

# Pryor Middle School

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Dear Pirate Parents/Guardians,

Fall is finally here! The first grading period passed by so quickly and looking back, we had so many accomplishments! We had 44 students who made straight A's and another 182 students who made all A's and B's! Wow! All of our students completed the first MAP formative assessment, which allows the teachers to see their students' areas of strengths and weaknesses, so that they can know how to best meet their individual needs.

In athletics, we also excelled! Our Pirate football team brought home the District 1A District Championship! This was our first football championship in many years, and our team and coaches worked extremely hard and never gave up to finish the season strong and victorious! Our cross-country team had several runners qualify for the upcoming state meet, in addition to having Kaleb Hollins bringing home the district boys' individual championship for the Pirates! Our volleyball team had many players who were playing the sport for the first time and they improved so much over the season; we can't wait to see what they do next year. As usual, our cheerleaders, Starlites and band amazed us over and over again at pep rallies and even performed with Choctaw. The chorus sang beautifully at their all county concert. We are now getting geared up for soccer and basketball seasons.

As you can see, Pryor is full of activity as usual! We believe that our most successful students are those who work hard in the classroom and play hard in activities and athletics. Thank you for your continued support of our students at school and at home.

Go Pirates!



Brooke Barron, Principal



## Upcoming Events

### November 12

Veterans Day observance  
No School

### November 14

Club Day

### November 15

Progress reports sent home

### November 19-23

Thanksgiving Holidays

### November 26

ELL Parent Night

### December 11-13

Semester Exams

### December 18

PSAT

### December 19

Club Day

### December 20

End of the 2<sup>nd</sup> 9 weeks

## HERO

Pryor is excited to announce that we are using HERO to track student's positive behavior! This platform allows for students to earn points for demonstrating what it means to be a REAL Pirate. Points will be redeemed for fabulous prizes. Parents have the ability to see their student's points by creating a free account online with HERO. Instructions were sent home with students and are also available on the Pryor website!

## Grades Matter

REAL Pirates demonstrate excellence in all areas, especially in the classroom. This is done by earning passing grades. Students must pass all of their core classes. Classes that students do not earn passing grades in will need to be recovered during the summer. You can monitor your student's grades by viewing the Parent Portal on the Okaloosa County Schools' website or by downloading the iOCSD app. Username is your student's number and the password is the last four digits of their student number.

## Everyone Benefits When Pryor Students Give Back

We believe that all students benefit from participating in community service by learning how they fit into their community and how they can help make it a better place. At the end of each nine weeks grading period, we arrange a service learning opportunity for all students. Our first event this year was held Monday, October 12<sup>th</sup> at Beasley Park where 19 students and our Guidance team conducted a beach clean-up. Armed with gloves and garbage bags, students stretched out across the beach collecting trash and leaving behind only their footprints. Students were able to enjoy the cool gulf breeze while taking care of our beautiful "back yard." Everyone left Beasley Park with pride knowing that they made a difference for their neighbors, beachgoers, and marine life in Okaloosa County.

## Hurricane Michael Donations

Pryor would like to thank all of our families for their outpouring of support to aid victims of Hurricane Michael. We collected an overwhelming amount of hygiene supplies, toys, and fun activities for children. Thank you!



## Around Campus

### Football Champions!

Congratulations to the football team for winning the division championship! Way to go Pirates!

### Science

The science department is delving deep into some interesting stuff! 6<sup>th</sup> grade is examining earth's geologic history through fossil records. 7<sup>th</sup> graders are seeing how cells come alive! 8<sup>th</sup> grade is focusing on how matter matters!

### History

US History students are on trial. They are learning about the Boston Massacre and analyzing evidence and testimonies!

### Prohibited Items at School

Students are not allowed to bring blankets to school to wear as an outercoat. Please refrain from bringing these items to school or leave them in your locker.