

August 17, 2026



Dates to Remember:

🎯 **August 17-21:** Grades K-5 take **iReading Inform District Reading and Math Assessments** (previously known as iReady Diagnostic)
📌 **August 31:** SIC Meeting @ 5:00 PM
🏈 **September 4:** College Colors Day
🏠 **September 7:** Labor Day – No School
🏫 **September 10:** Family Open House & Hit the Target Night
Join us for an evening of family engagement, learning, and fun! 💙⚓



i-Ready Inform starts MONDAY! (K-5)

For the **2026–2027 school year**:

- 📖 **i-Ready Inform for Reading** — formerly i-Ready Diagnostic for Reading
- ➗ **i-Ready Inform for Mathematics** — formerly i-Ready Diagnostic for Mathematics

🗓️ **Students in Grades K–5 will begin i-Ready Inform on Monday, August 17.**
Students typically spend about 45 minutes per subject (Reading and Math). The assessment is not timed, so students can take the time they need to do their best. Some students may complete the assessment over multiple sessions or days.

What Can You Do To Help?



It's time to talk about assessments! 📚 Before i-Ready Inform begins, take a moment to review your child's Spring i-Ready scores and talk with them about their learning and growth.

Our goal is simple: **Meet It or Beat It!** 🎯 We want every student to work toward performing as well as or better than they did at the end of the previous school year.

Help Your Child Be Ready!

Encourage your child to:

- 😴 Get a good night's sleep and eat a full breakfast on assessment days.
- 🖍️ Try their best on every question and avoid rushing.
- 💭 Don't worry about questions they don't know. Remind them that it is expected that they may answer only about half of the questions correctly.
- ➗ Use paper and pencil to show their work on math questions.

🎯 **Join Us for Open House!**

We invite families to join us for **Open House on September 10th**! You'll learn more about your child's classroom and have an opportunity to review your child's i-Ready Inform results.
Together, we'll set goals for your child's growth and work as a team to help them reach their targets!

Let's Meet It or Beat It! 🎯 ⚓ We want every Mariner to hit the target!

Check out family resources:
https://login.i-ready.com/central/FC-i-Ready-Inform-for-Mathematics#Encourage-Your-Student-to-Do-Their-Best-on-i-Ready-Inform

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Lockdown Drill

Port Royal Elementary School will conduct a planned lockdown drill on Thursday, August 20, at 10:00 AM. 🏫🔒

This practice exercise helps students and staff prepare to secure the building safely and respond quickly and calmly during an emergency.

🛡️ **Purpose & Process**

- 🛡️ **Safety First:** Like fire drills, lockdown drills help everyone practice how to respond quickly and calmly.
- 💙 **Age-Appropriate:** Teachers will explain the steps to students in a calm and reassuring way before the drill.
- ✅ **Controlled Environment:** The drill will **not** include loud actors, props, or simulated violence.

📢 **Instructions for Parents**

- 🚫 **Please Do Not Come to Campus:** Campus access will be temporarily restricted during the drill. No visitors will be permitted. This allows emergency lanes and staff to remain focused and uninterrupted.
- 📵 **Please Do Not Call the Office:** Keeping phone lines open allows staff to communicate critical information if needed.
- 🏠 **Talk at Home:** Discuss the drill with your child to help reduce anxiety and reinforce that **school is a safe place.**

⚠️ **Please Note:** This is the **only drill for which families will receive advance notice.** All other safety drills throughout the school year will be **unannounced** to help ensure our students and staff are prepared to respond appropriately in an emergency.

Thank you for helping us make **safety a priority!** ⚓💙

Please contact the School Office if you have any questions or concerns.

Mariner Spiritwear Online Store open until Wednesday!



Mariner Spirit Wear is Available!

We have a new shirt & sweatshirt design this year!
To purchase any Spirit Wear that we have in stock at school, go to our school store located in the MySchoolBucks app.
If you can't find what you are looking for there, we also have an online store available with Big D's. Look for the flyer that went home.

Use this link!

Order online.
Store closes August 18.
Orders ready on September 3rd. We will send the orders home with students.

School Improvement Council

We Need You! Our first meeting is <u>August 31!</u>

Join the Port Royal Elementary School Improvement Council (SIC)!

The School Improvement Council (SIC) at Port Royal Elementary School is a team of dedicated parents, teachers, and community members who work together as an advisory group to the principal and school.

By state law, every K–12 public school in South Carolina is required to have an SIC focused on school improvement. Our SIC members share their knowledge and perspectives about student, family, and community needs to help identify strategies, strengthen resources, and support student achievement and overall school success.

Why Join the SIC?

Serving on the SIC is a meaningful way for parents to get involved and make a difference at Port Royal Elementary. You do not have to be an expert in education, classrooms, or school operations. We simply need parents who are interested in sharing practical ideas and helping make PRES an even better place for our students and families.

Great schools are built on great partnerships between families, educators, and the community.

Please join the PRES SIC!

Together, we can work to ensure that every child at Port Royal Elementary has the opportunity to learn, grow, and succeed.

Your voice matters. Your involvement makes a difference. We need YOU!

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