

Alafia Alligator Weekly

May 15–May 19, 2023



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 Parents,

This will be our school's last weekly newsletter for the 2022-2023 school year. It is difficult to believe the school year is coming to an end; time has truly flown by.

I am sad to let you know that Mrs. Palmer, our school's assistant principal, has accepted a job in Pinellas County for next school year. Mrs. Palmer has been driving from St. Pete to be part of Alafia. Needless to say, the drive of about three hours a day has become to be a bit too much. Mrs. Palmer has been a valued and loved member of our Alafia family. While we are happy for her to have a job closer to home, we will truly miss her. I am also sad to let you know that Officer Bruce will not be returning with us next school year. Officer Bruce was able to accept a position where he can be with his grandchildren. Officer Bruce has cared for all our students and staff as if we are part of his family. We also wish Officer Bruce all the very best and we will miss him. When we return to school in August, I will be excited to introduce you to our new officer and our new AP.

The last day of school is Friday, May 26th 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 sent home in a parent letter to our fifth grade parents sent home Monday.

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 Thursday, August 10th. Remember, Alafia Alligators Always Achieve!!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Jackson

This Week:

5/15-5/19

- Monday-Early Release 12:55
- Tuesday-Grade 5 FAST Math
- Wednesday-
- Thursday-
- Friday-Spirit Day wear your Alafia Shirts; Terrific Kid 8:00 Cafeteria

Week Of:

5/22-5/26

Last Week of School!

- Monday–Alafia Alumni Senior Clap Out-8:00 AM; Early Release 12:55
- Tuesday-Ms. Brooks VPK Graduation 8:30 AM-Cafeteria
- Wednesday-Mrs. Whitcomb VPK Graduation 8:15 AM-Cafeteria
- Thursday-
- Friday-Spirit Day wear your Alafia Shirts; 5th Grade Ceremony 9:30-10:30-Cafeteria; 5th Grade Clap Out 11:00