



Pelican Press

A Family and Student-Centered School

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January Reminders

Raffle ticket sales begin on January 11.

The Pelican Winter Carnival is Thursday, January 26 from 5:30 to 7:30 PM.

There is no school on Martin Luther King Day, Monday, January 16.

Students have no school on Friday, January 27.

Girls' basketball practice begins Tuesday, January 3.

Principal's Message

A hearty New Year Ahoy to all Pelican Pirate families. I hope you all had a great winter break and enjoyed the snow and abundant family time together. Now that everyone is well-rested we are ready to "hit the books" at school and dig into meaningful learning at Pelican.

This week our staff will re-visit and re-teach the behavior expectations with all students throughout the school so everyone is ready to learn again. This is important, as sometimes students "forget" during the first half of the year and after winter break. **Our basic rules are Be Safe, Be Respectful and Be Responsible, but also included are practice a growth mindset, collaborate and contribute to learn, and show good character at all times.**

I welcome parent input to improve Pelican. Please email or call the office if you have suggestions for school improvement. Following are three questions for parents I would like your opinion about:

- 1) **Do you support reducing chocolate milk served to students at breakfast?** (All elementary schools did this on a trial basis during December.)
- 2) **What are you concerned about for your child at school?** (areas we can improve)
- 3) **What are you most proud of at Pelican Elementary?**

Thank you for your continued parent support of your student(s).

Mr. Swan

*Please call Pelican
if your child is
absent!
541-883-4765*

Winter Carnival

Pelican's Winter Carnival is Thursday, January 26, from 5:30 to 7:30 PM. The evening is filled with games, contests, prizes and fun. Wrapping things up is the drawing of raffle tickets for all the great prizes.

Students have the opportunity to sell raffle tickets with top sellers getting prizes. Please help your child be a safe and polite salesperson. We appreciate all the efforts of students and families to make this event a success.

Proceeds from the carnival are used to finance assemblies, field trips and other enrichment activities for the student body. Money is also put in teachers' classroom accounts to purchase supplemental learning materials or items for special activities and projects.

AVID

Pelican continues to enthusiastically implement AVID (Advancement Via Individual Determination). Students are benefitting from rigorous academic work, increased writing and close reading. Being highly organized and collaborating with classmates to learn at a deeper level is important. We are sending home a Growth Mindset flier to all families, so you can help your child with this at home.

January Days Off

The Martin Luther King holiday is Monday, January 16; school is closed.

Students have no school on Friday, January 27 (the day after the carnival) while teachers prepare grades for report cards that go home the following Friday.

Basketball

Girls' basketball practice begins at 4:10 on Tuesday, January 3. Practice and games occur on Mondays, Tuesdays and Thursdays. The season will end with a possible tournament on February 4.

The boys' season will be during the month of February with information coming out mid-January.

Volleyball

Pelican's Team B took second place in the volleyball tournament held on December 3. The team did a great job of using their skills to hold off all but one other team in the district.

Important February Dates

Students will not have school on February 16, 17, and 20. The 16th and 17th are professional development days for teachers. February 20 is Presidents' Day.

Boxtops for Education

Please continue sending Boxtops for Education clipped from eligible products. All Walmart-exclusive boxtops that we send in by March 1 earn our school a chance to win 50,000 bonus boxtops.