MANATEE MEMO

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.

November/December 2022

The Principal's Message

Greetings Manatee Families!

We are officially in the 2nd nine weeks of school. I am so excited about how much has been accomplished so far this year. Our staff and students are in full swing with PBIS. I know you have been hearing quite a bit about the manatee money and of course the famous “Manatee Mall”! Celebrating success is so important, it gives students the encouragement and confidence they need to push through difficult tasks and always give their best effort. It is still important that you work with your child’s teacher to ensure your child is making progress and has the supports he or she needs for academic success. Please reach out to your child’s teacher if you have any concerns. We are all here to help.

Welcome to November! As this is the month of thankfulness, please know how thankful I am for each of you. Thank you for all you do to help our school be successful! Thank you for the support you give to our amazing staff and thank you for being amazing parents. The work that you do at home with your child is so very important. We understand that many of you are still dealing with the impacts from Hurricane Ian. If your family is in need of food for the upcoming Thanksgiving or Winter holidays, please contact me or Mr. Maman as soon as possible. We have opportunities available, but you need to sign up. There are no guarantees but please know our school family will do everything we can to CONFIDENTIALLY support you.

I hope you have a wonderful Thanksgiving and very Merry Christmas!!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Holmgreen

Upcoming Events

Nov. 7th
4th/5th grade Award Ceremony
8:30 a.m.

Nov. 7th
2nd/3rd grade Award Ceremony
1:15 p.m.

Nov. 8th
Election Day NO SCHOOL

Nov. 11th
Veteran's Day NO SCHOOL

Nov. 15th
Chick Fil A Spirit Night
5:00 - 8:00

Nov. 21-25
Thanksgiving Holiday
NO SCHOOL

Dec. 10th
Edgewater Christmas Parade

Dec. 16th
Midterm Period Ends

Dec. 19-Jan. 2
Winter Holiday
NO SCHOOL



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. REAVES

Safety and Security
I can't believe it's November! Our campus has been completing monthly fire drills and active assailant drills. On November 1st, Edgewater Police Department was present during our active assailant drill and was thoroughly impressed with how smoothly and effectively the drill was completed. Indian River continues to strive for excellence in keeping all students, staff, and faculty safe.

Weather changes
As the weather begins to change, we will begin to see more illnesses and possibly head lice. Please monitor your child's health concerns. If your child has a fever or is vomiting, they can not return to school until they are symptom free for 24 hours. We appreciate all you do to ensure that our students are healthy and prepared to come to school. For more information regarding student health services, https://www.vcsedu.org/ will provide you with information and resources.

Pictures and media release
It's that time of year again where there will be many events and happenings that may find your students in pictures or media releases. Should you choose to opt out of your child being photographed, please come into the main office during school hours to complete an opt out form.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Reaves

Technology

Students are so enthusiastic about technology! I love seeing their smiling faces each week as well as their willingness to learn!

3rd - 5th grade has been working on PowerPoint tools and being a good digital citizen. Digital Citizenship is so important as students spend more time on devices at school as well as outside of school. Please check in with your students frequently.

K - 2nd grade students have been learning the basics of block-based coding using Scratch Jr.

I am so excited for all our students to participate in the Hour of Code the week of December 5-11, 2022.

Thank you for sharing your students with me! If you have any questions, please reach out to me at tlgraha1@volusia.k12.fl.us.

Mrs. Graham😊



COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello to everyone in our Manatee family. Our students are working hard on their school work while also being kind, respectful, responsible and positive. They are THE BEST!

Small groups (counseling) are in full swing. However, if an issue should arise we can always start a new group or add a child to an existing group. As a reminder the groups are self-esteem, self-control/anger, divorce/separation/blended families, friendship, grief/loss. I can also work with students individually if needed.

Thanks to all for celebrating Red Ribbon Week the week of October 24th-28th. It was great to see so many students participating in the fun dress up days. Hopefully our 1st through 5th graders enjoyed working on their activity packets. The theme this year is “Celebrate Life: Live Drug Free”.

Thanksgiving and Christmas are just around the corner. If you are in need of assistance for the upcoming holidays please let me know and we will do our best to help. You can reach me by phone at 424-2650 ext. 35197 or email at pmaman@volusia.k12.fl.us



Keep up the great work Manatees!

Your Friend,
Pete Maman



Art

Please check out our Red, White, and Blue Installment in Hester Hall at the Volusia County Fair, November 4th-13th. 2nd and 3rd grade created patriotic art for the space, while the rest of the grade levels contributed towards a collaborative American Flag Collage for the backdrop. Also, look for some of our students artwork at the Halifax Art Festival, in Daytona Beach, November 5th and 6th.

Randal Preston

Media News from Mrs. Halcomb

We are excited to continue our tradition in the media center this year. In the month of December, we will have a book character ornament contest. If you would like to participate, please have your child decorate a plain Christmas bulb to look like a book character or setting of a book and bring it to the media center. We will tag it with your child's name and put it on the tree in the media center for the holiday season. A winning ornament will be announced by December 16th.
I can't wait to see the creativity of the students.



Keep Reading!



Music with Mrs. Turner

What makes that sound? Does it vibrate? Do you shake it, scrape it or thump it? All grades are busy working in music sound identification and classification. We have been experiencing the differences between string, brass, woodwind and percussion instrument timbres. If your child has an instrument at home that they would like to share, please have them bring it in!!!

Our Indian River Chorus has a very busy holiday concert schedule. Please join us for performances for some great holiday tunes!



BASS PRO SHOP
SATURDAY, NOVEMEBER 5 @ 5:00 PM



HOLIDAY MARKETPLACE, VOLUSIA MALL
SATURDAY, DECEMBER 3 @ 1:30 PM

Students who participated in arts programs in selected elementary and middle schools in New York City showed significant increases in self-esteem and thinking skills.
National Arts Education Research Center, New York University, 1990.

GARDEN CLUB

Garden Club has been working hard to create a beautiful garden and sitting area along the side of building 7. So far we have planted crotons, hibiscus and a variety of plants, herbs, vegetables and flowers. It is a great spot to read a book with a friend or just relax and observe nature.

We are excited to host a CRAZY HAT DAY FUNDRAISER that will allow us to purchase mulch and some more soil for the vegetable garden. Crazy Hat Day will take place on THURSDAY, NOV. 10th and will cost just $1. Thank you for your support and we look forward to seeing all of your crazy hats.

HEART OF A MANATEE

INDIAN RIVER ELEMENTARY 5K

WHEN
MARCH 4, 2023
8am

WHERE
Indian River Elementary
650 Roberts Road Edgewater, FL 32141

This race is a community event and will be chip-timed.

T-Shirts guaranteed to racer's registered by 2/12/2023

Register online by 3/2/2023 at https://runsignup.com/Race/FL/Edgewater/IndianRiverElementary5K

ALL AGES EVENT

ADVANCE TICKETS
$25 Adults
$15 Students 13 and under

Packet Pick-Up
Friday, March 3, 2023
3:00pm - 5:00pm at Indian River Elementary.

RACE DAY
$30 Adults
$20 Students 13 and under
Registration opens at 7:00

BENEFITING
IRES is working towards updating our Media center into an innovative space to benefit all of our students. All proceeds to be used at Principal's discretion for