Manatee Memo

Indian River Elementary
650 Roberts Road
Edgewater, FL 32141

January/
February
2022

We, the Indian River faculty, staff, students, and parents, respectfully encourage each other to excel with enthusiasm, excitement, and energy as we responsibly explore the world around us!

Principal Points

Happy New Year!!

I am so excited to have everyone back on campus. I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break! As we start the 3rd quarter it is more important than ever that students are fully engaged in lessons all day, every day. Please know that while regular attendance is critical to student success, your student's health and well-being take precedent. If your child is sick, running a fever, or displaying symptoms of an illness, please keep him or her home. It is our priority to keep students and staff as healthy as possible as we move into these colder months and flu season.

Recently, Volusia County Schools has been providing free breakfast and lunch to all students. Due to this offer, the number of free/reduced meal applications has decreased. Indian River is a Title I school and relies on funding from Title I to support our students. Title I funds are awarded to schools with a certain percentage of qualifying meal applications in an effort to close opportunity gaps. These funds do not only support families with meal costs. Below are just a few other examples of ways our school benefits.

We need your support to help keep these amazing opportunities in place for our students! Please click on the link below to complete a meal application, even if you think you may not qualify. All information is confidential.

- Academic Intervention teachers (we currently have 2)
- iPads and other technology (PK-2 have Title I funded iPads)
- Before and after school tutoring
- Professional Learning for teachers and staff
- Family nights
- Parent workshops
- Extended Day discounts
- Early childhood development programs

Please go to and https://www.myschoolapps.com/ to apply.

Thank you so much for your support!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Holmgreen



Important Dates

January 20 - February 3
Fundraiser Kickoff

February 11 - 18
Winter Book Fair
Media Center

February 12
Heart of the Manatee 5K

February 17
Trading Card
5:00 - 7:00 pm
Media Center

February 17
Family Book Fair Night
4:00 - 7:00 pm
Media Center

February 18
Spring Pictures



A Message From Mrs. Gonzalo

Greetings, Manatee families!

Happy New Year! I hope you enjoyed the holiday season with family and friends! Now that we have returned to school following an 18-day winter break, I'd like to share the following dress code reminders.

General Dress Code Policy Requirements:

Upper garments – Upper garments must be long enough to clearly overlap the beltline or stay tucked in during the course of normal movement during the day.

Lower garments – Jumpers, skirts, and shorts must be at least mid-thigh or below in length.

Head – No hats, caps, visors, hoods, bandanas, sunglasses or other head gear may be worn on campus except with admirative permission (i.e., medical necessity, religious, school related events)

Shoes/Footwear - Students must wear shoes that are safe and appropriate for the learning environment. Students must wear athletic shoes in all physical education classes.

Outerwear – When outer garments with hood are worn, the hoods must be removed from the head while in school buildings. The outer garments must be of the appropriate size and shall not be overly baggy or violate any provisions of the dress code.

Unacceptable Attire:

Clothing encouraging or promoting the use of tobacco, drugs, alcohol or violence.

Clothing exposing the torso or upper thighs, such as see-through garments, mini-skits or mini-dresses, halters, backless shirts or dresses, tube tops or tank tops without over-blouses or shirts, spaghetti strap garments without over-blouses, bare midriff outfits, or shirts or blouses tied at the midriff.

Thank you, Manatee families, for ensuring that your child/children adhere to our VCS Dress Code Policy requirements!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Gonzalo 386-424-2650 Ext. 35004

ART NEWS!

Mrs. Preston

From November to December, students had artwork on display in various places. Locations varied from The Volusia County Fair School Exhibit, The Halifax Art show, Daytona Speedway School Choice Fair Art Display, MoAS Halifax Winners Student Exhibition, to finally the ArtHaus Halifax Extended Art Exhibition. Over 45 manatee artists were represented throughout these events but one student was recognized above all.

Congratulations to Wesley Mayfield, whose mixed media Ferdinand won Volusia County K-2 Award of Honor. He not only received a large ribbon but also a cash prize of $95 for his artwork!

We had a fantastic turnout for art night in early December, thanks to all the families that came out to make ornaments and glaze 5K trophies. We are looking forward to an even bigger turnout for the return of Artist Trading Card Night! We'll have refreshments, snacks, and everything you'll need to create trading cards to exchange with real local artists! Mark your calendars for February 17th 5-7, you won't want to miss out on the fun!

Technology News

Welcome back!
Our students did an amazing job coding last month. It was a joy to see students try something new and different.

Students will explore coding this month through hands-on activities. We will be using OSMO, Code and Go Mouse, Botley and Dash the Robot to engage students.

Every VCS student can download Office 365 from V-Portal at no charge. Please use your student's 1ALPHA@vcs2go.net as the username and 8-digit birthdate as the password.

Please remember to follow Indian River on Facebook.

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#IRESthebest

Counselor's Corner

from **Mr. Maman**

424-2650 x35197 or pmaman@volusia.k12.fl.us

WELCOME BACK MANATEES!

I hope everyone is doing well and had a great winter break. I missed all my Manatee friends.

Small group counseling sessions will continue through January with some groups coming to a close in February.

Parents/Guardians, please be on the lookout for a note from me summarizing your child's group sessions. Some new groups may also be starting in January. If you would like your child to participate please let me know.

Students and parents, please remember that any student can come see me if needed by asking their teacher for the Helping, Sharing, Caring pass. The days/times to use the pass are Monday through Friday from either 7:50-8:35 or 2:20-2:30.

Our life skills for January and February are as follows: FRIENDSHIP, RESPONSIBILITY, COOPERATION, ORGANIZATION, INITIATIVE, COMMON SENSE, CARING, PERSEVERANCE

Remember, It's COOL to be KIND!

Your Friend,

Mr. Maman

424-2650 x35197



MUSIC NOTES from Mrs. Turner

All Music classes are beginning to work on RHYTHM. We are beginning to see how sounds and rhythms create many different musical styles. We are practicing playing rhythm on instruments, sticks, drums...just about anything!!!!

We have several 5th grade students performing for the 2022 Volusia County Elementary Music Showcase. This is a program where students from each elementary school in the district rehearse and join together to perform an evening of wonderful music!

"Studying music and the arts elevates children's education, expands student's horizons and teaches them to appreciate the wonder of life." *(U.S. Secretary of Education Richard W. Riley, 1999)*

From Your PTA Board

We hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. PTA will start the new year by selling winter "Smencils". We will be selling them before and after school from January 10th - 21st. The cost is $1.00 each.

In February we will be selling wooden Rose's before and after school from February 7th-14th. The cost is $1.00 each.

We will be holding our 3rd general PTA meeting at 5pm February 17. This will also be the same night as artist trading card and book fair family night.

Thank You,

PTA Board

GRAB YOUR BOOK!

SOUTHEAST VOLUSIA CELEBRATES LITERACY WEEK





January 24-28th

Monday–Red for Reading
(dress head to toe in red)

Tuesday– Crazy for Reading
(mismatched, crazy hair)





Wednesday–
Words are Everywhere
(wear a shirt with words)

Thursday–
DEAR from 2–2:30 p.m.
(ALL SEV schools drop everything and read!)

#SEVisLIT



Friday–
Characters Welcome
(dress as your favorite storybook character)
ALL ATTIRE MUST BE SCHOOL APPROPRIATE

Media News

from Mrs. Halcomb

Please join us for the Scholastic Book Fair this winter!

The book fair will begin on

February 11th and will run through Feruary 18th 7:30-2:45.

Family Night will be February 17th, 4:00-7:00

We will be using the eWallet again for those who would like to use it. Come check out the website. You can see the books we will have on sale and add to your child's eWallet at:

https://www.scholastic.com/bf/indianriverelementaryschool

Happy Reading!