Manatee Memo

Indian River Elementary
650 Roberts Road
Edgewater, FL 32141

May/June
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

Greeting Manatee Families,

As we approach the final weeks of the school year, I would just like to say thank you so much for allowing us the privilege of working with your children. I have personally witnessed tremendous academic and social emotional growth this year. The month of May will bring us many opportunities to celebrate achievements and for children to "show what they know" as they prepare to move to a new grade level. Please take note of the calendar and watch for messages and memos for upcoming events! This first week of May, we celebrate teachers and staff! Please take a moment this week to send a special thank you to those who have made a difference for your child this year!

I am excited to share that Indian River is growing and we will welcome 7 new teachers next year. It is exciting to see so many new families making the Edgewater community their home. To accommodate this growth and the needs on campus, some teaching assignments have changed for next year. Indian River has a strong culture of community and family. Specific teacher requests will not be accepted this year as all teachers on campus share a common vision, are highly qualified, and promote the same expectations for learning.

Thank you again for supporting our school and allowing Indian River to be a "great place to learn!"

Have a wonderful Summer!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Holmgreen
Principal

Important Dates

May 2-3
FSA ELA Testing
4th and 5th grade

May 5-6
FSA Math Testing
4th and 5th Grade

May 9-10
FSA Math Testing
3rd Grade

May 12-13
5th Grade Science Testing

May 16th
SAC Meeting
7:00 AM

May 20-27
Scholastic BOGO
Book Fair

June 3
Last Day of School



A Message From Mrs. Gonzalo

Hello, Manatees!

Once every 3 years, schools are required to complete the Best Practices for Inclusive Education (BPIE) Assessment. The School BPIE Assessment measures 34 best practice indicators of inclusive education occurring within the school. This internal assessment guides schools in analyzing, implementing, and improving inclusive educational practices for Students with Disabilities. This year, all VCS elementary schools were tasked to complete the BPIE Assessment. Bill Pearlman from the Florida Inclusion Network virtually facilitated the BPIE Assessment process with our IRES BPIE Assessment team on January 24, 2022. The IRES BPIE Assessment team consisted of administration, general education teachers, ESE teachers, and parents. As a team, we discussed and reached a decision on a final rating for each of the 34 best practice indicators using a scale of Not Yet, Partially/Beginning, Partially/Almost, and Fully. For your reference, I've included the definitions for each rating below. Our IRES BPIE Assessment team determined that we have Fully implemented 4 best practice indicators for inclusive education, Partially/Almost implemented 27 best practice indicators for inclusive education, and are Partially/Beginning to implement 3 best practice indicators for inclusive education. After reviewing our finalized ratings, our IRES BPIE Assessment team then selected the 3 following priority best practice indicators for the future development of goals and action steps for inclusion at our school:

Indicator 9: Administrators communicate expectations for all personnel to use person first language. For example, "The student with Autism…" rather than "The Autistic student…".

Indicator 18: Specials, electives, and technical education teachers have regular opportunities to consult with special education teachers.

Indicator 24: There is a school wide approach for planning and implementing Universal Design for Learning (UDL).

While our BPIE Assessment results indicate that there is ample evidence of inclusive practice implementation at IRES, we are eager to progress in indicators 9, 18, and 24, as our goal is to continuously improve outcomes for Students with Disabilities at Indian River Elementary. Thank you to our IRES BPIE Assessment team, and congratulations to IRES on these stellar results!

Not yet (NY): There is **no evidence** that the school has put in place actions to address this indicator or implement the practice; **considerable further action or improvement is needed.**

Partially/Beginning (PB): There is evidence that the **practice is beginning to be implemented in some classrooms, with some teams, or for some students with disabilities (SWDs) in the school**. The practice is not implemented consistently across the entire school or for **all** SWDs; **further action or improvement is needed.**

Partially/Almost (PA): There is evidence that the **practice is almost fully in place** across **all** teams and classrooms, and for **all** SWDs; a **minimal amount of further action or improvement** is needed to reach full, schoolwide implementation.

Fully (F): There is clear evidence that this indicator is consistently practiced and in place across the **entire school** and for **all** SWDs; further actions will be for the purpose of maintaining the practice schoolwide.

ART NEWS!

Mrs. Preston

Congratulations to Lola Leary and Ava Hernandez whose artwork was featured in the Volusia Creates Art Exhibition at the Museum of Arts and Sciences in April.

As we begin to wrap up our year we are organizing our portfolios and choosing artwork for End of the Year Art show, which will also be in conjunction with the book fair May 24th 5-6:30. It'll be a big night, as all students Pre-K through 5th grade will have at least one piece of artwork on display! Families who come that night will also have the option to take home their student's portfolio too! We hope to see you then!

K- 4th grade students have begun their final projects for the year, focusing on recognizable places and symbols throughout the Oceania and North American continents. They are exercising a plethora of art making processes, such as painting and collage; along with utilizing their knowledge of art elements, line, space, texture, color, shape, form, and value. 5th grade has been working on developing characters, which will then be created into 3D sculptures and used in technology for a stop motion video.

Last but certainly not least, as our art fundraiser with Square 1 was and IS still is a success. While we raised a good amount of money so far we are still short of our goal in total sales. Our hope is that we can take the proceeds from last year's AND this year's fundraisers and purchase studio tables for the art room (no more shaky tables-YAY!) When you go to square1art.com and set up an account, you will see there's an option to upload your own artwork from home too…because I know my manatee artists aren't just making master pieces at school. Thank you again for your continued support this year, I can't wait to share all the beautiful artwork we've been creating at the End of the Year Art show!

MUSIC NOTES from Mrs. Turner

We are finally reaching this year's "*Coda*" (that's the musical term for a concluding section).

We are experiencing Rhythm & Melody in music. Students play a variety of musical exercises on percussion instruments in the classroom which incorporate children's literature.

4th grade is discovering Florida Folk Music. We will listen to musical examples from various Florida cultural groups based on Florida Folk Tales written by Kristen Cogden.

5th grade is learning about Music History from Medieval to Modern. There will be an instrument Fitting Night and NSBMS for students interested in joining band. Mr. Brodie, the band director, will be available to fit your student with an appropriate instrument and answer any questions you may have.

It has been a genuine pleasure to have shared in a part of your children's musical education this year. Please have a Safe and Restful Summer.

Mrs. Turner

Technology News

Students have been working on proper typing techniques throughout the school year.

Students (2nd – 5th) may access their Typing.com account through V-Portal anytime during the summer. Kindergarten and 1st grade students may practice typing using Typetastic.com, no login required.

Please visit http://myvolusiaschools.org and click on VPortal to access many resources such as REFLEX, EPIC and Office 365.

Username:1abcd@vcs2go.net

Password: birthdate MMDDYYYY

Thank you for a fabulous year! Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Graham



Our last book fair of the year is approaching!
May 20th - May 27th
7:30-2:30 daily

Media News

from Mrs. Halcomb

Welcome to the Media Center

We have had so many fun activities in the media center! 3rd grade participated in a Read a Thon. We have been learning about fiction and non-fiction books and we had a wonderful time voting for our favorite Sunshine Readers. We look forward to having our next book fair and celebrating all of our students who have been reading with our SSYRA ice cream party in the weeks to come.

Please be sure your child turns in all overdue books soon so we can clear everyones accounts before the end of the year.

FSA Schedule May 2022

Monday, May 2

Grade 4 Reading	Session 1	80 Minutes
Grade 5 Reading	Session 1	80 Minutes

Tuesday, May 3

Grade 4 Reading	Session 2	80 Minutes
Grade 5 Reading	Session 2	80 Minutes

Thursday, May 5

Grade 4 Math	Session 1	80 Minutes
Grade 5 Math	Session 1	80 Minutes

Friday, May 6

Grade 4 Math	Session 2	80 Minutes
Grade 5 Math	Session 2	80 Minutes

Monday, May 9

Grade 3 Math	Session 1	80 Minutes

Tuesday, May 10

Grade 3 Math	Session 2	80 Minutes

Thursday, May 12

Grade 5 Science	Session 1	80 Minutes

Friday, May 13

Grade 5 Science	Session 2	80 Minutes



News from PTA

Thank you parents for a great year. It was nice to be able to do some PTA activities this year. Thank you to our sponsors and volunteers. Thank you to everyone that came out to help with our spring carnival. We are excited that we are able to send a book home with every student. Books will go home the last week of school. Happy reading.

The 2022-2023 PTA board will be announced soon.

Thank you

Sharon Larson-Avis

PTA president and board members