

PAFA Newsletter

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WELCOME BACK TO SCHOOL!

Welcome back, Stars! We are SO excited to start the 20/21 school year! We have so many wonderful things planned for this school year. Our teachers have been working hard over the last two weeks to prepare for the return of students. We are confident this will be our best year yet!

This year we are still focusing on the areas of attendance, academics, and behavior. An additional area of focus for us this year will be social and emotional learning. We know that our students have been impacted since we had such a long gap in traditional school. We have lots of strategies available to help our learners get back into the groove of learning.

STARS Expectations

We are starting our second year of Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) here at PAFA. We follow our STARS Expectations every day. Students are recognized and rewarded throughout the year for following our expectations.

Our **STARS** acronym stands for:

- Safe
- Team Player
- Active Learner
- Respectful
- Supportive



UPCOMING EVENTS

First Day of School August 24

Labor Day (No School) September 7

End of 1st Quarter October 16

Only a generation of readers will spawn a generation of writers.

- Steven Spielberg



Back to School Info

This year is unique in that we will start the year with some of our learners attending school face-to-face and the rest of our learners learning with us digitally. Regardless of the mode selected, the focus and content across your child's grade level will be the same. Whether face-to-face or digital, all students will follow the same school day which starts at 8:20 a.m. and ends at 3:20 p.m. (2:20 p.m. on Wednesdays). Students will be marked tardy if not at school (or logged in to Teams) by 8:25 a.m.

All students will have the opportunity to participate in our Arts Programs during their assigned block time. We offer dance, music, orchestra, visual art, and drama.



NOTES FROM THE COUNSELOR

Our school counselor, Mrs. Weeks, is ready to work with all students this year. She will be holding small group sessions and teaching lessons in classrooms for our face-to-face students. For our digital learning students, she has a Microsoft Teams set up and will be holding group sessions in private channels in Teams as well as providing resources for students in this group platform.

If you are ever in need of counselor support during the school year, Mrs. Weeks can be reached by calling the front office at (407) 343-4500. You can also email her at Michelle.Weeks@osceolaschools.net



Read, Write, Talk, Solve

This year we are continuing to integrate reading, writing, talking, and solving into all our lessons. Research shows that when these tasks are integrated with learning, students have an easier time retaining information. Our unit plans have opportunities for reading a text, writing about learning, talking about the information being learned, and problem-solving application to demonstrate understanding. We are planning for reading, writing, talking, and solving to happen every day, in every content area.



How can we help you?

We are here to support all our PAFA Star Families! We offer a variety of information on our school website including important forms and documents, as well as teacher email addresses. If you need support, please reach out to your child's teacher through email or Remind. You can also call the front desk to leave a message for your child's teacher. Your concerns are important to us. Please reach out if you need anything. Communication is key to making this a successful year!