

# Dolphin Digest



December 11-22, 2023

## A Note from Administration

Dolphin Families,

As we approach the end of 2023, we wanted to take a moment to share some important updates and exciting events happening in our school community.

1. Winter Celebrations: The holiday season is upon us, and we have an array of exciting activities planned for our students. From festive classroom decorations to special spirit days, we're thrilled to foster a joyous and inclusive environment for all.
2. Community Outreach: Our school believes in the spirit of giving back. This month, we're organizing a food drive to support local families in need. Your contributions would make a significant difference in our community.
3. Academic Achievements: We're incredibly proud of our students' dedication and hard work. Our recent assessments have shown commendable progress, showcasing the determination and commitment of our learners.
4. Parent-Teacher Conferences: Don't forget to schedule your parent-teacher conferences. It's an invaluable opportunity to discuss your child's progress and address any questions or concerns you may have.
5. Winter Break Schedule: As a reminder, we will have Early Release Days on Dec. 20<sup>th</sup>, 21<sup>st</sup>, and 22<sup>nd</sup>. Dismissal will start at 1:55pm. The school will be closed from December 23<sup>rd</sup> to January 5<sup>th</sup> for the winter break. Classes will resume on January 8<sup>th</sup>.

Wishing you and your families a warm and joyful holiday season.

Kind regards,

*Linda Bartberger*  
Principal

*Todd Roman*  
Assistant Principal

*Christy Behnstadt*  
Assistant Principal

*Megan Almand*  
Assistant Principal

## Mark Your Calendar

- December 11<sup>th</sup> – PTO Meeting 3:30pm
- December 14<sup>th</sup> – Kona Ice Middle School
- December 15<sup>th</sup> – Middle School Dance
- December 19<sup>th</sup> – Spirit Night – Panda Express
- December 21<sup>st</sup> and 22<sup>nd</sup> – Early Release Days
- December 25<sup>th</sup> – January 5<sup>th</sup> – Winter Break
- January 8<sup>th</sup> – Classes Resume



## Holiday Dress Up

Starting Wednesday, November 29<sup>th</sup> feel free to join us in some festive spirit. Remember this is voluntary.

- Dec. 11<sup>th</sup> – Rockin' Around the Holidays – Wear your BEST Rock and Roll Gear
- Dec. 12<sup>th</sup> – Feelin' Frosty – Wear blue and white
- Dec. 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Card Photos- Get your holiday squad together and come dressed as a festive group
- Dec. 14<sup>th</sup> – Deck the Halls- Wear your ugly sweater
- Dec. 15<sup>th</sup> – Run, Run Rudolph – Wear your festive athleisure
- Dec. 18<sup>th</sup> – Gingerbread Day
- Dec. 19<sup>th</sup> – Clash of the Carolers – VPK, 1<sup>st</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup> wear red K, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> wear green
- Dec. 20<sup>th</sup> – Holidays are Sweet – Wear a festive apron or hat
- Dec. 21<sup>st</sup> – Holiday Vacation – Hawaiian or tacky holiday tourist
- Dec. 22<sup>nd</sup> – PJ's and Polar Express

Please remember all dress up MUST be school appropriate.

# Parent Pod

## Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (F.A.S.T)

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a statewide assessment designed to gauge students' understanding and mastery of key academic skills and knowledge. It evaluates various subjects, including English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science, to measure students' proficiency levels according to Florida's academic standards. FAST aims to provide educators, parents, and policymakers with valuable insights into students' learning progress, helping to identify areas where additional support may be needed and allowing for adjustments in teaching strategies to enhance overall student achievement and success.

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) serves as a valuable tool for parents by offering insights into their child's academic progress. Through the assessment results, parents gain a comprehensive understanding of their child's strengths and areas that might require additional attention in subjects like English Language Arts (ELA), mathematics, and science. This information enables parents to engage more effectively with teachers and school administrators, fostering collaborative efforts to support their child's learning journey. FAST results empower parents to actively participate in their child's education, providing opportunities for targeted assistance, encouragement, and reinforcement of academic skills at home.

Below is a link of parent resources for F.A.S.T information

<https://fsassessments.org/families.html>

Attached to this email is a copy of the Lake County Assessment Calendar with links to resources. If you have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher or the school.



# 2024-2025 Board Approved Student Calendar

Board Approved 12/5/2023

## Round Lake Charter Calendar 2024-2025

### Student Calendar

| School Month     |   |   | Student Days              |
|------------------|---|---|---------------------------|
| <b>AUGUST</b>    | August 12                                     | First Day of Classes/First Grading Period Begins (Monday)   | 15                        |
| <b>SEPTEMBER</b> | September 2                                   | Labor Day/Student Holiday (Monday)  | 20                        |
| <b>OCTOBER</b>   | October 10<br>October 11<br>October 14        | End of First Grading Period (Thursday)<br>Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday)<br>Classes Resume/Second Grading Period Begins (Monday)   | 8 Total Days 43<br><br>14 |
| <b>NOVEMBER</b>  | November 1<br>November 11<br>November 25-29   | Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday)<br>No School Veteran's Day<br>Thanksgiving Holiday/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)  | 14                        |
| <b>DECEMBER</b>  | December 20<br>December 23-31                 | End of Second Grading Period (Friday)<br>Winter Break/Student Holiday (Monday- Thursday)  | 15 Total Days 43          |
| <b>JANUARY</b>   | January 3<br>January 6<br>January 20          | Non-Student Day / Teacher Work Day (Friday)<br>Classes Resume/Third Grading Period Begins (Monday)<br>Martin Luther King, Jr. Birthday/Student Holiday (Monday)                             | 19                        |
| <b>FEBRUARY</b>  | February 17                                   | Presidents' Day/Student Holiday (Monday)  | 19                        |
| <b>MARCH</b>     | March 6<br>March 7<br>March 10-14<br>March 17 | End of Third Grading Period (Thursday)<br>Non-Student Day/Teacher Work Day (Friday)<br>Spring Break/Student Holiday (Monday-Friday)<br>Classes Resume/Fourth Grading Period Begins (Monday) | 4 Total Days 42<br><br>11 |
| <b>APRIL</b>     | April 18                                      | Non-Student Day (Friday)  | 21                        |
| <b>MAY</b>       | May 26<br>May 29                              | Memorial Day/ Student Holiday( Monday)<br>Last Day of Classes/End of Fourth Grading Period (Thursday)   | 20 Total Days 52          |
|                  |   | <i>Storm Make-up Days will be determined as needed</i>  | 180                       |

The City of Mount Dora Presents

# WINTER Camp

Arts & Crafts | Games | Dancing  
Outdoor Activities | Field Trips

## SESSIONS:

**ONE**

**12/21-12/22**

- Cost-\$50

**TWO**

**12/26-12/29**

- Field Trip Included:  
Lunch at T-REX Cafe &  
Movie at Disney Springs
- Cost-\$100

**THREE**

**1/2-1/5**

- Field Trip Included:  
ICE! at Gaylord Palms
- Cost-\$100

Register for each session individually at  
[www.CityOfMountDoraRecreation.com](http://www.CityOfMountDoraRecreation.com)

*Details:*



**LOCATION:** Mount Dora Community Building  
**AGES:** 5-13 **PROGRAMMED HOURS:** 9am-4pm  
**INCLUDES:** FREE Before Care: 7am-9am; FREE  
After Care: 4pm-6pm



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# Being a DOLPHIN

Be **Safe** by watching out for others and making choices that will not hurt you.

Be **Respectful** by being kind to others and expecting them to be kind to you.

Be **Responsible** by following directions and helping others to do the same.

Be a Round Lake Dolphin!



## Social Media

We encourage you to follow us on social media.

Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/RoundLakeCharter>

Please follow our wonderful PTO at

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1160967990630711>

*Please note that for important information about upcoming events, reminders, and monthly newsletter, please visit our school webpage <https://rle.lake.k12.fl.us/> with the most up to date information.*

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity-reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

