



# 2025

# Panther Tales

## APRIL EVENTS

- March 31-April 14 PTA Fundrays Coupon Book Sales
- March 31- April 4 Autism Awareness Week
- March 31 Kindergarten Registration Begins
- April 1 April Fool's Day
- April 1 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> BEST Grade Writing Test
- April 1 Yearbook Order Deadline
- April 4 - May 2 Bright Images Art Show
- April 4, 11, 25 PTA Spirit Sales
- April 4 Deadline for Emerald Coast Writers/ Art Contest
- April 5 Navy Federal 5K (Flyer Attached)
- April 6 Pine Meadow's Blue Wahoos Game Day
- April 8 Bright Images Art Show Reception 5-7 pm
- April 10-11 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field trip
- April 12 Sunshine State Math Competition
- April 15-16, 23-24, 30 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Star Base Field Trips
- April 18 Teacher Planning Day/ No school for students
- April 22 K-2 Literacy Night
- April 22 PTA General Assembly Meeting 5:00 pm
- ~~April 23 Kona Ice~~ Changed to April 11.
- April 25 SAC Committee Meeting 1:00 pm
- April 25 Cupcakes with Mom
- April 26 Battle of the Books
- April 29 Academic Teams Celebrate
- May 1,8,13 State Testing Dates
- May 5-9 Teacher Appreciation Week
- May 6 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Science Test
- May 7 Cox Hero Awards
- May 14 School Spirit Night
- May 19 Kindergarten Ceremony
- May 21 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Ceremony
- May 23 Last Day of School/ Early Release/ Report Cards



## April 1

## MARCH 31-APRIL 4

APRIL IS NATIONAL  
**AUTISM**  
AWARENESS MONTH



Please show your support for Autism Awareness Day by wearing your blue "WE ARE PANTHERS/ AUTISM AWARENESS" Wristband.



## FORTIFYFL

## Register for Kindergarten



Registration begins March 31, 2025

Monday – Friday 9:00 – 1:00

Children who are 5 years old on or before September 1<sup>st</sup> are eligible to start Kindergarten in AUGUST.

Complete Focus Registration application, located on the Escambia County Public Schools website:

[Escambiapublicschools.org](http://Escambiapublicschools.org)

Click on Families, go to registration for students.

Bring the following mandatory documents to the school.

- Birth Certificate
- Proof of Residence (Utility bill or lease only)
- Immunization Record
- School health exam (Physical)
- Student's Social Security card or SS#

**Registration is not complete until all documents have been approved and forms have been signed.**

For more information, please contact our residential school or the Office of Enrollment Services. 850-469-5580



## THE B.E.S.T. STANDARDS

*Benchmarks for Excellent Student Thinking*

**April 1<sup>st</sup>** is The B.E.S.T. WRITING Test for 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> Graders. Please get the proper rest the night before, have a good breakfast, and be on time to school.

## Order Your YEARBOOK

A colorful illustration of an open book with pages fanning out. The text 'YEARBOOK' is written in large, multi-colored letters above the book.

**DEADLINE TO ORDER APRIL 1**  
*(for school delivery)*

**To Purchase & Customize Your Yearbook**  
*(Must be a parent or student 13 years or older)*

1. Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:  
1012923600032466

**Price: \$20.22**



*Artists are invited to a reception  
Tuesday, April 8  
5:00 to 7:00 pm.*

*Pine Meadow artwork will be displayed in  
Corridor A in the J. E. Hall Center.*

*30 East Texar Drive  
Pensacola, Fl. 32503*



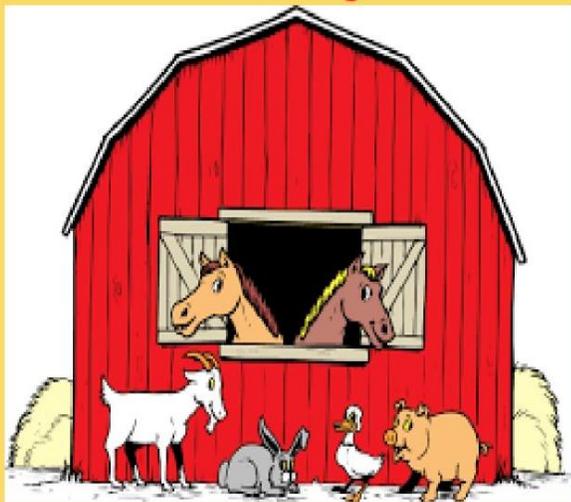
## Pine Meadow's Celebration Game Day Sunday, April 6<sup>th</sup> at 1:05 pm

Bring your completed bookmark to the box office to redeem your free ticket to the game. Student's completing Kazoo's Reading Program are invited to participate in a pre-game reading celebration parade! Please be at the center field entrance by 12:15 on gameday and look for a Pine Meadow sign to participate!

*Family members will need to purchase tickets to attend @ [bluewahoos.com](http://bluewahoos.com) or at ticket office.*

## 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip

### The Barnyard



**April 10**

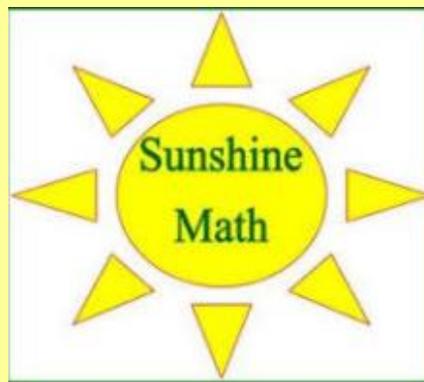
J. English, Cleveland, Summerford

**April 11**

Didier, T. English, Jeremiah

**Cost: \$7**

## Sunshine State Math Competition



**When: Saturday, April 12**

**Where: Washington High School**

### 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team

*Coaches: Mrs. Garic & Ms. Chapman*

Lucas Albano  
Gracie Ballwey  
John Butler  
Draper Dupree

Abigail Kusy  
D.J. Menard  
Benjamin Pearce  
Natalie Smith

### 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

*Coaches: Ms. Broadwater, Mrs. McGee, Ms. Stroud, Mrs. Williams*

Dowling Butler  
Beatriz Diniz  
Keayon Fields  
Daniel Galvez- Flores

Craig Macks  
Allegra McCaw  
Evelyn Rowley  
Daniel Ryan

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team

*Coaches: Mrs. Benoit & Mrs. Dupree*

Jaxon Albano  
Travis Eggleston  
Pax Fisher  
Skylar Gibbons

Alex Harr  
Deleia Marshall  
Liam Olson  
Connor Stewart

**Wishing our teams the best of luck!**



Field Trip Dates:

**Benoit, Potter & Brown**

**April 15, 23, 30 and May 7, 14**

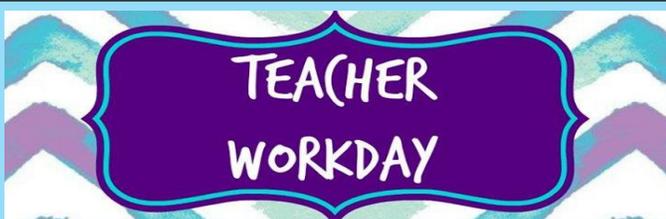
**Dupree, Godwin & Wallace**

**April 16, 24 and May 1, 9, 15**

### WHAT IS STARBASE?

STARBASE stands for Science Technology Academies Reinforcing Basic Aviation Space Exploration, and its purpose is to provide 25 hours of STEM education to fifth-grade students.

Pine Meadow's fifth graders will have the chance to travel to the Navy base, meet base commanders and flight cadets and participate in hands-on activities meant to teach science, technology, engineering, and math.



APRIL 18

NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS



April 20

## K-2 Literacy Night



**April 22 from 5:30-6:30**

Come get the Literacy Bug!  
Info coming home soon!



**When: April 23**

**What: Kona Ice**

**Cost: \$5.00**

All students will be able to purchase this cool treat after lunch at the gates behind the gym.

*Information coming home soon!*



**April 25 @ 1:00 pm**

School Advisory Councils (SACs) are groups of parents, teachers, staff, students, and community members that advise the principal on school improvement and budget matters, and SAC meetings are open to the public and adhere to the Sunshine Law.



Coupon Book Sales  
March 31- April 14



APRIL 4, 11, 25



Cupcakes with Mom

April 25

Cost \$7

Multi Grade 8:15-8:45

Multi Grade 9:00- 9:30

K-1<sup>st</sup> 9:45-10:15

2<sup>nd</sup>-3<sup>rd</sup> 10:30- 11:00

4<sup>th</sup> -5<sup>th</sup> 11:15- 11:45

PTA General Assembly Meeting  
April 22 @ 5:00 pm



### Here are our Bright Images Artists!

Basima Al Khayat

Gracie Ballwey

Lincoln Brabner

Madilynn Brooks

Annabella Castellanos

Leeloo Diemert

Melody Godwin

Violet Guttormson

Lillian Jackson

Peyton Johns

Eleanor Leber

Scarlett Lenn

Charlie Morris

Khymir Nicholson

Amelia O'Farrell

Hadley Pearce

Mariah Powell

Evelyn Rowley

Paxton Scharfenstine

Ethan Schmidt

Zoey Shoemaker

Ava Stephens

Marion Thornton

Hunter White



April 26<sup>th</sup>

7:30 to 11:00 am

Booker T. Washington High School

Coaches:

Mrs. Williams Mrs. Dupree Mrs. Edmunds

**3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Team**

Tucker Austin

Madilynn Brooks

Draper Dupree

**Teachers:**

Mrs. Garic

Ms. Chapman

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade Team**

Jacob Castro-Jimenez

Melody Godwin

Brantley Hathaway

Allegra McGraw

Evelyn Rowley

**Teachers:**

Mrs. Broadwater

Mrs. McGee

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade Team**

Kenzie Carr

Sky Dupree

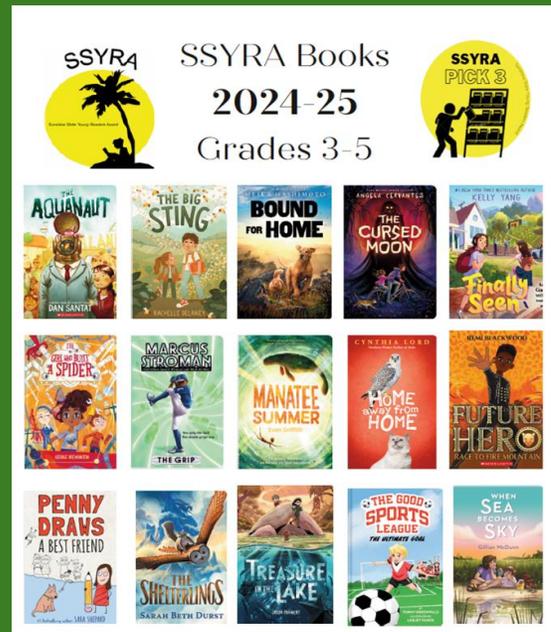
Eleanor Fowler

McKinley Grant

Aundrea Seaman

**Teachers:**

Benoit





What is responsibility?

Responsibility is:

- Understanding the decisions that you make and accepting the consequences of your actions.
- Doing the right thing at the right time, so others can trust and depend on you.
- Taking care of yourself and the people and things around you.
- To know what your job is and always do your best at it.
- Admitting when you make a mistake and trying to do better next time.

What are you responsible for?

- Your actions
- Your words
- Your time
- Your homework
- Your pet
- Your family
- Your friends
- Your clothes, toys, and other belongings

How can you show responsibility?

- Completing chores and homework on time, without reminders and without complaining.
- Keeping promises by doing what you said you would do, even if you don't feel like it.
- Learning from your mistakes instead of blaming others or making excuses.
- Finding out what needs to be done and doing it without being asked.
- Making smart choices, like eating healthy foods
- Always doing your best!

What are some other ways you can practice being responsible? Write them down in a journal or notebook and practice them this month, then stop by the Guidance office and let me know how great you're doing!

Science Olympiad Champs



Pine Meadow took 1<sup>st</sup> place in the 7<sup>th</sup> Annual Elementary Science Olympiad

**A is for Anatomy:**  
2nd: Pine Meadow

**Code Busters:**  
1st: Pine Meadow

**Robotics Task**  
1st: Pine Meadow

**Rock Hound:**  
6th: Pine Meadow

**Science Bowl**  
1st: Pine Meadow

**Tower Challenge:**  
1st: Pine Meadow

**Write It, Do It**  
3rd: Pine Meadow

**Overall Winner:**  
1st: Pine Meadow



End of the Year  
**AWARDS**

*Kindergarten Awards*  
Monday, May 19<sup>th</sup> @ 9:00 am

*5<sup>th</sup> Grade Awards*  
Wednesday, May 21 @ 9:00 am

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Emerald Coast Writers Presents  
The 2025 Youth Writing & Art Contest

# BENEATH THE SURFACE

Fiction | Nonfiction | Poetry | Visual Art  
Deadline: April 4, 2025

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Monetary Prizes, Publication in an  
Anthology, Awards Ceremony

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Open to K-12 Escambia (FL and AL),  
Santa Rosa, Okaloosa, Walton, Bay,  
Baldwin, and Mobile County Public,  
Private, and Homeschooled Students

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For more info and to submit go to  
[EmeraldCoastWritersInc.org](http://EmeraldCoastWritersInc.org)



**Emerald Coast Writers**  
**2025 Youth Writing and Art Contest**  
**What is this year's theme?**  
**"Beneath the Surface"**

**Who can participate?**

All public, private and home-schooled Escambia (in FL and AL), Santa Rosa, Bay, Okaloosa, Walton, Baldwin, and Mobile County students in grades K-12

**What genres are accepted?**

Poetry, Fiction, Nonfiction (essay, memoir, etc.) and Visual Art

**Can I enter in more than one category?**

Yes! You may enter in 1-4 categories (only once for each), but you cannot receive an award in more than one.

**Can I work with someone else?**

No, each entry must be your own individual work.

**What prizes will be awarded?**

First, second, and third place winners and honorable mentions in each category/grade level group will be notified in April and invited to a ceremony and reading of their work. Each winner will receive a gift card, as well as a copy of an anthology with their published writing/art. Extra books will be available for purchase on Amazon.

**What are the entry requirements?**

Up to 4 entries per student (up to 1 in each category)

Each entry must be individual work.

Poetry: up to 3 poems of up to 3 pages

Fiction/Nonfiction: up to 1,200 words

All writing entries typed in a Word document, using black Times New Roman 12 pt.

Font and double-spacing

Visual Art: up to 3 digital photographs or digital photographs of original art

**What are the criteria for judging?**

We are looking for writing that is:

- original, a product of your own experience and observations (not written in whole or in part by AI)
- uses vivid, sensory language and imagery
- uses correct grammar and spelling
- adheres to the theme of "Beneath the Surface"
- has overall effectiveness and impact

**Where do I go for more contest guidelines and to submit my work?**

We are accepting entries only through Submittable, via our website at:

[www.emeraldcoastwritersinc.org](http://www.emeraldcoastwritersinc.org)

**When is the entry deadline?**

Your submission must be received by Friday, April 4th, 2025 at 11:59 PM.

**If I have questions, is there someone I can contact?**

Charline Barger (850) 485-0818 [charline.burga@gmail.com](mailto:charline.burga@gmail.com)



The Navy Federal Credit Union 5K 2025 is Saturday, April 5th at Seville Quarter. Proceeds from this event will go to the Escambia County Public Schools Foundation and our efforts to support public schools in Escambia County, specifically funding programs like Tools for Teachers and Grants for Excellence.

Participants may run or walk the 5K. **You may register yourself and your family members for the Escambia County Public Schools team** here: [Navy Federal 5K Registration](https://navyfederal.org/5k). By signing up with our team, you will receive a discounted registration fee (as long as we have a minimum of 10 people sign up for our team).

**Children 6 and under may participate in a FREE quarter-mile Sammie Sprint** that will begin at 9am around Ferdinand Square. Children must be registered with a signed waiver from the parent/guardian.

We would love to see every school and department represented! If you'd like to make your own location team, please feel free to do so. Discounted registration is available for teams of 10 or more participants.

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