

The Melrose Park Examiner

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Upcoming Events

October

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- Renaissance Home Connect Parent Workshop 6:00 pm.

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- FTE Week

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- Kite / Ratliff Field Trip

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- "What's on the Menu?" Parent Workshop 5:30 pm.

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- Pre-K Field Trip
- 1st Grade Field Trip

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- End of 1st grading period

REPORT CARD CONFERENCES

The first grading period ends on October 17th. Report cards will not be sent home with the students. Instead, your child's teacher will schedule a conference with you to discuss your child's grades as well as their academic progress. The report card will be given to you at the report card conference. It is extremely important that you attend the conference and participate in your child's education.

PROGRESS MONITORING

Several times a year we administer several tests to our students to monitor their progress towards mastering the **Next Generation Sunshine State Standards**.

We are currently administering the following progress monitoring assessments to our students: **Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (FAIR)**, **ThinkGate**, **Columbia Writes** and **STAR**. Once the results of the assessments have been collected, they will be reviewed and an action plan will be made where necessary. You can discuss the results of these assessments with your child's teacher at the first report card conference.

DID YOU KNOW?

PIRC has lots of resources and information for parents! Their website is www.floridapartnership.usf.edu. **Florida's Parent Information and Resource Center** works to inform parents of their right under the **NO Child Left Behind Act** and to improve family involvement and academic achievement.

PARENT'S "RIGHT TO KNOW"

Every parent of a student in a Title 1 school has the right to request information regarding the professional qualification of your child's classroom teacher. You may request this information by contacting the front office.

TITLE 1 NOTEBOOK

There is a "Title 1 Parent Involvement" notebook located in the front office. In this notebook you will find the SPAR report, School Improvement Plan, the Parent Involvement Plan, the Complaint Process, Parent's Right to Know Information, the School Grade report, and other important Title 1 information.

PARENT PORTAL

On the front page of our school website is a link to our "Parent Portal." There you will find information specific to our school, information on Title 1 and links to many other parent resources. Also, a computer will be made available in the Media Center for parents to view the State, County and School websites. These sites will provide you with links to the Complaint Process, AYP status, SPAR reports, testing schedules, and grade level expectations. These items can be found in the Parent Notebook located in the front office of Melrose Park.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS

AR and student check out began on Tuesday, September 6th. Our theme this year is ... "Wild About Reading" with Max! If students have a lost book from last year, they will not be able to check out a new book until they have fulfilled their obligations.

5% BACK TO SCHOOLS PROGRAM

Do you shop at Office Depot? Office Depot has a program that gives 5% back to Melrose Park. It is a very simple process to help our school get FREE supplies. All you have to do is use the following number when you shop and Office Depot will do the rest.

Melrose Park ID Number
70022047

Welcome To Melrose Park Elementary

Thank You

The Parent Teacher Organization would like to thank you for participating in the Moe's Night Fund-raiser. The fund-raiser was very successful. Moe's personnel reported that our school had a better participation than any school in our county - ever! You ROCK!

The Cookie Dough Fund-raiser looks as though it is going to be very successful. The big question is will Mr. Adkins get slimed because the students met their goal by selling enough items? Stay tuned for the results.

MPE BUSINESS AND COMMUNITY SPONSORS

We would like to say THANK YOU to the following businesses and communities for partnering with us for the 2011-2012 school year

- Moe's Southwest Grill
- Little Caesars
- Parkview Baptist Church



If you would like a banner on our fence to sponsor Melrose in another way, please contact Courtney Baisden at 755-8264.

WHAT'S ON THE MENU? PARENT WORKSHOP

What's on the Menu? is a FREE workshop for parents and their children that are in 3rd, 4th, or 5th grades. It teaches kids to be money and math savvy. Parents will learn fun activities and games, plus take home a FREE backpack kit to help make learning fun at home! WOTM workshop will be Thursday, October 13, 2011 at 5:30 PM in the Café'. We will serve dinner (pizza) afterwards.

RENAISSANCE HOME CONNECT PARENT WORKSHOP

Please join us in the Media Center on **Monday, October 3, 2011 at 6:00 pm** to learn more about how you can be actively involved in your child's education at home with reading and math using the following programs:

- Accelerated Reader
- Accelerated Math
- Math Facts in a Flash

At this training, we will show you how to use Renaissance Home Connect, discuss the benefits of using this valuable resource at home, and answer any questions that you may have about Home Connect.

FTE WEEK

What is FTE week? FTE week occurs several times throughout the school year, and it is directly tied to how the State of Florida funds schools. Because funding for our school is tied to attendance, it is extremely important that every child at Melrose Park attend school during FTE week. Thank you for your support as we strive to provide the very best we can for your child.

FTE Week
October 10th through October 14th

New Grade Assignments 2011-2012

Amy Gasparrini	First Grade
Alisa Keen	Second Grade
April Noll	Second Grade
Freda Kramer	Fourth Grade
Joyce Gernhard	Fifth Grade
Mary Kay Mathis	PE Teacher/Coach

New Teachers

Holly Casey	Guidance Counselor
Rebecca Crews	1st Grade
Julie Geiger	VPK
Jean Hickman	Music Teacher
Beth Johns	Kindergarten Teacher