



# Manatee Memo

Indian River Elementary  
650 Roberts Road  
Edgewater, FL 32141

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2021

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

Dear Indian River Families,

Welcome Back!! We are off to a great start! Below are some new and continuing procedures for the school year.

Indian River will continue to follow best practices concerning Covid-19. Face coverings are mandatory for adults and for students beginning September 13. Parents can opt out for their student with a medical exemption from a doctor. If a student is exposed to Covid-19 on campus, an administrator will contact the parent with information regarding quarantines and next steps. Each situation will be handled individually as every case is different. If your child is exposed outside of school or tests positive for Covid-19, please contact the front office and we will provide return dates and information.

Arrival procedures are as follows: Student gates will open at 7:15 daily. Students in grades 1-5 will report to the café for a free breakfast. 1<sup>st</sup> and 2<sup>nd</sup> graders will remain in the café until the teachers arrive and 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will wait on the court until teachers arrive. Kindergarten students will go to the kindergarten holding room where they will remain until teachers pick them up. (They will be escorted to breakfast if needed) Breakfast is available from 7:15-7:45 for all students. Third, fourth, and fifth grade parents may utilize the bus lane **after 7:30** for drop off only.

Dismissal is at 2:30 pm. Students will be escorted by their teacher to the parent pick up area. Students have designated areas to wait by grade level. Parents are not permitted to walk on campus and pick up students. Everyone is expected to use the parent pick up loop. If you are unable to drive through the loop, please make arrangements to pick up your student on the west side of the school utilizing the crosswalk at the bike rack. Please follow all traffic and parking laws when utilizing areas off campus. Bus students and extended day students will be escorted to their respective areas. Please use the provided signage for parent pick up to expedite the process. Also, please notify the front office if your child's dismissal plan changes.

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at Open House on September 22<sup>nd</sup>. Thank you for all you do for to support our school community. Together, we are stronger!

Sincerely,  
Mrs. Holmgreen



## Important

### Dates

September 6

### Labor Day

September 13

### SAC Meeting

September 20

### Teacher Duty Day

September 21 - 29

### Scholastic Book Fair

September 22

### Open House

September 22

### Book Fair Night Event

October 11

### SAC Meeting

October 12

### Picture Day

October 18

### Teacher Duty Day



## *A Message From Mrs. Gonzalo*

### **A Message from Ms. Gonzalo**

**Welcome back, Manatees! I would like to update you on the safety and security procedures that we are implementing at Indian River Elementary. All Volusia County schools participate in security drills throughout the school year. Our school has already conducted 2 fire evacuation drills and 1 active assailant drill. Thank you to our Safety & Security Team, faculty, staff, and students for successful security drills! We will conduct our third fire evacuation drill this week and our second active assailant drill next week. Please visit our school website for additional information regarding security drills.**

**Please note the back to school reminders below:**

- **Drop-off hours: 7:15 am -7:45 am.**
- **Breakfast hours: 7:15 am -7:45 am.**
- **Please use the parent drop-off line each day to drop-off Kindergarten through 5th grade students beginning at 7:15 am.**

**Please use the parent pick-up line each day to pick-up Kindergarten through 5th grade students beginning at 2:30 pm.**

**For the safety of our faculty, staff, and students, please do not use cell phones while driving on campus.**

**Thank you, Manatee families, for helping to ensure the safety of our faculty, staff, and students!**

*Mrs. Gonzalo*

386-424-2650 Ext. 35004

## **PTA News**



PTA would like to thank everyone who purchased Indian River spirit shirts and hoodies. We would also like to thank everyone who joined PTA this school year. If you have not joined, you can still do so any time during the school year.

We appreciate all of the donations that came in for our alternative PTA fundraiser.

We look forward to a fun filled school year.

Sincerely,  
Your PTA Board

## **Counselor's Corner**

*from Mr. Maman*

424-2650 x35197 or [pmaman@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:pmaman@volusia.k12.fl.us)

Hello Indian River Elementary Manatees and Families.

Welcome back to school! It is always exciting to see old friends and also make new friends. For those new friends, let me introduce myself. My name is Pete Maman and I am the school counselor. I work with all students at IRES either through classroom lessons and activities, small group counseling and/or individual counseling. In addition, any student can see me if they need to by asking their teacher for the Helping, Sharing, Caring Pass. In August and September it is a priority of mine to meet each student at IRES, either during classroom counselor orientation or minute meetings during lunch.

Small group counseling sessions will begin in September. Groups I will facilitate include family group (divorce/separation/blended families), self-esteem, friendship, grief/loss and making positive choices (behavior/anger). Teachers and parents can refer students for one of these groups. Parent/guardian permission is required for students to participate in small group counseling.

Please don't hesitate to contact me. I am here to help. Communication between home and school is very important. I can be reached by phone at 424-2650 ext. 35197 or by email at [pmaman@volusia.k12.fl.us](mailto:pmaman@volusia.k12.fl.us)

Thank you.

**Your Friend,**

**Mr. Maman**

**424-2650 x35197**



## **Media News**

**from Mrs. Halcomb**

*Welcome to the Media Center*

We are so glad students are back and have had a chance to come into the media center to check out books. We have been talking about how important it is to take care of the books from the library. Please remind your child to keep their library book in their backpack when they aren't using it so we reduce the number of books lost this year. If your child has a book that was lost last year, please be sure to look for the book and return it or pay the fine.

**I look forward to a fantastic year!**

# Book Fair

We are also anxiously waiting for our 1st book fair of the year.

The bookfair will take place September 21-29. Keep a lookout for the Scholastic flyer that will be coming home soon.

Check out the book fair website to find books, create an eWallet for your child and so much more! Please be sure to make an account so Indian River Elementary gets credit for the sales.

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/indianriverelementaryschool1>

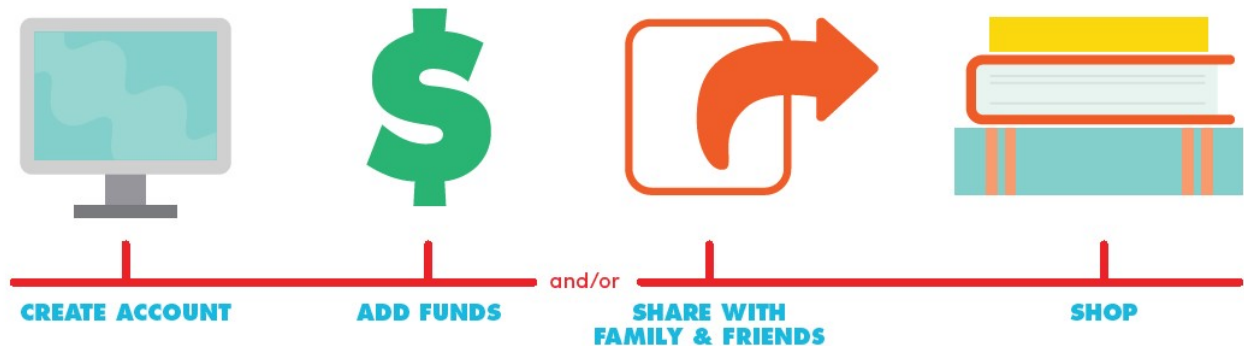
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## BOOK FAIR

### THE EASIEST WAY TO SHOP THE FAIR!



A safe alternative to cash, **BOOK FAIR eWALLET** is the best way to fund your student's wish list! eWallets can be used at the in-school Fair or online to shop from 5,000+ products. Any unused funds can be spent at The Scholastic Store Online or to fund an eWallet for a future Fair.



To get started, visit our school's Book Fair homepage:

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/indianriverelementaryschool1>