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.

March/April 2023

The Principal's Message

Greeting Manatee Families,

The third quarter of school is approaching quickly. Teachers and students are working hard in the classrooms every single day. As mastery of benchmarks is our top priority, please know that there is a strong focus on all content areas. 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. Computer labs are open daily from 7:15-7:45. Breakfast is provided. Please make sure that your child is taking advantage of this additional learning opportunity. This is an excellent way to close learning gaps and solidify the learning taking place daily.

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
Principal

Upcoming Events

Mar. 2nd
Read Across America Day

Mar. 4th
Heart of the Manatee 5K
8AM

Mar. 7th
Artist Trading Card Night
5:00 - 7:00

Mar. 10th
Teacher Duty Day
NO SCHOOL for students

Mar. 13 - 17
SPRING BREAK
NO SCHOOL

Mar. 29th
Early Release Days
Resume

April 18th
Chick Fil A Night
5:00 - 8:00





COUNSELOR'S CORNER

Hello Manatee friends and families. I hope everyone is doing well.

Small group counseling sessions will be wrapping up this month. Thank you parents and teachers for letting me work with your students. Parents please be on the lookout for a note from me summarizing our group activities. If I can be of any help in the future, please let me know.

As the small groups end that will open up some time in my schedule for short term individual counseling should the need arise. Referrals for individual counseling can be made by parents and/or teachers. Parent permission is required.

Parents, please remind your child/children they can come speak with me if they need to by asking their teacher for the Helping, Sharing, Caring pass in their classroom. I try to stay available first thing in the morning and at the very end of the day for students to see me if they need to talk.

Thanks and have a great spring break!

Your friend,
Pete Maman
School Counselor



MUSIC

Wow! The year has really gone by... we are learning so much in music classes. This is what we are working on now:

K, I, 2 = Rhythm and Melody
3 = Rhythm Dictation
4 = Florida Folk Music
5 = Evaluating Music

March is Music in our Schools month. Encourage your child to listen to as much music as possible, in the car, while working out, or while cleaning their room (you're welcome!) Music makes everything a little more enjoyable!



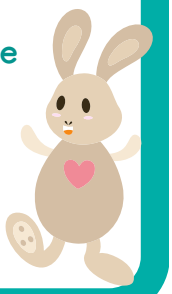
"Music education opens doors that help children pass from school into the world around them- a world of work, culture, intellectual activity, and human involvement. The future of our nation depends on providing our children with a complete education that includes music."
Gerald Ford, former President, United States of America

A Message from Mrs. Reaves

School is Cool Attendance Challenge

Daily attendance is crucial to your child's educational progress. We need all students present daily, unless there is an illness. Please look for the display board that will be posted in front of the school. Each day we will calculate the daily absences. At the end of the week, the class with the highest percentage rate for attending class will receive a prize patrol sneak attack. Stay tuned for pictures on Facebook.





Art

Artist Trading Card Night is almost here! Mark your calendars for March 7th from 5-7 pm so you don't miss out on creating and trading with your friends and professional artists! PTA, Cheer Club, and Safety Patrol will join us that night too, along with National Honors Society and FFEA who will be selling food and drinks. So come create, eat, and enjoy good company!



Technology

We have been very busy in technology class. Students have been coding robots in kindergarten through fifth grade. Students will be exploring digital art to prepare for trading card night on March 7th. Please come out to see the fabulous things your students have created!

Mrs. Graham ☺





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.

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