

Panther Notes

January 25, 2022

Important Announcements

UPCOMING DATES

January 26th K-2 Awards Virtual
January 27th 3rd-5th Virtual
February 5th Resource Fair
February 21st No School President Day

Attendance Incentive:

Our scholars get excited about our monthly attendance incentives! If scholars are present every day in January, they will earn a bag of chips. Scholars are especially thrilled about the possibility of winning a Nintendo Switch or a Tablet at the end of the year if they show up to school every day

A Message from Administration

Dear Panther Families,

Your scholars have been taking the MAP test for the last two weeks. This assessment allows us to see how much growth your scholars has made and gives us insight into what your scholars still needs support in. To help reinforce what scholars are receiving from teachers at school, there are a few things at home that you can do to support your scholar's academic growth:

- Read a book with your scholars. Try holding D-E-A-R times at your house. "DEAR" stands for "Drop Everything and Read." During DEAR time, everyone in the family sits down for some uninterrupted reading time.
- Ask your scholars questions about the book. What is the main idea? Tell me more about the characters in the book. Tell me or write a summary of the book.
- Work on math facts with your children, addition and subtraction. This will help build their mental math skills.
- Have your scholars practice counting money, both coins and bills.

Our Best,

Ms. Ford, Dean Moreno, Dean Malone, and Ms. Guevara

Welcome our New K-2 Dean Malone



I am originally from Northern California but currently live in Desoto with my son, Mitchell, 15 and my daughter, Kahlani, 18. I have a third daughter, Kierra, 21, who recently moved back from Houston and works at Uplift Williams. I have 2 dogs, Axl and Hndrxx, both of which I absolutely spoil. I enjoy running, playing Scrabble, vacationing, and shopping. I'm a huge NBA fan and follow the Lakers. I've been in education for 12 years, where I've been an elementary teacher, instructional coach, and most recently, the STEM Curriculum and Instruction Specialist at CMO. I'm looking forward to working with all these amazing teachers and staff members here at Pinnacle.

Attendance Update

Per our attendance policy, to maintain 90 percent seat time, scholars can only miss 18 days per school year. This includes excused and unexcused absences. If your scholars miss more than 18 days for the 2021-2022 school, they will be retained. Assigned quarantine or isolation days that have been assigned by the nurse will not count against attendance. Please make sure you are completing Luminare every day.

Click the link below to review our attendance policy:

<https://www.uplifteducation.org/Page/15391>

Week of January 17 th	
Our Average Weekly Goal is 94%	
Kinder	83%
1st	80%
2 nd	77%
3rd	79%
4 th	88%
5 th	72%

If you scholar is sick please make sure you are completing the Luminare survey, this will allow the health service team to get your scholar into Connect Ed(virtual classes) until they are able to return to campus.

