Hello Pelican family! It is a great honor and privilege to be serving as principal at Port Malabar Elementary School, and I am very excited to be back in the Port Malabar community. I was a teacher here at PME for a few years before beginning my administrative journey, which began at Palm Bay Magnet High School as an Assistant Principal of Discipline. From there, I went to the South Alternative Learning Center where I was the Site Administrator, and then on to Bayside High School as the Assistant Principal of Curriculum. Returning to Port Malabar Elementary School was like coming back home, with its amazing student body, staff, and community, I could not imagine being a principal anywhere else.

Greg Rubick, Principal

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**Dates to Remember**

**Hearts for Heros**
Mon-Friday, February 3-14

**Third Interim Ends**
Monday, February 10th

**Hurricane Makeup Day**
Monday, February 17th

**S.A.C. Meeting**
Tuesday, February 18th, 3:00 Media Center

**Third Interims Posted to Focus**
Tuesday, February 18th

**PTO Meeting**
Monday, February 24th, 3:00 Media Center

**Elementary Music Festival**
Saturday, February 29th, 6:00, King Center

**Literacy Week**
Mon-Friday, March 2-6

**Spring Pictures**
Tuesday, March 3rd

**Literacy Night**
Thursday, March 5th, 5:00 – 7:00

**End of Third 9 Weeks**
Friday, March 13th

**Spring Break**
Mon-Friday, March 16-20
Hearts for Heroes

Our annual Hearts for Heroes collection is here. Please consider donating to our military members overseas. Last year we were able to send over 50 packages to a deployed Army Ranger platoon.

Your generosity is greatly appreciated!

Tidbits from Title I

Port Malabar’s 2019-2020 School Improvement Plan has been Board Approved and is now available to all. Anyone can access this document via our school website, under the “About Us” tab. Printed copies are available in the Front Office (per parent request). The School Improvement Plan can be translated upon request.

News from the Clinic

Parents we are coming into the time of year where influenza A & B are prevalent. Please keep these C.D.C. reminders handy.

- Hand washing is a first defense against any illness. A good procedural rule of thumb is to apply soap, scrub with water and sing happy birthday or a variation
- Get vaccinated if you haven’t already. This year’s shot covers both A & B strains.
- Be sure to get plenty of rest and eat healthy

IMPORTANT REMINDER - you must be fever free at least 24 hours without medication before returning to school. Returning them to early can cause relapse as well as others getting sick.

Knowledge Your Feelings Essay Winners

1st place
- 6th grade – Jonas C.
- 5th grade – Zachary K.
- KG – Jeramyiah B.

2nd place
- 6th grade – Chase S.
- 4th grade – Odin T.
- 3rd grade – Randy N.

3rd place
- 6th grade – Shayla E.
- 4th grade – Manuel R.

Winners had to do research, create a fictional character and discuss the story with a partner in relationship to real life experiences. It had to end on a positive note.

Congratulations to all winners on a job well done!

Science Fair Winners

Fourth Grade: Shelby Long
Fifth Grade:
- Jeremiah Edwards
- Matthew Hayden
- William Herndon
- Camryn Kahler
- Brody Simmons

Message from PTO

The Port Malabar Elementary PTO could not function without the support from our families. Only with your help can our fundraising efforts be effective. Money raised helps our school in so many ways. Soon