

Jr. Panther Press

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Welcome Back

Jr. Panthers!

*Our Future is so Bright we
Gotta Wear Shades!*



Mrs. Reaves and I are very excited about the school year. We are off to a great start. We have visited all of the classrooms, and the students are engaged in learning. Our teachers work very hard every day to provide our students with a quality education. We encourage parent involvement as well. Without your support, our students will not be as successful in school. You can assist us by making sure your child completes their homework. Also, have conversations with your child about school. If school is important to you, it will be important to your child. If you have questions or concerns about your child's education, feel free to contact the teacher or administration. Let's have a great year working together to make a difference.

Michelle Barlow, Principal

Jr. Panther School Wide Expectations

Positive Attitude

Always Respectful

Work Hard

Stay Safe

Dates to Remember

September 4-11-Book Fair

September 7-Labor Day (no school)

September 10-Domino's Pizza Night

September 11: Grandparent's Day

September 16-Early Release@11:36

Professional Development Day for teachers

September 18-Mid-Terms

September 22:Open House Grades PK-5 5:30 -7:30

September 24- School Advisory Council

October 7-Fall Pictures

October 8- Domino's Night

October 16- End of 1st 9 weeks

October 19-Planning Day (no school)



All students that were free/reduced during the 2015-2016 school year will need to complete a new meal application. **The 2014-15 application will expire on September 29th!** When the application expires, the student will be charged full pay for all meals. **COMPLETE A NEW APPLICATION NOW to receive free/reduced meals!**

Go to the Santa Rosa County Schools website:

www.santarosa.k12.fl.us click on Free/Reduced application. Follow the steps and within 48 hours your application will be processed.

Panther Pride Cafe

Students that arrive to school by car and want to eat breakfast in the cafeteria, need to arrive no later than **7:10**. Students that are car riders who arrive later than 7:10 have a difficult time getting to class on time. Every minute in the classroom makes a difference!

Drop Off and Pick Up

AM Car Riders may be dropped off in 2 locations:

- PK and 3-5 may be dropped off on Sanders St.
- K-2 students may be dropped off at the front of the building.

All PM Car Riders, with the exception of PK, must be picked up at the front of the building. Parents and students should have a car rider number.

W.H. Rhodes Elementary
Title I School

We believe that all children can learn and want to provide a quality education to all of our students. All of our teachers meet the "Highly Qualified" requirements to teach children and use research based instructional methods and materials in the classrooms. Our school receives additional funding based on our students' socio-economic status. These funds are used to purchase the newest technology for classrooms and upgrade software programs. The funds also allow us to hire UWF tutors to provide reading intervention to struggling readers, offer professional development for teachers and offer parent involvement activities for families. We encourage all parents to become involved in their child's education. Contact your child's teacher to schedule a parent conference if you have questions concerning your child's needs. You may also contact the school if you would like additional information concerning the Title I Program.

Michele Barlow, Principal
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The School Public Accountability Report (SPAR)

The School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) is a report that contains several types of data (indicators) designed to inform parents and the general public about the progress of Florida's public schools. This report meets public reporting requirements and provides certain additional information of interest on the status of Florida's schools. The SPAR can be found on our school website and in the Parents' Right to Know notebook in the Parent Resource Room.

Highly Qualified Teachers

W.H. Rhodes Elementary School is committed to providing information to you regarding your child's teacher and paraprofessional qualifications in a timely manner upon request. We take pride in the following:

- All classroom teachers meet the state licensing criteria for the grade levels and subject areas in which they provide instruction.
- Information regarding your child's teacher or paraprofessional qualifications may be found in The School Public Accountability Report (SPAR) located on the website (whrodes.weebly.com) or in the **'Parents' Right to Know'** notebook in the front office.

Please be assured that W.H. Rhodes Elementary is dedicated to providing the students of our County with a quality education.

Parent Resource Center

The Parent Resource Center provides materials for parents to check out to expand on school learning at home. Parents may also obtain information on services provided to families in Santa Rosa County. Online computer access is available for W.H. Rhodes Elementary parents. Anyone accessing the school computer is bound by the Santa Rosa County School Board Acceptable Use Policy Agreement for No-Employees. Check in with the receptionist at the front desk for a Policy Agreement requiring a signature and a logon password to access the computer.

The computer is available for purposes such as:

- Parent involvement Links
- Searches for educational information
- Complete the Free/Reduced Lunch Application
- Online job search information

Volunteer Applications

We are fortunate to have so many parents that want to volunteer at the school. We encourage all parents to submit an application so we can have the approval from the school board in the event that you want to begin volunteering or attending field trips. Parents can find the application on the school or district website.

Unpaid Meal Balances

Please check your child's backpack daily for unpaid meal notices from the cafeteria. Families may complete applications at any time during the school year. We make every effort to communicate with parents to address unpaid meals in the cafeteria. It is school board policy that no students may charge meals. When families are unresponsive in addressing unpaid meals, and the child has five unpaid meals in the cafeteria, the child will receive an alternate meal instead of the daily meal offered. We urge parents to contact the school if you are having a difficult time paying for meals. You may come to the school and we will assist you in completing the 2013-2014 Meal Application.

Breakfast full pay for students:	\$1.05	Breakfast reduced for students:	.30
Lunch full pay for students:	\$2.35	Lunch reduced for students:	.40

*make online meal payments
at*

Myschoolbucks.com