAY	18 	19
20	21 	22	23 <i>Red Ribbon Week</i>	24 	25 	26
27	28	29 	30	31 HALLOWEEN 		

NATIONAL PRINCIPAL'S MONTH

1ST QUARTER ENDS- OCT 11 TH

TEACHER WORK DAY- NO SCHOOL- OCT 14TH

2ND QUARTER BEGINS- OCT 15TH

1ST QUARTER AWARDS DAY- OCT 18TH

RED RIBBON WEEK OCT 23-OCT 27

STEM NIGHT- OCT 29TH

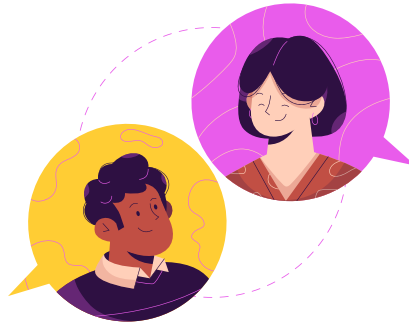
# METHODS OF COMMUNICATION



## CONFERENCES

TEACHERS CAN BE CONTACTED BY SENDING A NOTE TO THE TEACHER OR BY CALLING THE SCHOOL OFFICE AT 221-1571. DURING CLASS TIME, PHONE MESSAGES ARE TAKEN IN THE OFFICE AND PLACED IN THE TEACHER'S MAILBOX. TEACHERS CAN MEET WITH PARENTS FOR A CONFERENCE BEFORE SCHOOL, AFTER SCHOOL, OR DURING THEIR PLANNING PERIOD, DEPENDING ON THEIR SCHEDULE. YOU CAN ALSO E-MAIL YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER. PLEASE DO NOT EXPECT A "DROP IN" CONFERENCE OR PHONE CALL DURING THE INSTRUCTIONAL DAY. ALL PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO ATTEND A MINIMUM OF TWO PARENT-STUDENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES PER YEAR. IN ORDER TO MAKE YOUR CONFERENCE A PROFITABLE ONE, YOU MAY WANT TO ASK THE TEACHER:

- DOES MY CHILD PARTICIPATE IN CLASSROOM ACTIVITIES?
- DOES MY CHILD SHOW SELF-CONTROL?
- HOW DOES MY CHILD GET ALONG WITH OTHER CHILDREN?
- DOES MY CHILD RELATE WELL TO ADULTS?
- CAN MY CHILD COMPLETE GRADE-LEVEL WORK?



## REPORT CARDS

REPORT CARDS ARE SENT HOME AFTER EACH QUARTER. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT HIS/ HER PROGRESS, SIGN THE REPORT CARD ENVELOPE, AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, A NOTE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE TEACHER. MID-QUARTER NOTES EACH TEACHER WILL SEND A MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORT FOR EACH STUDENT.

## EMAIL

ALL MCPSS EMPLOYEES ARE ASSIGNED AND EMAIL TO BE USED FOR COMMUNICATION. MESSAGES ARE CHECKED FREQUENTLY BY THE TEACHERS AND OTHER STAFF. EMAIL ADDRESSES CAN BE FOUND ON THE SCHOOL'S WEBSITE. PLEASE USE CONTACT THE TEACHER FIRST IF YOU HAVE ANY CONCERNS.

## SCHOOL MESSENGER

THE MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOL SYSTEM USES TELEPHONE CALLING, EMAILING, AND TEXT MESSAGES AS COMMUNICATION TOOLS WITH THE PARENTS. THIS METHOD IS USED THE METHODS TO KEEP PARENTS INFORMED ON ATTENDANCE, UPCOMING EVENTS, AND EMERGENCIES. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU HAVE THE CORRECT PHONE NUMBER ON FILE.





# NOVEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		<p>Native American Heritage Month</p>			1	2
3 <p>DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS</p>	4	5 <p>VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY</p>	6	7	8 <p>COLOR RUN</p>	9
10	11 <p>Veterans Day</p> <p>NO SCHOOL</p>	12	13-14 <p>BULLYING PREVENTION MONTH</p>		15	16
17	18 <p>FOOD DRIVE</p>	19 <p>LEGO COMPETITION</p>	20 <p>PROGRESS REPORTS</p>	21 <p>THANKSGIVING LUNCH</p>	22	23
24	25 <p>Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL!</p>	26 <p>Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL!</p>	27 <p>Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL!</p>	28 <p>Happy Thanksgiving</p>	29 <p>Thanksgiving Break NO SCHOOL!</p>	30

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VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY- NOV 5TH

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VETERANS DAY-NO SCHOOL-NOV 11TH

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THANKSGIVING BREAK NOV 25-29

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NATIVE AMERICAN HERITAGE MONTH

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M.O.Y HMH TESTING BEGINS NOV 27TH

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FOOD DRIVE NOV 18- NOV 22

# SPECIAL PROGRAMS

## RECOGNITION AND HONORS



### PRINCIPALS'S AWARD

STUDENT MAKING ALL A'S AND S'S



### A/B HONOR ROLL

STUDENTS MAKING ALL A'S/B'S  
AND S'S A



### PERFECT ATTENDANCE

STUDENTS WHO HAVE BEEN PRESENT EVERY  
DAY OF THE QUARTER AND HAVE NO MORE  
THAN 1 TARDY AND/OR EARLY DISMISSALS.



### CITIZENSHIP

ONE STUDENT EVERY MONTH FROM  
EACH CLASS WHO HAS EXHIBITED  
OUTSTANDING CITIZENSHIP.



### SIGNIFICANT IMPROVEMENT








THOSE STUDENTS WHO HAVE BROUGHT UP OR  
IMPROVED MATH AND READING GRADES WITHOUT  
ALLOWING GRADES IN OTHER ACADEMIC AREAS TO  
DROP.





# DECEMBER 2024



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 	10 CHRISTMAS PICTURES 	11	12	13 	14
15	16  SOCKS FOR SENIORS	17	18	19 CHRISTMAS PARTY	20 2ND QUARTER ENDS 	21
22	23 TEACHER WORK DAY NO SCHOOL	24 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	25 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	26 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	27 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	28
29	30 	31 WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	WINTER BREAK NO SCHOOL	



WE WISH YOU

*a very*

# MERRY CHRISTMAS

AND

*Happy New Year*

MCPSS TOY DRIVE -DEC 1-6

M.O.Y IREADY TESTING BEGINS- DEC 9TH

M.O.Y HMH TESTING ENDS- DEC 9TH

CHRISTMAS PICTURES- DEC 10TH

M.O.Y IREADY TESTING ENDS- DEC 15TH

2ND QUARTER ENDS- DEC 20TH

WINTER BREAK- DEC 23-JAN 3

FOOD DRIVE- DEC 16- DEC 20

## ATTENDANCE

STUDENTS ARE EXPECTED TO BE IN SCHOOL, EXCEPT IN CASES OF EMERGENCY OR FOR REASONS EXPLAINED IN THE MOBILE COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS STUDENT CODE OF CONDUCT. STUDENTS MUST ATTEND A TOTAL OF 3½ HOURS OF SCHOOL TO BE COUNTED PRESENT FOR THE DAY. THE CODE LISTS THE FOLLOWING AS THE ONLY LEGAL EXCUSES FOR ABSENCE FROM SCHOOL:

1. PERSONAL ILLNESS - THE SCHOOL MAY REQUIRE A DOCTOR'S EXCUSE. (THE STUDENT MUST BE FEVER FREE FOR 24 HOURS BEFORE RETURNING TO SCHOOL.)
2. SERIOUS ILLNESS IN THE FAMILY.
3. DEATH OF A RELATIVE- THE ABSENCE ARISING FROM THIS CONDITION IS LIMITED TO THREE DAYS, UNLESS REASONABLE CAUSE MAY BE SHOWN.
4. OBSERVANCE OF A RELIGIOUS HOLIDAY - MUST HAVE PRIOR APPROVAL OF THE PRINCIPAL.
5. ANY OTHER REASON MUST BE EXCUSED BY THE PRINCIPAL PRIOR TO THE ABSENCE.

THE PARENT OR GUARDIAN MUST WRITE AN EXCUSE GIVING STUDENT'S NAME, DATE, DAYS OF ABSENCE, REASON FOR ABSENCE AND HIS/HER SIGNATURE. THE EXCUSE MUST BE RECEIVED BY THE CLASSROOM TEACHER WITHIN 3 DAYS OF THE ABSENCE OR THE ABSENCE WILL BE UNEXCUSED—NO EXCEPTIONS. PARENTS ARE ALLOWED TO SEND UP TO EIGHT (8)

## TARDINESS

PROMPTNESS TO SCHOOL IS VERY IMPORTANT. STUDENTS TARDY TO SCHOOL MUST BE SIGNED IN BY A PARENT OR GUARDIAN AND RECEIVE AN ADMITTANCE SLIP FROM THE FRONT OFFICE. ORCHARD'S TARDY BELL RINGS AT 8:10 AM. AN OCCASIONAL TARDY CAN BE UNDERSTOOD. CONSISTENT AND CHRONIC TARDINESS CAN BE CONSIDERED PARENTAL NEGLECT. THESE STUDENTS WILL BE REFERRED TO OUR ATTENDANCE OFFICER. UNDER ALABAMA STATE LAW, TARDINESS IS CONSIDERED TO BE TRUANCY FOR THE AMOUNT OF TIME THAT THE STUDENT IS ABSENT FROM SCHOOL. CHARGES WILL BE FILED AGAINST THE PARENT FOR CONTRIBUTING TO THE DELINQUENCY OF A MINOR.

## EARLY DISMISSALS

STUDENTS MUST BE SIGNED OUT IN THE SCHOOL OFFICE. THE PERSON SIGNING THE STUDENT OUT EARLY MUST HAVE PROPER IDENTIFICATION AND MUST BE LISTED ON THE STUDENT'S ENROLLMENT CARD. EARLY DISMISSALS ARE NOT ALLOWED AFTER 2:00PM. EXCESSIVE EARLY DISMISSALS ARE MONITORED BY OUR ATTENDANCE OFFICER AND MAY RESULT IN LEGAL ACTION.

## DISMISSAL CHANGES

ALL CHANGES IN REGULAR AFTERNOON DISMISSAL ROUTINE MUST BE MADE IN WRITING. WE CANNOT AND WILL NOT ACCEPT CHANGES OVER THE TELEPHONE.

# JANUARY 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1 NEW YEAR'S DAY NO SCHOOL	2 PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAY	3 TEACHER WORK DAY	4
5	6 3RD QUARTER BEGINS STUDENTS RETURN	7	8	9	10 Awards Day	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 SMILE CONTEST	21 WIDA ACCESS for ELLs	22 100TH DAY OF SCHOOL	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30	31	

- STUDENTS RETURN- JAN 6TH

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- 2ND QUARTER AWARDS DAY- JAN 10TH

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- DR. KING HOLIDAY- NO SCHOOL- JAN 20TH

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- WIDA ACCESS TESTING BEGINS- JAN 21ST

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## DISCIPLINE

DISCIPLINE IS THE RESPONSIBILITY OF THE HOME, SCHOOL, AND COMMUNITY. THERE MUST BE COOPERATION AMONG TEACHERS, PARENTS, AND STUDENTS. WE WANT YOUR CHILD TO LEARN AND TO PROGRESS. THIS IS ONLY ACCOMPLISHED THROUGH SELF-CONTROL AND GOOD BEHAVIOR.

## HOMEWORK

HOMEWORK SERVES AN IMPORTANT PURPOSE IN YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL LIFE. IT IS A WAY OF REVIEWING AND REINFORCING THE LESSONS TAUGHT IN SCHOOL .HOMEWORK IS ALSO A WAY TO HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP WORK STUDY HABITS THAT WILL ASSIST HIM/HER THROUGHOUT THE YEARS SPENT IN SCHOOL. YOU CAN HELP YOUR CHILD DEVELOP SOME ROUTINES THAT WILL BE OF ASSISTANCE IN SUCCESSFULLY COMPLETING HOMEWORK ASSIGNMENTS. HELP YOUR CHILD SET A REGULAR HOMEWORK TIME EACH DAY. PROVIDE YOUR CHILD WITH A QUIET TIME AND PLACE TO WORK AND STUDY.

## GRADING SYSTEM

REPORT CARDS ARE SENT HOME AFTER EACH QUARTER. PLEASE TAKE TIME TO TALK TO YOUR CHILD ABOUT HIS/ HER PROGRESS, SIGN THE REPORT CARD ENVELOPE, AND RETURN IT TO YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. IF THERE ARE QUESTIONS, A NOTE SHOULD BE SENT TO THE TEACHER. EACH TEACHER WILL SEND A MID-TERM PROGRESS REPORT FOR EACH STUDENT.

%	Grade
90 - 100	A
80 - 89	B
70 - 79	C
60 - 69	D
0 - 59	E

## TEXTBOOKS

TEXTBOOKS ARE ASSIGNED BY NUMBERS TO STUDENTS. IN ACCORDANCE WITH STATE POLICY, ALL TEXTBOOKS MUST BE KEPT COVERED. BOOKS ARE TO BE KEPT CLEAN AND HANDLED CAREFULLY. STUDENTS WILL BE REQUIRED TO PAY FOR LOST OR DAMAGED TEXTBOOKS BEFORE ADDITIONAL BOOKS ARE ISSUED.





# FEBRUARY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2 NATIONAL COUNSELING WEEK- 3RD-7TH	3 VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY NO SCHOOL	4	5	6 PTO VALENTINE'S DAY CARNATION FUNDRAISER 	7	8 
9	10	11	12	13	14 Happy Valentine's Day 	15
16	17 	18	19	20 PTO MARDI GRAS CORONATION FUNDRAISER	21 	22
23	24	25	26	27	28 	




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BLACK HISTORY MONTH FEB 1- FEB 28

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VIRTUAL LEARNING DAY- FEB 3 NO SCHOOL

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NATIONAL COUNSELING WEEK- 3RD-7TH

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RESOURCE OFFICER DAY-15TH

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PICTURE DAY-19TH

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MARDI GRAS CORONATION - FEB 20

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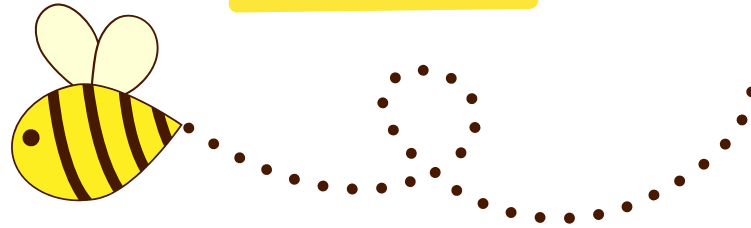
BLACK HISTORY MONTH PROGRAM- FEB 28

# IMPORTANT!

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## PARENT INVOLVEMENT



PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL. PARENT BULLETINS WILL BE SENT HOME ON A REGULAR BASIS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND TO ASSIST YOU IN PLANNING YOUR OPPORTUNITIES OF INVOLVEMENT. CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER.














## HEALTH PROBLEMS

ANY CHRONIC HEALTH PROBLEMS SUCH AS SEIZURES OR HEART PROBLEMS, ETC., MUST BE BROUGHT TO THE ATTENTION OF THE PRINCIPAL AND THE TEACHER. PARENTS OR GUARDIANS OF ANY STUDENT HAVING A CHRONIC AILMENT THAT MAY CAUSE THE CHILD TO MISS SCHOOL DURING THE YEAR ARE REQUIRED TO PROVIDE THE SCHOOL WITH A CLINICAL OR DOCTOR'S STATEMENT VERIFYING THE CHILD'S CONDITION AT THE BEGINNING OF EACH SEMESTER. THE STATEMENT SHALL REFLECT THE NATURE OF THE CHILD'S ILLNESS, AND STATE THAT THE CHILD MAY HAVE TO MISS SCHOOL FROM TIME TO TIME DUE TO THIS ILLNESS. WHEN A CHILD WITH A CHRONIC ILLNESS IS ABSENT, THE PARENT MUST STILL SEND A PARENT NOTE STATING THE REASON FOR THE ABSENCE. STUDENTS WILL BE CHECKED PERIODICALLY FOR CONDITIONS SUCH AS HEAD LICE, PINK EYE, SCABIES, AND IMPETIGO. CONDITIONS SUCH AS THESE ARE EASILY TRANSMITTED FROM ONE PERSON TO ANOTHER. IN ORDER TO AVOID WIDESPREAD OCCURRENCE, CERTAIN PRECAUTIONS ARE NECESSARY. THE PARENT OF ANY CHILD SUSPECTED OF HAVING A CONTAGIOUS HEALTH PROBLEM WILL BE CONTACTED BY TELEPHONE OR LETTER. A DOCTOR'S NOTE MUST BE PROVIDED, BEFORE THE CHILD CAN RETURN TO SCHOOL. EVERY ATTEMPT WILL BE MADE TO AVOID EMBARRASSMENT TO YOUR CHILD.



# MARCH 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
						1
2	3  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	4  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	5  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	6  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	7  <b>NO SCHOOL</b>	8
9	10  <b>ALTERNATE</b>	11	12	13  <b>HAPPY PI DAY</b> 3.14	14 <b>SNEAKER BALL</b> 3RD QUARTER ENDS	15 
16  <b>Happy St. Patrick's Day</b>	17 TEACHER WORK DAY NO SCHOOL  <b>SUMMATIVE</b>	18 4TH QUARTER BEGINS  <b>hello SPRING</b>	19	20	21  <b>Awards Day</b>	22
23/30	24/31  <b>CAREER FAIR</b>	25	26	27	28  <b>SCIENCE FAIR</b>	29

CELEBRATE WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

MARDI GRAS BREAK MARCH 3- MARCH 7

ACAP ALTERNATE WINDOW OPENS- MARCH 10TH

3RD QUARTER ENDS- MARCH 14TH

TEACHER WORK DAY NO SCHOOL- MARCH 17TH

4TH QUARTER BEGINS- MARCH 18TH

ACAP SUMMATIVE WINDOW OPENS- MARCH 18TH

3RD QUARTER AWARDS DAY- MARCH 21ST

## PROGRAM ENHANCEMENTS

TITLE I IS A FEDERALLY FUNDED PROGRAM. FEDERAL FUNDS ARE RECEIVED BASED ON THE NUMBER OF STUDENTS RECEIVING FREE OR REDUCED LUNCH. THESE FUNDS ARE USED TO ENHANCE THE EDUCATIONAL PROGRAM AND PROVIDE ADDITIONAL ACADEMIC ASSISTANCE. GUIDANCE AND COUNSELING THE GUIDANCE OFFICE PROVIDES A NEUTRAL, NON-JUDGMENTAL AND CARING ENVIRONMENT IN WHICH A CHILD FEELS COMFORTABLE WORKING OUT HIS/HER PROBLEMS.

### MEDIA CENTER

THE MEDIA CENTER PROVIDES THE STUDENTS MANY HOURS OF LEARNING IN RESEARCH, COMPUTER SKILLS AND STORY TIME. TECHNOLOGY IN THE CLASSROOMS CLASSROOMS ARE EQUIPPED WITH COMPUTERS, VIEWSONIC PANELS AND OTHER TECHNOLOGY FOR STUDENT USE.

### PHYSICAL EDUCATION

THIS PROGRAM PROVIDES STUDENTS AN OPPORTUNITY TO EXPERIENCE A VARIETY OF ACTIVITIES WHICH WILL DEVELOP GOOD FITNESS PRACTICES, BASIC MOVEMENT SKILLS, AND SPORTS-RELATED SKILLS.

### PROBLEM SOLVING TEAMS

PROBLEM SOLVING TEAMS ARE A SCHOOL-BASED APPROACH TO MEET THE NEEDS OF AT-RISK STUDENTS IN REGULAR EDUCATION CLASSROOM SETTINGS. THIS COLLABORATIVE TEAM POOLS THEIR EXPERTISE FROM MANY AREAS TO HELP RESOLVE SCHOOL AND STUDENT ISSUES. THIS TEAM EFFORT HELPS TO ADDRESS ACADEMIC, SOCIAL, AND/OR BEHAVIORAL CONCERNS REGARDING STUDENTS. TYPICALLY, STUDENTS ARE REFERRED TO PROBLEM SOLVING TEAMS BEFORE BEING REFERRED TO SPECIAL EDUCATION.

### SPECIAL EDUCATION

STUDENTS WHOSE SPECIFIC NEEDS REQUIRE A MODIFIED CURRICULUM AND WHO QUALIFY FOR SPECIALIZED INSTRUCTION CAN BE SERVED THROUGH A VARIETY OF SPECIAL PROGRAMS. THE GOAL OF THE SPECIAL EDUCATION PROGRAM IS TO WORK WITH EACH CHILD IN THE LEARNING ENVIRONMENT WHICH IS BEST FOR THE INDIVIDUAL, SO THAT EACH STUDENT MAY REACH FULL POTENTIAL.








### PACE

THE PACE(PURSuing ACAdemics, CREativity, AND EXCELLENCE ) PROGRAM HAS SERVED GIFTED STUDENTS IN GRADES K-12 . THE PACE TEAM LOOKS FOR STUDENTS WHO HAVE SHOWN A HIGH LEVEL OF ABILITY IN ACADEMICS AND CREATIVITY. STUDENTS MAYBE REFERRED BY A TEACHER, COUNSELOR, PARENT, OR ADMINISTRATOR. A DISTRICT SCREENING IS IN PLACE AND WILL BE FOLLOWED.



# APRIL 2025



SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	
		1	2	3	4  ALTERNATE	5	
6	7	8	9	10	11	12	
13	14	15	16	17	18  SUMMATIVE  SPRINGFLING	19	
20  HAPPY EASTER	21 	SPRING BREAK				25 	26
27	28	29  HAPPY EARTH DAY	30				

ACAP ALTERNATE WINDOW CLOSES- APRIL 4TH

ACAP SUMMATIVE WINDOW CLOSES- APRIL 18TH

SPRING BREAK- APRIL 21-25- NO SCHOOL

HAPPY EARTH DAY- APRIL 22

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## CHILD NUTRITION PROGRAM

STUDENT BREAKFAST AND LUNCH ARE FREE! BREAKFAST IS SERVED FROM 7:40 A.M. TO 8:10 A.M.

## LUNCH PROGRAM

THE LUNCH SCHEDULE VARIES WITH EACH GRADE LEVEL. THE "NO CHARGE" USDA GRANT ALLOWS ALL OF OUR STUDENTS TO EAT ONE BREAKFAST AND ONE LUNCH DAILY AT NO CHARGE.

## MENU

WE MAKE EVERY EFFORT TO SEND HOME A BREAKFAST AND LUNCH MENU AT THE END OF EACH MONTH FOR THE NEXT MONTH. YOU CAN ALSO FIND OUR MENU ON- LINE. PLEASE BE MINDFUL THAT DUE TO DELIVERIES, MENUS MAY CHANGE.

## DINING WITH STUDENTS

PARENTS SHOULD SEND A NOTE TO THE TEACHER STATING WHEN YOU WOULD LIKE TO DINE WITH YOUR CHILD. ADVANCE NOTICE IS HELPFUL SO THAT THE CAFETERIA CAN HAVE AN ACCURATE DAILY LUNCH COUNT. ANY FOOD BROUGHT IN FROM HOME OR A RESTAURANT SHOULD BE IN A LUNCH BOX OR BAG (NOT RESTAURANT WRAPPERS AND BAGS.)

PRICES:

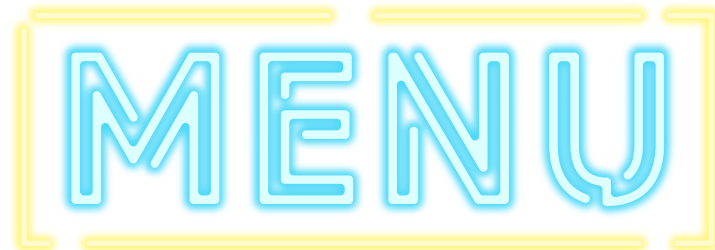
MCPSS ADULT: \$3.75

VISITOR ADULT: \$4.00

VISITOR CHILD:\$3.75

## ICE CREAM

ICE CREAM WILL BE SOLD EVERYDAY FOR \$1.50. IF YOU WOULD LIKE TO PURCHASE ICE CREAM, PLEASE SEND IN THE MONEY EVERY MORNING.



MENU



# MAY 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1 	2	3 
4	5 	6 	7 	8 	9 	10
11 	12	13	14	15 	16 CLASS PARTIES 	17
18	19	20	21	22  4TH QUARTER ENDS	23 TEACHER WORK DAY NO SCHOOL	24
25	26 	27	28	29	30	31



SCHOOL PRINCIPAL'S DAY- MAY 1

SPRING FLING- MAY 2ND

TEACHER APPRECIATION WEEK- MAY 5-MAY 9

EO.Y IREADY TESTING- MAY 12-MAY 16

5TH GRADE TRANSITION CEREMONY-MAY 19TH

LAST DAY FOR STUDENTS- MAY 22ND

TEACHER WORK DAY-NO SCHOOL -MAY 23RD

MCPSS HOLIDAY- MAY 26TH

## VISITORS/SECURITY

ORCHARD OPENLY WELCOMES VISITORS. ALL VISITORS AND PARENTS ARE REQUIRED TO REPORT TO THE FRONT OFFICE TO RECEIVE PERMISSION TO BE ON SCHOOL GROUNDS. VISITORS ARE EXPECTED TO SIGN IN AND OUT IN THE VISITOR'S LOG, AND OBTAIN A VISITOR'S PASS. ANY PERSON ON SCHOOL PROPERTY WHO HAS NOT REGISTERED WITH THE SCHOOL OFFICE IS ILLEGALLY ON SCHOOL PROPERTY AND WILL BE ASKED TO IDENTIFY HIMSELF/HERSELF PROPERLY OR TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS. IF THE VISITOR REFUSES TO LEAVE THE SCHOOL GROUNDS OR CREATES ANY DISTURBANCE, THE PRINCIPAL HAS THE AUTHORITY TO REQUEST AID FROM A LAW ENFORCEMENT AGENCY. THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THESE REGULATIONS IS TO ENSURE THE SAFETY OF ALL STUDENTS AND STAFF. THESE RULES APPLY TO ALL PERSONS, OTHER THAN TEACHERS/STAFF MEMBERS AND STUDENTS ENROLLED IN THE SCHOOL.

## PARENT INVOLVEMENT

PARENTAL INVOLVEMENT IS CRUCIAL TO YOUR CHILD'S SUCCESS IN SCHOOL. PARENT BULLETINS WILL BE SENT HOME ON A REGULAR BASIS TO KEEP YOU INFORMED ABOUT SCHOOL ACTIVITIES AND TO ASSIST YOU IN PLANNING YOUR OPPORTUNITIES OF INVOLVEMENT. CONTACT YOUR CHILD'S TEACHER IF YOU ARE WILLING TO VOLUNTEER.

## STUDENT PARTIES AND ACTIVITIES

CLASS PARTIES ARE SCHEDULED FOR CHRISTMAS AND END-OF-YEAR. SENDING A SMALL BIRTHDAY SNACK IS ACCEPTABLE. ANY ACTIVITY THAT IS PLANNED IN THE SCHOOL THAT IS A DEPARTURE FROM THE REGULAR SCHEDULE AND ROUTINE OF THE SCHOOL IS TO BE APPROVED BY THE PRINCIPAL. ORCHARD ACTIVITIES ARE FOR ORCHARD STUDENTS ONLY. OTHER SCHOOL AGE CHILDREN ARE NOT ALLOWED ON CAMPUS DURING ACTIVITY TIMES. SNACKS MUST BE IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE MCPSS WELLNESS PLAN. PARENTS MUST CONTACT THE TEACHER FOR APPROVAL PRIOR TO THE DAY OF THE SNACK.

## FIELD TRIPS

FIELD TRIPS ARE PLANNED TO CORRELATE WITH THE REGULAR CLASSROOM INSTRUCTIONAL PROGRAM. IN PLANNING A FIELD TRIP, MCPSS GUIDELINES MUST BE FOLLOWED.

- STUDENTS MUST PAY FOR THE COST OF THE FIELD TRIP AND RETURN THE SIGNED PERMISSION SLIP BY THE SPECIFIED DEADLINE.
- FIELD TRIP MONEY CANNOT BE REFUNDED IN CASE OF ABSENCES OR CHANGE OF PLANS.
- STUDENTS ATTENDING THE FIELD TRIP MAY NOT RIDE IN THE CAR WITH PARENTS TO OR FROM THE FIELD TRIP DESTINATION.
- STUDENTS IN OTHER GRADES OR ENROLLED IN OTHER SCHOOLS MAY NOT ATTEND FIELD TRIPS.

# JUNE 2025

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2 SUMMER LITERACY & NUMERACY CAMP BEGINS 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 HAPPY FATHER'S DAY 	17	18	19	20 	21
22	23	24	25	26 SUMMER LITERACY & NUMERACY CAMP ENDS 	27	28
29	30	31	 <p>JUNE IS NATIONAL <b>MEN'S HEALTH</b> AWARENESS MONTH</p>			



MEN'S HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

SUMMER LITERACY AND NUMERACY CAMP BEGINS 6/2

JUNETEENTH- JUNE 19TH

SUMMER LITERACY AND NUMERACY CAMP ENDS 6/27

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## ORCHARD ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



**HOME OF THE BUSY BEES!**

EVERY CHILD DESERVES A CHAMPION – AN ADULT WHO WILL NEVER GIVE UP ON THEM, WHO UNDERSTANDS THE POWER OF CONNECTION AND INSISTS THAT THEY BECOME THE BEST THAT THEY CAN POSSIBLY BE. -RITA PIERSON