



# Manatee Memo

Indian River Elementary  
650 Roberts Road  
Edgewater, FL 32141

March/April  
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,

I can't believe that we are in the second half of the third quarter already. Teachers and students are working hard in the classrooms every single day. We are keeping a strong focus on ensuring that our students are mastering the standards that will enable them to be successful on the reading, math, writing, and science assessments that will be given in the upcoming weeks to our 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students. Please continue to communicate any questions or concerns that you may have to your child's teacher. We cannot stress enough the importance of ongoing parent-teacher communication.

Tutoring and enrichment groups are in full swing before, during, and after school. Be on the lookout for some special Spring Break Challenges for all students! It is our goal that every student find success. As always, if you have any questions or concerns regarding your child's education, please reach out!

Sincerely,  
*Mrs. Holmgreen*

### FSA Schedule April 2022

#### **Tuesday, April 5**

Grade 3 Reading	Session 1	80 Minutes
Grade 4 Writing	1 Session	120 Minutes

#### **Wednesday, April 6**

Grade 3 Reading	Session 2	80 Minutes
Grade 5 Writing	1 Session	120 Minutes

## Important Dates

March 11  
**Teacher Duty Day**  
**NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS**

March 14-18  
**SPRING BREAK**  
**NO SCHOOL**

April 5  
**FSA Testing**  
**3rd & 4th Grade**

April 6  
**FSA Testing**  
**3rd & 5th Grade**

April 25  
**Student/Teacher Holiday**  
**NO SCHOOL**

April 30  
**IRES Spring Carnival**



## *A Message From Mrs. Gonzalo*

Hello, Manatees!

I am excited to share that our 2022 Indian River Elementary School Spelling Bee was a success! Classroom Spelling Bees were held in our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade classrooms. One finalist from each class then partook in our schoolwide Spelling Bee on January 21<sup>st</sup>. Congratulations to our IRES Spelling Bee winner *Kierra Smith* and our runner-up *Nataya Lute*! We are so proud of Kierra and Nataya! What impressive spellers they are!

Due to the recent chilly weather, it's hard to believe that springtime is just around the corner!

Spring Break will begin for students on Friday, March 11<sup>th</sup>.

Students will return to school on Monday, March 21<sup>st</sup>.

Also, please remember that Monday, April 25<sup>th</sup> is a Student and Teacher holiday.

Thank you!

## **ART NEWS!**

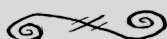


*Mrs. Preston*

Thank you to everyone that participated in Artist Trading Card Night and Shark Week in February. Even if you didn't get to visit Ponce the Shark, it's not too late. Simply go to the Babe James Center in New Smyrna Beach, take a picture with Ponce, and tag Indian River Elementary or Ponce\_the\_Shark on social media so we can follow your journey!

We have been busy creating our Square One Projects for this year's Art Fundraiser. Be on the lookout for Square 1 Catalogs featuring your child's artwork coming home in April. Every student will receive a free pack of stickers featuring their work!

April is Autism Awareness Month! Students will be working on various collaborative projects to spread awareness for ASD. Keep your eyes peeled around campus for this year's collaborative tape art mural and other displays.



## **MUSIC NOTES from Mrs. Turner**

March is **Music in our Schools Month**.

This is a great time to listen to music with your children. There are many local performances which parents and children can attend. What a great way to spend some quality time. But if you don't have the time to go to concerts, listen to your radio or CD's. Ask your children what they like about the music. Find out what style of music they like most or who is their favorite group. While driving to school or soccer practice, pop in a "Classical" or "Jazz" CD....you might find the drive a little more relaxed. Music is everywhere, enjoy it!!!!

Congratulations to three of our 5th graders who participated in the Volusia County Elementary Music Showcase: Lydia Barone, Zoe Bridges and Kennedy O'Keefe. They represented Indian River well with an outstanding musical performance Brava, Ladies!!!

"Music, dance, drama, and visual arts programs open children to new ideas, new experiences and new challenges, and instill the habits of mind that last a lifetime— confidence, perseverance, a drive for excellence, the ability to analyze and solve problems." (Susan Sclafani, U.S. Assistant Secretary for Vocational and Adult Education, U.S. Department of Education, June 2005)

**Thank you to all of our volunteers, mentors and business partners!**  
**We couldn't do what we do without the help of all of you.**

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**Congratulation to the following people:**  
**Volunteer of the Year: Gabby Lawrence**  
**Youth Volunteer of the Year: Emma Crouse**  
**Youth Mentor of the Year: Cole Crkvenac**  
**Business Partner of the Year: Edgewater Towing**

## *Technology*

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3rd—5th grade students are beginning to use the application CANVA available to them free of charge through their V-Portal. This is a great way to make presentations and study graphics.

Kindergarten—2nd grade are working on creating digital presentations on the iPads using the app PicCollage EDU and Keynote.

**Logging into VPORTAL at home**



Please visit <http://www.vcsedu.org/> and click on VPORTAL.

Students' email username: 1abcd@vcs2go.net (TIP: be sure to add the @vcs2go.net after your alpha code with no spaces).

Username: 1abcd@vcs2go.net  
Password: birthdate (MMDDYYYY)



**VOLUSIA**  
COUNTY SCHOOLS

Sign in with your organizational account

Password

Sign In



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# PTA NEWS

For the month of April, We will be selling spring Smencils for \$1.00. We will be selling before and after school the week of April 11th in front of the office.

We are so excited to be having a Spring Carnival this year! It will be Saturday April 30th, 12-3. We will have many activities, food, drink and presentations for the students. We could use volunteers on this day to help make it a special day for the children. If you are willing to volunteer for part of this event, please contact us. We will also hold our general meeting on Saturday the 30th at 11a.m. in the cafeteria. Join us for this 90's themed day of fun while we celebrate our 30 years of being open.

Happy 30th anniversary IRES.

Thank you,  
Sharon Larson-Avis



## Media News

**from Mrs. Halcomb**

We have been busy in the media center!

Thank you to everyone who participated in Literacy Week. It was a joy to see all of the students celebrate the stories and characters that they enjoy.

The book fair was a huge success! We found some wonderful new titles to add to the library. Thank you to all who support us at the fair.

Please look for any media center books at home. We are trying to get all overdue books turned in before spring break. If a book is lost or damaged, the fine can be paid in the media center.

# SPRING CARNIVAL

Come join us for a fun-filled afternoon celebrating our 30 year anniversary!

## PRESENTATION

PTA Meeting at 11:00  
30 Year Ceremony at 11:15  
EPD Drone and K9 demos 12-3

## CARNIVAL ACTIVITIES

Carnival games  
Bounce house  
Obstacle challenge  
Dunk Tank  
Jail  
Cake Walks  
Photo Booth  
Music/Dancing  
Identity/  
fingerprinting booth

## PRICES

Pre-sale Wristband \$8  
Day of event wristbands \$10

The first 300 wristbands receive 1 free popcorn, cotton candy and snow cone!

Food purchases sold separately.

## 30 YEAR ANNIVERSARY

We will be celebrating our 30 year anniversary with former principals, teachers and staff and a 90's theme! Wear your favorite 90's shirt or outfit!

## DETAILS

The carnival will run 12-3. All pre-sale wristbands must be purchased by April 27th. Please return the bottom portion of this form with money to your child's teacher by Wednesday, 4/27. Pre-paid wristbands and any additional tickets will be sent home with a receipt on Thursday, 4/28. Please notify the front office if you do not receive your pre-paid wristbands and tickets.

## PLEASE RETURN THIS PORTION

**Student Name:** .....

**Teacher Name :** ..... **Grade** .....

**Quantity of wristbands:** ..... **@ \$8.00 each =** .....

**Make checks payable to IRES PTA**