



# Panther Prowler

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## Reminders

### Transportation Changes

Please send **All** your child's transportation changes in writing. Please only call for changes for emergencies.

Please remember early dismissal of students is prior to 1:45.

### No April Collaborative Planning

Due to state testing (ACT Aspire) April 29th will be a full school day with all students attending.

### 3rd Nine Weeks Awards Program

Awards will be given for perfect attendance, honor roll and Principal's list on April 17th for grades K-5 in your child's classroom.

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## **Parents as Leaders**

There will be a "Parents as Leaders" Training on April 2nd at 7:30 am in the Learning Commons. This will introduce and discuss our Leader in Me program to parents and how it can impact their families.

The  
**Leader in Me™**

great happens here

## Look What's Ahead

**Thursday, April 2** - Report Cards go home, "Parents as Leaders" training 7:30 A.M.

**Friday, April 3** - NO SCHOOL for Students and Staff, Severe Weather Make-up Day

**Monday, April 6 - 10** - Spring Break

**Tuesday April 14** - Spring Picture Day- Class and Individual pictures

**Thursday April 16** - Title 1 Parent Planning Meeting 5:00 P.M.

**Friday April 17** - All Pro Dads 7:00 - 7:30 A.M. Nine Weeks Classroom Awards for 3rd Semester

**Monday, April 20** - Blowfish Reading Program Begins

**Tuesday April 21** - School Board Meeting 7:30 P.M.

**Thursday April 23** - PTO Nine Weeks Ice Cream Reward

**Friday April 24** - iMoms 7:00-7:30 A.M.

**Tuesday, April 28-May 1** - ACT Aspire Testing

**Friday, May 1** - Interim Reports Issued

**Thursday, May 7-15** - SCPASS Testing



## Notes From The Nurse



Spring is here! Who doesn't love warmer weather, sunshine, flowers blooming, and outside activities. Unfortunately, with all these wonderful things comes pollen, insect bites, and sunburn. While you are out in the sun, it is important to apply an ample amount of sunscreen to all exposed skin and reapply every 90 minutes while out in the sun, using sunscreen with at least SPF 50. If you dislike the insects, you may choose to apply a bug repellent that already has sunscreen in it. Whichever you choose, remember that your skin is one of the first lines of defense your body has against infection, so you want to keep it as healthy as you can.

### BLOWFISH READING PROGRAM

Our annual Blowfish reading program begins April 20th through May 15th. If your child reads 1 book, they will receive 1 complimentary ticket to the June 1st Blowfish game. 2 books will entitle them to two game tickets for June 1st and 3 books will earn them 2 tickets, a free hot dog and soft drink and a parade before the game. We would like to have 100% participation from Pelion Elementary School.

### Title 1 Compliancy

Pelion Elementary School is compliant with all Title One procedures. A copy of the resolution procedures is in the main office for your review.



# Smile!

**Spring and Class  
Picture Day**

**Tuesday, April 14th**

**(No make-up day)**

## Counselor's Corner

### Test-Taking Tips for Elementary Students

Pelion Elementary School students in grades 3-5 will soon be taking the ACT Aspire test.

Here are some helpful tips to give your child about taking tests:

- Relax. Just do the best you can.
- Your first choice is usually correct. Don't change an answer unless you have a good reason to do so.
- In multiple-choice questions don't skip the longest answer. It should be considered, since test writers want to be sure the correct answer is accurate—they may add lots of details to insure accuracy.
- Watch for negative words like "not," "no," "never."
- Look for information in some of the questions. This information may help you answer other questions.

You can help your child prepare for testing by doing the following:

- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep before a test, and make sure your child eats properly the day of a test.
- Maintain a pleasant home environment and avoid unnecessary conflicts. Try to make the morning of the test a pleasant one. Do not add to your child's stress.
- Make sure your child has taken any needed medication.
- Ensure that your child is present during testing (children generally perform better when taking tests with their class rather than at a make-up time).
- Get your child to school on time the day of the test.
- Wish your child good luck each morning of the test. Tell your child that he/she is special and that you believe in him/her!