



# Alafia Alligator Weekly

May 19-May 23, 2025



**Alafia Elementary School Vision:** *Alafia Elementary Students will be compassionate, connected, and contributing citizens in our ever-changing world.*

**Alafia Elementary School Mission:** *We will empower all students with the opportunity and support in order to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to reach their full potential.*

Dear Alafia Families,

This will be our school's last weekly newsletter for the 2024-2025 school year. It is difficult to believe the school year is coming to an end; time has truly flown by.

Please join me in wishing the following very special staff members the very best as they retire this year: Mrs. Susan Bethoney, First grade teacher; Ms. Janine Nelis, PE Coach, and Ms. Chris Nicholl, Fourth grade teacher. It is bittersweet to say goodbye to these incredible ladies who have been such an integral part of our Alafia Family for many years. They have touched the lives of so many students and are truly deserving of this next chapter in their lives. They will always be Alafia Alligators, always living in our hearts, always part of our school's legacy.

A special thank you to our wonderful PTA for all they did for our teachers and staff for Teacher Appreciation Week! We are so grateful to all of you in our school community for all your support. Another special thank you goes to Mr. David Mogilewicz! Mr. Mogilewicz made an amazing BBQ lunch for all our teachers and staff this past week that we are all very grateful for!

**The last day of school is Friday, May 30th and it is an early release day with dismissal at 11:15.**

We will hold our 5th grade clap out at 11:00, and 5th graders will be dismissed at the conclusion of the clap out at 11:10. We invite our 5th grade parents to come join us in clapping out our 5th graders. Please see details in the parent letter to our fifth grade parents sent home with students.

We will begin dismissing the rest of the school at 11:15 once our 5th graders have cleared the campus. Fifth graders can wait for siblings dismissing at their usual dismissal location. We just ask that car riders please wait in their cars at car line to pick up siblings so we don't have children crossing through the parking lot traffic which would be unsafe.

Best of wishes to our exiting 5th graders. Middle school is gaining an exceptional group of students from Alafia. We are very proud of all our 5th graders and know they will make amazing accomplishments in the years to come.

I cannot urge you enough to encourage your children to READ, READ, and READ over the summer break! Let's beat that "summer slide" by spending some time each day this summer reading and studying those math facts.

Thank you all for a wonderful school year. Your commitment and support for our wonderful school is very much appreciated. I hope you all have a safe summer, enjoying time with your families. We look forward to seeing our returning Gators back on Monday, August 11th. Remember, Alafia Alligators Always Achieve!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jackson

**This Week:**  
**5/19-5/23**

**BOGO  
Book Fair!**

- **Monday-Terrific Kid Ceremony**  
8:00 Cafeteria
- **Tuesday-**
- **Wednesday-**
- **Thursday--**
- **Friday-Spirit Day**  
wear your Alafia Shirts; Alafia Alumni Seniors  
Clap-Out 8:00 AM

**Week Of:**  
**5/26-5/30**

- **Monday-**  
Memorial Day-No School
- **Tuesday-**
- **Wednesday-**
- **Thursday-**
- **Friday-Spirit Day**  
wear your Alafia Shirts; 5th Grade Ceremony 9:30 AM-Cafeteria; 5th Grade Clap-Out-11:00 Am; **Dismissal 11:15**