INDIAN RIVER ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

A Message from Mrs. Holmgreen

We are off to a fantastic start to the school year! As we wrap up the first few weeks, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued support and partnership. It has been a joy to see our students settling into routines, building friendships, and engaging in meaningful learning experiences.

Our teachers and staff have worked hard to create a welcoming and safe environment where every child feels valued and encouraged to grow.

As we move forward, we remain committed to nurturing a positive school culture, promoting academic excellence, and supporting the social-emotional development of all our students. Please continue to stay connected through our newsletters, school website, and classroom communications.

Thank you for being an essential part of our school community. We look forward to a successful and enriching year ahead!

IRES Mission Statement

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.

PBIS Rewards

Indian River is a PBIS campus. PBIS stands for Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. The implementation of PBIS provides your students with a schoolwide expectation plan and allows them opportunities to earn rewards based on demonstrating our school expectations (listed below). Your child is able to earn "Manatee Money" at school in various ways. They are able to use their money to purchase things at the Manatee Mall or for special events.

From the Media Center

Join us in

CELEBRATING THE FALL SEASON

BY PARTICIPATING IN THE
PUMPKIN DECORATING CONTEST!

DECORATE A PUMPKIN (NO CARVING PLEASE) TO LOOK LIKE A CHARACTER OR SETTING IN YOUR FAVORITE BOOK AND BRING IT TO THE MEDIA CENTER FOR DISPLAY.

THE PUMPKINS CAN BE DROPPED OFF BETWEEN OCTOBER 20TH AND OCTOBER 22ND. PLEASE BE SURE TO ATTACH A LABEL WITH YOUR CHILD'S NAME AND TEACHER'S NAME BEFORE DROPPING OFF YOUR PUMPKIN. THE WINNERS WILL BE ANNOUNCED ON OCTOBER 30TH. ALL PUMPKINS MUST BE PICKED UP BY THE STUDENTS BETWEEN
OCTOBER 30TH AND OCTOBER 31 ST.
WE CAN'T WAIT TO SEE EVERYONE'S CREATIVITY IN ACTION!

Our School Expectations



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Attendance

The district is launching our "All Day, Every Day" campaign for Attendance Awareness Month. Under the new Florida Statute 1003.26(1)(b), schools are now responsible for enforcing attendance for all students. Parents begin receiving notifications at 5 unexcused absences.

Why Daily Attendance Matters:

- Enhanced academic achievement and graduation rates
- Stronger peer relationships and social development
- Development of responsibility and time management skills
- Reduced academic stress from missed instruction

We look forward to have you on time and at school daily.

Discipline

We're always working to create a safe, respectful, and caring environment for every student. Two important messages that we continue to share:

💬 Use Your Words Wisely

Words have power! We're encouraging students to think before they speak and to use kind, respectful language with their classmates, teachers, and staff. Whether they're solving a problem, asking for help, or sharing a story, thoughtful communication helps everyone feel safe and valued.

👀 See Something? Say Something!

Safety is everyone's responsibility. If a student sees something that seems unsafe, hurtful, or just doesn't feel right, we want them to speak up and tell a trusted adult. Their voice can make a big difference!

We appreciate your support in reinforcing these messages at home. Together, we can help our children grow into confident, caring individuals who know how to use their words and actions to make a positive impact.

Thank you for being part of our school community!

Save the Date

- Sept. 18th- Open House

PK-2 5:30, 3-5 6:15, Book Fair 4-7

- Sept. 19th- Kona Ice
- Sept. 22nd- NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 8th - Walk to School Day
- Oct. 13th- NO SCHOOL
- Oct. 17th- Kona Ice
- Oct. 29th- Trunk or Treat
- Nov. 11th- NO SCHOOL
- Nov. 14th- Kona Ice
- Nov. 24-28th- Thanksgiving Holiday NO SCHOOL
- Dec. 13th- Edgewater Christmas Parade
- Dec. 22nd- Jan. 5th Winter Holiday NO SCHOOL

Lost and Found

OUR LOST AND FOUND IS IN THE FRONT OFFICE.

PLEASE BE SURE TO PUT YOUR CHILD'S NAME INSIDE ITEMS SUCH AS JACKETS, WATER BOTTLES AND LUNCH BOXES. THIS WILL ASSIST IN RETURNING LOST ITEMS.

Volunteer Application

If you'd like to volunteer on a class field trip, please remember that a new volunteer application must be completed each school year before you can attend.

https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/MTYxOmVuLVVT