

THE PIRATE'S POST

December 20, 2018



Check out our website at www.Plazaschool.org for Information, Events and Dates!

Dates to Remember:

- Dec 24- Jan 4 NO SCHOOL: Winter Break**
- Jan 11** 7th-8th Basketball v. Capay @ ORC 12:30
- Jan 17** Board Meeting @ 3pm
Plaza Community Club Mtg.
@ Orland Round Table 6pm
- Jan 21** **NO SCHOOL: Martin Luther King Jr. Day**
- Jan 25** Movie Night for K-5 @ 6:30pm
- Jan 30** **Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:45**
- Feb 1** 7th-8th Basketball v. Lake @ ORC 12:30
- Feb 5** School Site Council @ 3pm
- Feb 7** 2019-20 Kindergarten Round Up
(Appointments Required)
- Feb 8** 6th-8th Plaza School Dance 6-9pm
- Feb 14** Plaza Community Club Mtg.
@ Orland Round Table 6pm
- Feb 18-22** **NO SCHOOL**
- Feb 21** Plaza Board Meeting @ 3pm
- Feb 27** **Minimum Day Dismissal @ 12:45**

2019-20 Enrollment

Although the current school year isn't quite half over yet, we are already beginning to look at next year's enrollment. **All families who live out of district must have an inter-district agreement approved by their district of residence,** as well as Plaza School. Most districts require approval each year. Please contact your district of residence about getting next year's agreement approved.

Also, the **2019-20 Kindergarten Round Up** is scheduled for Thursday, February 7th. If you have received a letter inviting you to round up, please make sure you call the office to set up an appointment for that day. You and your future pirate will meet with the principal, county nurse, and our Kindergarten teacher Mrs. McDade. Part of your time here will also include turning in a copy of the child's birth certificate and immunization records, and filling out enrollment forms.

If you haven't received an invitation, but think you should have, please contact the office as soon as possible.

Smarter Balanced Assessments

Over the next few months 3rd through 8th graders will begin preparing for end of year state testing called Smarter Balanced Assessments (SBA). In the past, the test was called Standardized Testing and Reporting (STAR) and consisted of 40-50 multiple choice questions for each of the English Language Arts, Math, Social Studies, and Science assessments. The results usually came back six months later and were used to show whether a school was making adequate yearly progress. In reality, these multiple choice tests, as well as the scores associated with them, were useless in helping teachers and schools determine what skills students were proficient in or, more importantly, where students struggled.

However, the SBA students take now are much more useful. The computer adaptive test does a better job measuring an individual student's proficiency in multiple areas for both English Language Arts and Math. 5th and 8th graders also take a Science assessment as well. The scores are reported within a few months, allowing teachers to better understand each student while they plan instruction. Additionally, local high schools use the reports to determine which courses students can take as freshman. For example, if a student isn't proficient in English Language Arts or Mathematics, they may be required to take remedial courses instead of choosing electives or having free periods to take college level courses as a senior. There are other factors taken into consideration, such as teacher recommendation, freshman entrance exams, report card grades, etc.



It is important that students and parents take these assessments seriously and are present at school during testing weeks. Please schedule trips and appointments that limit disrupting the testing schedule. Typically students perform better when they assess with their peers, as opposed to a make-up session. Please see the schedule below for your child's testing week. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to stop by the office or give me a call.

Smarter Balanced Assessment Schedule:

April 8-12 th	4 th and 7 th
April 29 – May 3 rd	5 th and 8 th
May 6- 10 th	3 rd and 6 th

Volunteer(s) Needed

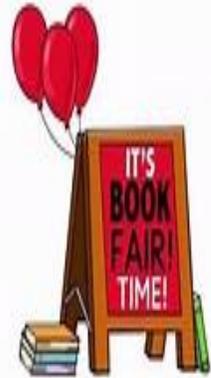
We really need someone to help collect, count, and turn in Box Tops twice per school year. If someone is interested in taking this on, please let Mr. Conklin know. You'll be able to learn from the current volunteer this year, with the expectation that you'll assume the responsibility next year.

Box Tops are collected to help support the Plaza School library. The goal this year is to raise over \$1,000. Please help us achieve this goal by turning in your box tops. In order to be more efficient, please put box tops in baggies and label how many you have turned in.

BOOK FAIR!!

The Scholastic Book Fair has been rescheduled for **January 24th-31st**. You can shop Online from January 12th-February 19th by visiting www.scholastic.com/bf/plazaelemntary. This reading event brings kids the books they want to read.

We'll receive a wonderful selection of engaging and affordable books for every reading level, and all purchases benefit our school library! Reading for pleasure inside and outside of school has real and long-lasting benefits. Please come to our book fair and help shape your child's reading habits. Please visit Plaza Library on Facebook to volunteer for a shift or two.



~Breakfast Menu~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
Cook's Choice	Fresh Baked Muffin	Hot Oatmeal Bar	Cook's Choice	Breakfast Pizza

~Lunch Menu~

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
7 Corndog Tater Tots	8 Burrito Chips & Salsa	9 Chicken Nuggets Mashed Potatoes	10 Spaghetti Green Beans	11 Soup & Sandwich
14 Chicken Fajitas Rice & Beans	15 BBQ Pulled Pork Bun Potato salad	16 Mac & Cheese Broccoli	17 Orange Chicken Brown Rice Broccoli	18 Soup & Sandwich
21 NO SCHOOL	22 Chili Cornbread	23 Hotdog Veggie Sticks	24 Baked Potato Bar (4 th -8 th) Mini Corndogs & Carrot sticks	25 Soup & Sandwich
28 BBQ Chicken Sandwich Potato Wedges	29 Taco Rice & Beans	30 Pizza Pocket Mixed Veg. Minimum Day	31 Ham & Potato Bake Seasonal Vegetables	1st Soup & Sandwich

Variety milk and fruits served daily at Breakfast & Lunch

*Salad Bar served Mon. - Thurs.

*** Menus are subject to change. ***

Student Meal Prices

Just Milk	\$.35
K-8 Breakfast	\$2.00
K-8 Lunch	\$2.75
Reduced Prices	
K-8 Breakfast	\$0.30
K-8 Lunch	\$0.40