



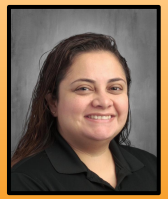
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# Northmore Elementary School

A Title 1 School | A Project Based and Performing Arts School

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## Panther Parent News October 2023 Edition

# Message from Administration

Greetings Panther Families!

We cannot believe that the month of October marks our ninth week of school! During these past nine weeks, our students have had the pleasure of learning a tremendous amount based on our Florida B.E.S.T. standards. We have already seen a lot of growth in our students and are excited to see it continue!

On Friday, September 29, all students were sent home with their Progress Reports. If a student is considered to be below grade level in reading or mathematics, he/she would have received a **Reading and Math Deficiency Letter**. This deficiency letter informs you, the parent, what we are doing at school to help improve your child's grades. We ask that you please sign and return this deficiency letter, as well as schedule a parent conference with the teacher to go over how you can help your child at home.

**Safety is our number one priority for all students, staff, parents and guests on campus.** We ask that the following procedures are followed to make sure that we continue to have a safe campus:

- ★ Students should begin arriving to school at 7:40 a.m., not earlier. Walkers should not be lined up at the gate prior to this time, as the students are unsupervised and creating some disruptions.
- ★ Photo Identification is always required when picking up a student, even if a staff member knows who you are. This is state policy.
- ★ Transportation changes will not take place over the phone unless there is an extreme circumstance and administration will be required to provide approval.
- ★ Parents will need to sign their child in if tardy. This allows the school to know that the child safely arrived to school with their parent
- ★ Students will not be dismissed early after 1:40 p.m. This policy is in place to ensure that students get to their correct dismissal location. Last minute dismissal changes can be very difficult on the teacher who is making sure that students are dismissed properly.

If you have any questions about school safety, please feel free to contact the office at 561-494-1700.

Your Partners in Education,

*Mr. Cory A. Friess*, Principal

*Ms. Cindy Pedraza*, Assistant Principal



# SPECIAL EVENTS THIS MONTH



## SAC MEETING

Monday, October 9, 2023  
5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m.  
Located in the Cafeteria

### Topics Include:

- Principal's Report
- Assistant Principal's Report
- Title 1 Updates
- New Business
- Parent Academy: Literacy Strategy
- Business Partners Report



**Thursday,  
October 5, 2023**

World Teacher's Day is a day to celebrate how teachers are transforming education and also reflecting on the support they need to fully deploy your talent and vocation.

We would love for our students to show their teachers how much they appreciate them by creating a handwritten card or a small token of appreciation.



**Parent and Community Showcase**  
**Thursday, October 12, 2023**  
**5:30 p.m. - 6:30 p.m. | Northmore Cafeteria**

### **Performances By:**

Theatre and Musical Theatre Ensembles  
Dance Ensembles



**FRIDAY  
OCTOBER 13, 2023**



Monday, October 23, 2023  
to  
Thursday, October 26, 2023

Special Dress Up Days will take place each day  
this week to show that we are DRUG FREE!

**Hispanic**  
HERITAGE WEEK

OCT 9 - OCT 12

**OCT 9 Music Monday**  
Celebrate your heritage by dressing up as your favorite Latin artist.

**OCT 10 Talk About It Tuesday**  
Create a mini presentation with cool facts about your culture.

**OCT 11 Wear your Flag Wednesday**  
Represent your country by wearing your flag!

**OCT 12 Traditional Thursday**  
Show your pride by wearing traditional clothing from your culture.

**ALL Week Door Decorating Contest**  
Judges will be coming around throughout the week to award a class Pizza Party for best door!

PLEASE JOIN US FOR OUR ANNUAL  
**TRUNK or Treat**

PRESENTED BY THE NORTHMORE AFTERSCHOOL PROGRAM AND PTO  
**Saturday, October 28, 2023**

12 PM TIL 3 PM  
FREE - SAFE AND FUN  
FOR OUR NORTHMORE FAMILIES!

COSTUME CONTEST, MUSIC, GAMES/ACTIVITIES, SPOOKY STORY TIME, CANDY, FOOD TRUCKS AND MORE!



Wednesday, October 18, 2023

**WEAR ORANGE**  
to show that together we will  
show kindness and be bully free!

Let's Dress Up  
**STORYBOOK CHARACTER DAY!**

Friday, October 27, 2023

Come to school dressed up as your favorite  
Storybook Character! Please bring the book  
with your character costume.

**No fake weapons or masks allowed**





## FOSTER GRANDPARENTS

Share Today. Shape Tomorrow.

Thank you to our Foster Grandparents for supporting our teachers in the classroom!



The Palm Beach County Food Bank for providing food for our students to take home every Friday!



For providing volunteers to read to our primary classes each week who are part of the Let's Read program!

# Meet Mr. Diaz Mental Health Therapist



Mr. Pablo Diaz has a bachelor's degree in criminal justice and a master's in clinical mental health counseling with a minor in behavioral analysis! He joins the Northmore family with an impressive professional background, having worked in a variety of mental health settings. Mr. Diaz has always known that counseling was his true calling, as friends and family would often confide in him.

Outside of work, you can find Mr. Diaz practicing self care by reading, researching, going to the gym and spending time with his daughters. In addition to this, Mr. Diaz also enjoys spending time studying and playing soccer.