INDIAN RIVER NEWSLETTER

December 2025

Mrs. Holmgreen

Greetings Manatee Families,

As we wrap up 2025 and head into winter break, I want to take a moment to thank you for your continued partnership. This season reminds us how important community truly is, and our school community continues to shine because of your support, encouragement, and involvement. Our students have worked so hard this semester. They have grown as readers, problem solvers, friends, and leaders. We are so proud of their progress and the joy they bring to our classrooms each day. Winter break is a wonderful opportunity for them to rest, recharge, and enjoy time with family and friends. A few reminders as we head into the break:

• School will be closed from December 22nd-January 5th. Classes will resume Tuesday, January 6th.
• Encourage your child to keep reading for fun! Holiday stories, favorite series, or anything that sparks curiosity.
• Take time to play, create, and enjoy moments together. Rest is important for learning!

Thank you for your dedication to our school and for entrusting us with your children each day. We look forward to welcoming everyone back refreshed and ready for a great start to the new year.

Wishing you a safe, warm, and joyful winter break!

Happy Holidays!

Mrs. Holmgreen

Upcoming Events

- Winter Holiday Dec. 20th - Jan. 5th
- Classes Resume January 6th
- FAST Testing in January. Be on the lookout for details in your email.

Parking Lot Reminder

Our Parent Loop lot has two entrances:

- East Lane: Continuous loop for drop-off/pick-up only.
- West Lane: Entrance to the parking lot for parking.

Please only drop off children in the designated drop-off loop and not in the parking lot for safety. Thank you for helping keep our students safe!

Attendance

Parents/Guardians:
Remember to have your Driver License ready when picking up students from the front office. Also, please make sure you add all adults who pick up your child to the approved pick up list.

Attendance reminders: After 15 days absent, a doctor's note must be provided. 5 late days equals 1 absence. Truancy is determined by being absent for 10% of total days. Thank you for ensuring that students are at school, on time daily.

Indian River current attendance percentage:
93% of students on average in attendance daily.

One Book, One School

We are excited to announce our upcoming One Book, One School event! This special activity brings our entire school community together by reading the same book at the same time. Our chosen book for grades 2-5 is Wishtree by Katherine Applegate and The Wishtree by Kyo Maclear for Pre-K - 1st grade—both, heartwarming stories about kindness, friendship, and the power of hope.

Why do we do this? A shared reading experience helps build connections among students, staff, and families. It encourages meaningful conversations, promotes literacy, and creates a sense of unity across our school.

If you do not want your child to participate in these activities, please reach out to Mrs. Halcomb in the media center or your child's teacher.

Lost & Found

The lost and found is full and we would love for everyone to have their belongings before we go away for the long break. If your child is missing a jacket, lunchbox, water bottle or other items, please come by the office to go through the lost and found and claim their items.