



# Sabal Palm Elementary School

# Patriot Press

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### Message from Administration

Welcome to February!

If you are having a delivery to school, **BALLOONS** are NOT permitted on the school bus so please do not send them to school. We are asking that you do not send in deliveries to school this year due to Covid. If you are sending in treats, they must be store bought and in a sealed container. No homemade treats or goodies. As we move into testing season, we have made a few instructional changes and shifts to help our students prepare and do their best on the state assessment, FSA. We want all of our students to be prepared for the next grade level as well as the State Assessment. Please be on the lookout for the bedtime chart that will be coming home along with the 3<sup>rd</sup> nine weeks progress reports and Title 1 Surveys. This will be extremely important as we move into testing season. You will find more information about upcoming events on the school website, Facebook page and in the front office. FLU season is upon us and we want to keep everyone healthy. If your child is sick, please keep them home and send in a written or a doctor note to excuse the absence. Keep in mind that a child can't return to school until that are symptom free for 24 hours. Please remind the students to wash their hands at all times to keep the spread of germs down.

GO PATRIOTS!

### February Events:

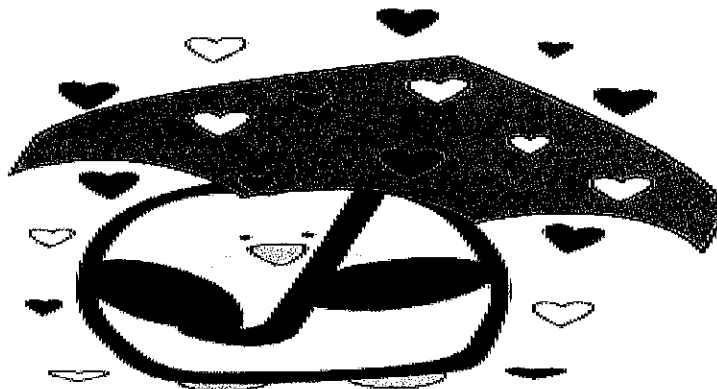
5<sup>th</sup>: National Wear Red Day

12<sup>th</sup>: 100<sup>th</sup> day of School

15<sup>th</sup>: No School: President's Day

18<sup>th</sup>: PTO/SAC/Parent Workshop Meeting "FSA Night  
6:00pm-7:00pm Virtual via zoom

Please join our parent Engagement /PTO/SAC/Page on  
[Remind@sabalpa](mailto:Remind@sabalpa)



### Pre-K

PreK is staying busy learning letters, sounds, and numbers. Please keep working at home on these skills. February is Black History Month so we will be learning about some African Americans that have made contributions to our country. We will also be learning about our Presidents and our government. In addition, we will celebrate Valentine's Day. Look for handouts coming home about this in the next few days. We are running low on class snacks. If you are able, please send in a box of Cheezits, cookies, fruit snacks, etc. We appreciate your help.

### Kindergarten

We have made it halfway through the school year. We must continue to push to our Kindergartners to get them ready for 1st grade. Coming up this month is the 100th day of school. We will be sending information home about that soon. Also, continue to help them complete homework and have them practice their weekly decodable book.

### 1<sup>st</sup> Grade

We have reached the halfway point in the school year, thanks to all your support! Please remember to read each night for 20 minutes with your child, so we can continue their reading progress! If you would like to help replenish our supply of hand sanitizer and Lysol wipes, we would be very thankful! Our number one priority is keeping everything clean and safe for our students. Every Wednesday is popcorn day. Please send in a dollar by each Tuesday, so the whole class can enjoy this delicious treat!

### 2<sup>nd</sup> Grade

Hello 2nd Grade Parents!

This is Black History Month! We look forward to the many activities and lessons to come. Be sure to schedule phone conferences with your child's teacher to check on his/her progress. Keep track of your child's grades in FOCUS. Continue to read every day! Also, parents, please remember if your child is not feeling well to keep them safe at home. Thank you for all you do. Let's Soar 2nd grade!V



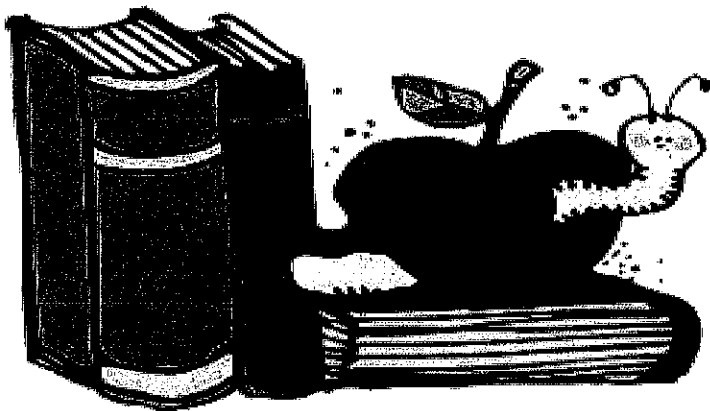
### 3rd Grade

Third grade had a busy month of January and we're looking forward to an exciting month of February as well!!! In **Reading/Language Arts**, we will be exploring the genre Poetry. We will be learning all about limerick and free verse poems, as well as personification, and alliteration. We will also be focusing on Similes, and Possessive Nouns. In **Social Studies**, we will be focusing on the theme of Black History Month. Our focus will be on many African-American men and women who have made and who are making positive impacts on our society. Please ensure that students are reading independently at home in order to help build their vocabulary and comprehension skills.

During the next few weeks, in **Math** we will be learning about division facts and strategies. We will learn strategies to use to divide by 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, and 10. We will also learn the order of operations rules to solve problems involving more than one operation. You can expect to see homework that provides practice with dividing by these divisors. The students will know the 8 planets- their order, different sizes and their names. In **Science**, we will identify the sun as a planet and learn that stars can be different.

### 4th Grade

Love is in the air! In reading, we are focusing on determining the Point of View of the text as well as the Author's point of view. Our vocabulary skill will be focusing on antonyms/synonyms and Latin/Greek roots. We are also learning how to summarize our reading selection by using our own words to paraphrase the text. Please continue to encourage your child to read for at least thirty-five minutes every night. Also, we will continue to work on FSA reading and writing skills to prepare our students for the Sate Wide test that will be coming up in April for the writing and May for reading/math. In Math, students are working on Chapter 5 learning about factors, multiples, and pattern as well as determining the difference between a composite and prime number. In Science, we are starting Unit 3: Earth and Space Science, we learning how the earth rotates on its axis and revolves around the sun which impact studying the stars, seasons, and life on earth. If you want to learn more about what your child is studying, please have your child share their science book with you. In lieu of Black History month, your students will be doing a project on African American Inventors/Scientists. Stay Tuned for this information. Focus!



### 5th Grade

Greetings fifth grade parents! Florida Statue requires that all school districts establish and communicate expectations for levels of student performance in ELA, mathematics, science, and social studies at each grade level. Those levels of performance are used to identify students who have mastered content as well as those students who may need targeted instructional support. Leon County Schools sets expectations for each area of study based on the standards established by the State of Florida. You can access the state standards at [www.cpalms.org/public](http://www.cpalms.org/public). Schools use all available data, including progress monitoring and statewide assessment results, to determine promotion eligibility. A student working below grade level or repeatedly earning a grade of "D" or "F" on the student progress report card is in danger of not meeting expectations for the promotion to middle school and may be retained. The minimum fifth grade expectations are listed below:

Master each Florida Standard at 70% or greater in all core content areas taught.

- Attain a grade equivalent (GE) score of 6.0 by the end of the year on an individualized assessment in the subjects of math and ELA.
- Read with accuracy and fluency equal to fifth-grade end-of-year expectations.
- Score Level 3 or higher on the Florida Standards Assessment in both mathematics and ELA.
- Score Level 3 or higher on the statewide, standardized science assessment

Please reach out to Mrs. Wilson if you have any further questions.

### Community Partnership:

Hi parents & guardians!

We have another exciting month of supports for you! First, sign your students up for the dental bus at no cost for you! Plus, we are having FREE Barber services for all students but registration form is required. Next, If your student is in grades K-3rd and may be interested in Girls Scouts at no cost! For more information about any of these services please contact us! If you haven't had a chance yet, join the Sabal Palm Elementary, a Community Partnership School (SPE CPS) REMIND!! Remind CODE: @specpscr

Each week we send out information on opportunities such as Food Drives & Meals locations, COVID testing, Parenting classes, job fairs, GED class opportunity, and much much more!

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