

October 26, 2025 ([Oct 27- Oct 31 link](#))

Good evening PILA families! This is Mrs. Braune with your weekly update. Looking ahead to this week. This week is Red Ribbon Week and we have a dress up day planned for each day!!

- Monday- Wear PJ bottoms
- Tuesday - Wear Tie Dye
- Wednesday - Wear favorite team jersey
- Thursday - Wear Crazy socks
- Friday - Wear Red

PILA is participating in the district's Million Minute Reading Challenge to encourage reading outside of the school day. Please remember to send the book bag AND the book back EVERY Monday. We have some students that are not bringing their book back each Monday. During the week, record their minutes read on the reading log that comes home with the book. Tomorrow afternoon, we will be including 1st quarter report cards and other important information inside the book bags so it is VERY important that we get ALL of them back tomorrow.

We will be going on a school wide field trip this Friday to the Fort Fisher Aquarium. There will be no charge for this trip and we are looking forward to having an amazing experience.

There are changes coming to the afternoon portion of bus 268 beginning Tuesday. This bus is being split between 2 buses going forward. Ms Braune will be reaching out to the parents of the riders of this bus on Monday with the new bus number and drop off time. There are NO CHANGES to any morning route.

Academics: Select high school students will be taking EOC's this week. We appreciate their hard dedication and hard work to get these classes done. Elementary check-ins will begin the first week of November.

Attendance: Our daily attendance rate has dropped to 88%. Please remember that most of our students thrive on routine. Students should be at school every day unless they have a fever, vomiting or diarrhea. If your student is going to be absent, please let the teacher know through ROOMS or send an email. We call every student that is absent daily. We will be having an ice cream celebration and dance party tomorrow afternoon for all students that had 5 or less absences in the first quarter. We are excited to say that almost every student gets to participate.

Attitude: We work on our PILA motto of being Obedient, Thoughtful, Tidy, Eager and Respectful daily. Please ask your students for ways they show obedience at school every day.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to reach out to the school using the pila_info@pender.k12.nc.us email. We hope you have an OTTER-ly amazing week!