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

Greetings Manatee Families!

It's May!! It is unbelievable to me that we are already at the close of the school year. As always, I thank you from the bottom of my heart for allowing me to spend my days with your precious children. I have witnessed so much academic and social emotional growth this year and I am fully confident that our students are prepared to move to the next grade level. The month of May is full of excitement! Some highlights include; End of year celebrations, Field Day, and State testing. Students in grades K-5 will take part in the assessments and ALL students can show off what they learned this year. Also, this week is Teacher/Staff Appreciation. Please take a moment to send a special thank you to those who have made a positive impact on your child's educational experience.

As we finish out these last few weeks of school, please keep in mind that every minute counts! Please make sure your child is attending school every day, on time. Classes begin promptly at 7:50 AM.

The faces in our front office have changed a bit recently. Please join me in welcoming our new staff.

- Mrs. Parish — Principal Secretary
- Mrs. Cascino — Bookkeeper
- Mrs. Kirk — Reception/Attendance

Thank you again for making Indian River a "great place to learn". #IRESthe Best!



Have a great summer!

Mrs. Holmgreen

Upcoming Events

May 5th
Mega Blast Celebration Day

May 8-19
State Testing Schoolwide

May 19-26
BOGO Book Fair

May 22nd
Spring Art Show/Book Fair Night
4:30 - 6:30

May 23rd
Chick-Fil-A Night
5:00 - 8:00

May 25th
PreK - 2nd Grade
Field Day

May 26th
3rd - 5th Grade
Field Day

May 29th
Memorial Day
NO SCHOOL

June 2nd
Last Day of School
(Early Release)

MINDFUL MOVEMENT

This summer, I will be teaching summer mindful movement sessions in New Smyrna Beach beginning in June. Each of these sessions will consist of learning about breathing techniques that assist with calming the body and learning more about our emotions. We will also be learning yoga poses and yoga sequences to teach our bodies more about balance, strength, and movement. If you are interested, please contact me at annmarieflanagan6868@gmail.com.



Sincerely,

Mrs. Flanagan



ART

Wow, it's been a busy few months! Most recently students got to sculpt fish with guest artist from the HUB, Lisa Carlson. The HUB is an art gallery in New Smyrna Beach. They sponsored all of the materials for the project, and Mrs. Carlson volunteered in the art room for an entire week to make sure every student was able to participate. We were so grateful for the experience! Looking ahead, students are finishing up their final projects of the year. Afterwards, students will finalize their portfolios, and choose which piece of artwork they want to display in the End of The Year Art Show. The end of year art show is tentatively planned for May 16th, and will be in conjunction with the End of Year BOGO book fair, so keep a lookout for further details as the date approaches. We look forward to seeing you there!

Randal Preston

Indian River Elementary School

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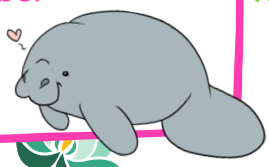


REAVES' RECAP

I am going to start with the question, "Where has the year gone?" I can't believe it is now May and we are finishing the 2022-2023 school year. It has been a fabulous year watching the students learn and grow as they prepare to complete this school year. Take the time to enjoy the summer by making memories in any thing you are doing. Remember to encourage the students to read and practice skills that will help them stay prepared for the upcoming school year. Turn summer fun into a memorable yet educational experience. I can't wait to see everyone for the 2023-2024 school year.

Good luck to our 5th grade students that will be transferring to the middle school. Stay focused, stay positive and work hard and remember "Once a Manatee Always a Manatee"!

Mrs. Reaves



TECHNOLOGY

4th and 5th grade students have completed their stop-motion projects using green screens and clay creations made with Mrs. Preston. 2nd - 5th grade students have been working on proper typing techniques throughout the school year and 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.

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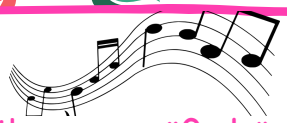
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Thank you for a fantastic year! Have a wonderful summer!

Mrs. Graham



MUSIC



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.

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.

"Music is one way for young people to connect with themselves, but it is also a bridge for connecting with others. Through music, we can introduce children to the richness and diversity of the human family and to the myriad rhythms of life."
Daniel A. Carp, Eastman Kodak Company Chairman and CEO



Media News

from Mrs. Halcomb



We have had so many fun activities in the media center! We had a wonderful time voting for our favorite Sunshine Readers and having our SSYRA ice cream party celebration! We look forward to having our next book fair in the weeks to come.

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

Scholastic Book Fair

Students may visit the book fair at any of these days and times:



May 19 – 26

7:30am-3:00pm



Book Fair Family Night

During the Spring Art Show

September 15th 4:30pm-6:30pm

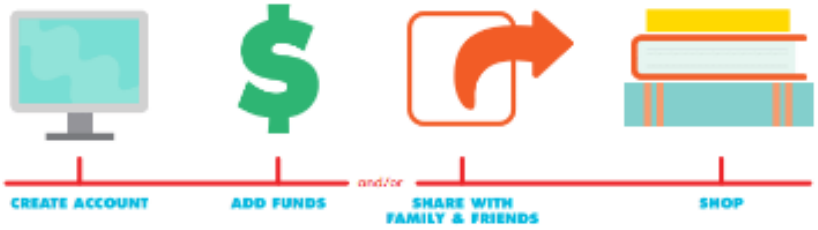
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