

# FEBRUARY 2024

## Panther Tales



- January 22 - February 14 Kid's Heart Challenge
- February 2, 9, 16, 23 PTA Spirit Fridays
- February 7 **Early Release Day CANCELLED**
- February 7 Carnival Planning Meeting 9:00am
- February 8 Class Pictures
- February 9 Ransom Band Visits 5<sup>th</sup> Graders
- February 13 Last Day FundRays Coupon Book Sales
- February 14 Kid's Heart Challenge Run
- February 17 Science Olympiad Competition
- February 17 Youth Arts Day
- February 19 Teacher Planning Day/Presidents Day
- February 20 SAC Committee Meeting 3:00pm
- February 21-22 4th Grade Pensacola Historic Museum Field Trip
- February 27 PTA General Assembly Carnival Meeting
- February 29 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Slam the Exam Night 5:30-6:30

*Save the Date*

- March 4-8 Literati Book Fair
- March 4-8 Read Across America/ Dr. Seuss Week
- March 7 Shining Star Awards
- March 7 Spring Pictures
- March 9 PTA Carnival at Tate
- March 20 PTA Board Meeting
- March 21 Journey into Outer Space Music Program
- March 25-29 Spring Break



January 22 - February 14

Pine Meadow is kicking off our Kids Heart Challenge with the American Heart Association, formally known as Jump Rope for Heart!



February 5-9

Students will get to have a "coin war" by bringing change to vote on which Faculty/Staff member they would like to see get PIED IN THE FACE!!

All proceeds go to the American Heart Association. With the educational programs from the American Heart Association, our students learn how the heart works, how exercise affects their hearts and how to stay FIT FOR LIFE!

**FEBRUARY 14<sup>th</sup>**  
**Kids Heart Challenge Fun Run**

**Donations are due by February 14th.**

Click the QR Code to register.



## From the Principal's Office



There will be no teacher requests for the upcoming 2024-2025 school year and beyond. If you have concerns, there are student survey forms in the front office to help your student be placed in a classroom.

Be your kid's biggest fan.  
**Be PTA.**



School Spirit Fridays

February  
2, 9, 16, 23

February 7<sup>th</sup>

Carnival Planning Meeting 9:00am

All Parents Welcome!



February 13<sup>th</sup>

Last Day for Coupon Book Sales!

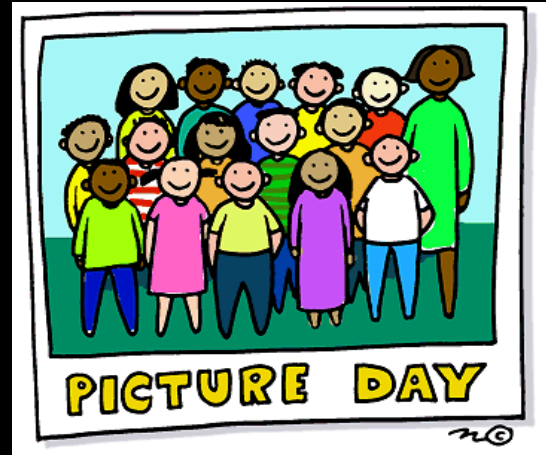


February 27 @ 5:30 pm

Join us! This General Assembly Meeting is for Carnival scheduled for March 9<sup>th</sup> at Tate from 11-2pm!

**WE NEED YOU!**

## Class Picture Day



February 8<sup>th</sup>

FEBRUARY 9 @ 8 AM



Ransom band is coming to perform for the 5<sup>th</sup> graders.  
Thinking about joining the band for Middle school?

Here's how to sign up:

Either go to [JoinTheBands.com](https://JoinTheBands.com) or scan the QR code above and click "Make Appointment Now!" to schedule an instrument fitting appointment OR stop by the band room

February 12<sup>th</sup> or 15<sup>th</sup>

From 5:00 – 7:00 pm

*\*One student per appointment\**

to learn about the different instruments offered in band and have the opportunity to try them to see which fits you best!

Questions for the band Director?  
Email Mr. Rigdon at [rigdon@ecsdfl.us](mailto:rigdon@ecsdfl.us)  
or Mr. Kershaw at [skershaw@ecsdfl.us](mailto:skershaw@ecsdfl.us)



*Exploring the World of Science*

**Saturday, February 17<sup>th</sup> 8:00-3:00**

Booker T. Washington High School  
6000 College Pkwy.  
Pensacola, FL 32504

*Science Olympiad was created in 1983 by Dr. Gerard J. Putz and Jack Cairns to increase interest in science and as an alternative to traditional science fairs and single-discipline tournaments.*

*Students will participate in events that are rooted in mathematics, physics, chemistry, earth and space science, biology, and engineering.*

*Events in Science Olympiad have been designed to recognize the wide variety of skills that students possess. While some events require knowledge of scientific facts and concepts, others rely on science processes, skills, or applications.*

### EVENTS

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| <b>Starry Starry Night</b> | <b>Robotics</b>             |
| <b>Grasp a Graph</b>       | <b>Mystery Powders</b>      |
| <b>Science Bowl</b>        | <b>Estimania</b>            |
| <b>Rock Hounds</b>         | <b>Tennis Ball Catapult</b> |
| <b>Write it, Do it!</b>    |                             |

### **Pine Meadow Team**

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| <b>Michael Barragan</b> | <b>Maya Morrison</b>    |
| <b>Kelby Bolton</b>     | <b>Robert Ouellette</b> |
| <b>Avery Burton</b>     | <b>Nolan Stuthers</b>   |
| <b>Hunter Fisk</b>      | <b>Clara Taylor</b>     |
| <b>Evan Gentry</b>      | <b>Brooklyn Whyte</b>   |
| <b>Julia Johnson</b>    | <b>Caleb Williams</b>   |

**Coaches:** Mrs. Taylor & Mr. Harrison



**SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17**  
**12PM - 3PM**

Free for all ages!

Celebrate the arts at the Pensacola Museum of Art!  
407 S. Jefferson St. Pensacola 32502

This FREE community event gives kids a chance to sample the visual and performing arts through various activities. Some of our favorite local arts organizations will be on site featuring short performances throughout the afternoon, including **Pensacola Opera, Children's Chorus Ambassadors, Pensacola Little Theatre**, and musicians from the **Pensacola Symphony Orchestra** will perform with a couple of their students.

Visitors can also enjoy hands-on art activities and a scavenger hunt, as well as our **70<sup>th</sup> Annual Youth Art Focus Exhibition** on view throughout the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor of the museum. This exhibition highlights artwork created by K-12 Students and art educators from the Escambia County School District.



## YOUTH ART FOCUS ARTISTS

January 19 - February 25, 2024

Maddox Baltrusis - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Gabriel Byrne - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Abrianna Franklin - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Aislynn Higgins - 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

Mariah Martin - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bryson Morris - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Bradon Moyer - 4<sup>th</sup> Grade

Evelyn Rowley - 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade

Clara Taylor - 5<sup>th</sup> Grade

Alice Wood - Kindergarten

Visit the Pensacola Museum of Art and view our Pine Meadow masterpieces!



The SAC Committee will discuss Title 1 Development for Pine Meadow Elementary

**February 20<sup>th</sup> @ 3:00 pm**

Hope to see you there!



**FEBRUARY 19th**



## 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Field Trip



## Pensacola Museum of History

**February 21<sup>st</sup>**

Broadwater, Simmons, Stroud

**February 22<sup>nd</sup>**

Bentley, McGee, Williams

Students will learn about colonial life and survival skills, candle making and the history of Lavelle House.

# 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FAST NIGHT

(Florida Assessment of Student Thinking)

February 29 5:30 - 6:30



3<sup>rd</sup> Grade parents and students are invited to attend this event!

This night will be devoted to helping parents understand expectations for FAST Testing.

Look for information coming home soon!



To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook  
(Must be a parent or student 13 years or older)

1. Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:  
1012923600032466  
Price: \$20.22  
Create Custom pages by: March 25

Guidance Corner

Mrs. Steiner



**Kindness is being caring and showing concern and compassion for others.**

Parents play an important role in helping to instill kindness in their children. Parents can show their children how to be kind through their own personal actions and words. For example, holding the door open for someone else can model the importance of showing kindness towards others.

**How can parents help their children understand the importance of being kind to others?**

**Participate in service activities as a family.** Work together to donate old clothes to a local collection agency, volunteer at a soup kitchen as a family, or make cards for residents at a local nursing home.

**Hold discussions with your child about kindness.** When reading or watching movies or television with your child, discuss with your child how the characters showed kindness towards others.

**Make It a Priority:** Make giving back an important part of your family's priorities. **DO** it regularly. Put giving on your family's calendar.

**Acknowledge children for acts of kindness.** If you witness your child doing something kind for someone else, praise them for their efforts. A simple "good job" or "I'm proud of you" motivates your child and instills a sense of pride and accomplishment which, in turn, raises your child's self-esteem.



## Media Center News

Mrs. Edmunds

Mrs. Stepherson



**March 4-8**  
**March 5<sup>th</sup> Family Night**  
**2:00-6:00 pm**

We are trying a new company this spring for the book fair! Literati uses gift cards as their cashless payment for students and others. Here is what you need to know!

Gift cards are an easy student payment method that won't get lost in a backpack. They also make great gifts for teachers and librarians! You can buy bookfair gift cards from our online fair, and they can be used for both online orders and in-person purchases. If you're sending a gift card to another recipient, they'll know who it came from. Gift card codes are delivered via email. TO redeem gift card, simply present or enter your code at checkout.

### Gift Card Guide for Parents

- ❖ Go to [efairs.literati.com](http://efairs.literati.com).
- ❖ Select the "GIFT CARDS" tab at the top of the page.
- ❖ Choose a gift card amount. (For a custom amount, select "Choose Your Own Gift Card.")
- ❖ If it's a gift to a teacher or another student, check "Send as Gift?" and enter your recipient's email, your name, and an optional message.
- ❖ Click Add to Cart, then continue to checkout.

Online Sales begin February 5

<http://efairs.literati.com/?school=pine-meadow-elementary-school-pensacola-fl>

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Let us always meet  
each other with smile,  
for the smile is  
the beginning of love.

MOTHER TERESA

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Where there is  
love there is life.

MAHATMA GANDHI