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.

January/February 2023

The Principal's Message

Happy New Year Manatees!

Welcome Back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday break. The 3rd quarter of school is a critical time for students as they begin preparing for the next grade level. Teachers and administration will be monitoring data closely during this time to ensure students are meeting proficiency on benchmarks. Support will be available to students before, during, and after school in the form of intervention, tutoring, and mini boot camps. Please monitor your child's progress by using parent portal and keeping in close contact with your child's teacher. Remember we are a team. Your child's success depends on the positive relationship between school and home.

We have many activities and celebrations across campus this month and next. Please be sure to check the calendar and watch for special events and announcements. As always, feel free to reach out if you need anything.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Holmgreen

Upcoming Events

Jan. 3rd
Students return to school

Jan. 3rd
Kona Ice after school

Jan. 5th
Grading period ends

Jan. 5th
PTA Meeting
5:30 - 6:30

Jan. 16th
Martin Luther King Jr. Day
NO SCHOOL

Jan. 28th
PTA Winter Festival

Feb. 20th
Presidents' Day
NO SCHOOL

There are NO early release days in January or February



A MESSAGE FROM MRS. REAVES

A message from Mrs. Reaves

Welcome back and a Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a fabulous winter break and you are ready for the second semester of the school year. As we enter 2023, please remember that attendance is a vital part of your child's education. Should your child have a doctor's appointment, please attempt to schedule appointments after school to avoid missing class time. We look forward to an exciting time of learning!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Reaves

Technology

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.
Follow our story - #IRESthebest



Mrs. Graham😊

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Welcome back Manatees!
I am looking forward to a great final five months of the 2022-23 school year.

We will be starting the state mandated child safety lessons soon. More information to come on that.

Small group counseling will continue for January and will wrap up in February.

Be KIND
Be RESPECTFUL
Be RESPONSIBLE
Be POSITIVE
THE BEST!



Your friend,
Mr. Maman

Music with 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!!!! Steady beat, meter and challenging rhythms will help us create some awesome music!

We are also learning about History in Music. How instruments were used as communication, how songs, such as the Star Spangled Banner came to be our National Anthem and why this music is important still today.

Everyone did such an excellent job over the Holidays. The concert at Bass Pro Shop was impressive and what a blast we had at the Volusia Mall and the HUB on Canal Street.!! Thank you to everyone who supported this program. Your children are wonderful!!!!





"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)

Media News from Mrs. Halcomb

Please join us for the Scholastic Book Fair this winter!
The book fair will begin on
February 10th and will run through Feruary 17th 7:30-2:45.
Family Night will be February 15th, 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/IRES

Keep Reading!

Literacy Week

January 23 - 27

Monday: Words with Friends
Wear a letter and make words all day

Tuesday: Idiom Day
Dress like an idiom

Wednesday: Read My Shirt Day
Wear a shirt with words on it

Thursday: School Spirit Day
Wear a school shirt or school colors

Friday: Book Character Day
Dress up as a book character

We will be kicking off Literacy Week with a Literacy Fair at New Smyrna Beach High School on Saturday, January 21st!
Stay tuned for more information!

Hello Families,

Happy New Year! PTA is so excited for the Winter Fest which will take place on January 28, 2023, from 10 am – 1 pm. We will have carnival games, bounce houses, face painting, silent auction, and so much more! We are so excited for this fun family event and cannot wait to see everyone. Make sure to pay attention to flyers that will be coming home with more information and don't forget to follow us on Facebook @Indian River Elementary PTA!

PTA January Events:

- 01.05 – 5:30 – 6:30 pm PTA Meeting
- 01.28 – Winter Fest 10 am – 1 pm

PE NEWS

Coach Merrick and Coach Morang are so excited to share with you that we will be teaching soccer and pickle ball in January!

Be ready for PE by:
Wearing tennis shoes and
Bringing a water bottle.

Stay Healthy:
Sanitize and wash hands.

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