



Pelican Press

A Family and Student-Centered School

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November Reminders

There is no school for students on Friday, November 4.

Conferences are the week of November 7, and include early dismissal on Monday and Tuesday, with no school on Wednesday, Thursday and Friday.

Picture retakes are November 8.

Our first quarter awards assemblies for perfect attendance and good character are scheduled for Friday, November 18.

Grades K-2 will be at 2:10 PM and grades 3-5 at 2:40 PM.

We remind you that school lasts until 3:00 (2:00 on Wednesdays) and learning is taking place up to that time. Please do not pick your children up early unless absolutely necessary. It is disruptive to their learning process and to the class.

Principal's Message

November begins a busy time in school due to conferences, days off, and holiday planning. This newsletter and calendar lists all the important dates and times of activities in November, but if you are still confused, please call the office for help.

Here are some highlights of October and November:

1. All third graders spent a week of free swim lessons at the Ella Redkey Pool. It was windy and cool, but great fun.
2. STARBASE Kingsley began for students in Mrs. Dahm's class. This fantastic NASA science program lasts five weeks, ending November 15. Mrs. Zemke's fifth graders will begin in February.
3. Fall Conferences will highlight the first quarter achievement of each student. We look forward to seeing you soon!
4. Parent Satisfaction Surveys will be collected on computers during conferences. Please take the survey and also enter to win a frozen turkey for Thanksgiving.
5. Two assemblies occur mid-November for all K-5 students: Chinese Acrobats, and the NED Yo-Yo character Building assembly. All families are invited to join us for any assembly at school!
6. Dental screenings from Advantage Dental (for those who signed up) will be November 22, just before Thanksgiving break.

Ahoy!

Mr. Swan

*Please call Pelican
if your child is
absent!*

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Conferences

Fall conferencing begins on Friday, November 4, with students being out of school so teachers can prepare report cards.

Students will have an early lunch and then be dismissed at 11:30 AM on Monday, November 7, and Tuesday, November 8. Buses will run at that time. Please communicate with your child's teacher and/or the office about how your child will get home on those days and have arrangements for their care made in advance.

Students will have no school the rest of that week. Classes resume on Monday, November 14.

Conferences will be held the afternoons and evenings of November 7 and 8, and all day on November 9. If you have not already done so, please return the conference slip with your child's conference appointment time or call our office (541-883-4765) to reschedule.

Conferences are an exciting time to share student progress and set goals for reaching new levels of learning success. We look forward to meeting with all parents and working together to help all students achieve.

Picture Retakes

Picture retakes are the morning of Tuesday, November 8. Information will be sent home before that date. If your child was absent when we had pictures taken last month, this is a chance to have them photographed.

Awards Assemblies

Our awards assemblies for first quarter perfect attendance and good character will be held on the afternoon of Friday, November 18. Students in grades K-2 will receive their awards at 2:10 PM, with students in grades 3-5 receiving theirs at 2:40 PM. Please come!

Holidays

In addition to conferences, November has several holidays.

Veterans' Day is November 11. Thanksgiving break begins on Wednesday, November 23.

Volleyball

Volleyball games have begun. Players should have brought a schedule home by now. Games are at 4:30 PM on Tuesdays and Thursdays. It is important that you know whether your child is on the Pelican A or Pelican B team.

Youth StARTS

Beginning November 14, students will have twice-weekly movement and dance lessons. This is an educational outreach provided to schools by the Ross Ragland Theater. These 30-minute lessons will run through mid-January.

November Assemblies

On Monday, November 14, the Chinese Acrobats will be here. They will start at 8:40 AM, impressing us with their ability and agility.

And on Wednesday, November 16, we will have NED Show at 9:00 AM. This is a motivational and character education presentation, followed by an opportunity to purchase yo-yo's as part of the program. NED stands for Never give up, Encourage others and Do your best.

Families are invited and encouraged to attend both (and all) assemblies.

Snow Days

School closures due to weather are rare in our district. Superintendent Hillyer will make the necessary decision after consulting area traffic officials and weather reports. That decision will be posted on the district website (www.kfalls.k12.or.us) and local media notified by 6:00 AM. Please check the website and local TV and radio stations for the reports.

If we ever need to close school early, we will never release a student without first making contact and receiving instructions from parents or designated emergency contacts.

Advantage Dental Screening

Advantage Dental will be here at 9:00 AM on Tuesday, November 22, to screen students who have turned in their permission forms. Forms are still available if you are interested in this service.

SMART Reading

Students in both kindergartens, Mrs. Kappas's and Mrs. Ogborn's classes have the opportunity to read with SMART volunteers on Thursday afternoons. We are grateful to the SMART program and to the volunteers for spending time reading one-on-one with students and fostering an interest in reading.

Fred Meyer Rewards

We have received our quarterly check (\$96.97) from the Fred Meyer Community Rewards program. We can use this money for special projects, supplies or activities.

Please consider linking your Fred Meyer Rewards Card to Pelican School. This does not diminish your personal rewards or gas points.

Information for December

Our holiday music program for grades K-5 will be held on Thursday, December 8, at 1:00 PM.

And our holiday break is the weeks of December 19 and December 26. Because New Year's Day is on a Sunday, we will resume classes on Tuesday, January 3.