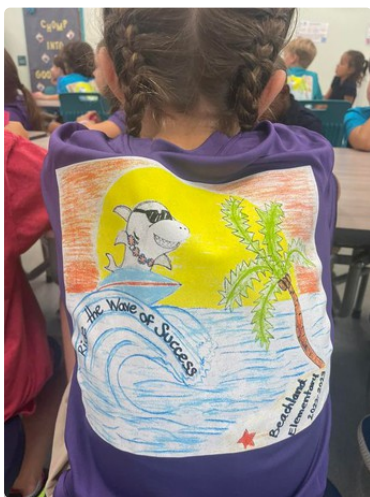


# Fins Up for a FIN-Tastic Year

*September 1, 2022 - Monthly Newsletter*



## Fins Up with Mrs. Finnegan

What a FIN-TASTIC start to the 2022-2023 school year.

We were extremely excited to start the year as an "A" school and welcome new and familiar faces.

A huge thank you to our PTA for the Beachland Beautification project to create a more welcoming, landscaped environment for our school community. Also, PTA is selling school spirit shirts. Please visit <http://beachlandpta.org> to purchase school spirit shirts, learn about the PTA, upcoming meetings, and/or become a member or community partner! Our PTA supports school-wide initiatives, classroom instruction, student outcomes, and funds different opportunities in our learning environments across our campus.

Parents and families, we do welcome parents for lunch. To support capacity, we are requesting no more than two adults at a time visit with his/her child at lunch and eat lunch in our courtyard with your child only. During inclement weather, we do have additional tables inside the cafeteria. Below in our newsletter are our scheduled lunch times. To ensure the emphasis is on instruction and time on task in the classroom, lunch visits can only occur during a child's regularly scheduled lunch time.

For the safety of our students at our biker/walker gate, we do not allow drive-ups or any motorized vehicle to park on the side of the road to pickup students. This gate is strictly for bike riders and walkers due to the proximity of the bus loop gate and residents of the community.

This month we will be advertising before and after school tutoring, clubs, activities, and field trips. Third, fourth and fifth grade students have received information for Art Club, Chess Club, and Shark

Singers. If your child is interested, please return the flyer to Mr. Sweeney (Art), Mrs. Polverari (Chess), and/or Miss Slaughter (Shark Singers).

Thank you,  
Rachel Finnegan

## Air Potato Vine Lessons

Over the summer, the School District of Indian River County's Physical Plant worked with the Florida Department of Agriculture and Consumer Services to make efforts to control this **noxious** weed, the air potato vine. In an attempt to control the vine, air potato beetles were released as an alternative solution, than complete **eradication**. We are fortunate to work with the FDACS and their beetle program. Students will be learning about **invasive** species during science connected to grade level standards and learn to apply vocabulary words like invasive, eradicate, and noxious.



## Grade Level Spotlights

For the month of August, our students have been busy acclimating, discovering, and learning!



### Mrs. Crisafulli's Fifth Graders

Students are learning about surface tension in a science lab where they predict and test how many drops of clean water and soapy water will fit on a penny.



### Mrs. Connaughton's Kindergarten Class

Students are learning how to count how many words are in a sentence, directionality of reading left to right, and using movement to learn.



### Mrs. Korzon's Second Graders

Students are creating circle maps with their English Language Arts curriculum, Amplify, to define vocabulary words.

## Chromebooks for 2nd, 3rd, 4th, and 5th Graders!

Please see the letter below or the hard copy sent home with all second, third, fourth, and fifth graders!

Dear Parent/Guardian:

This school year, the district participated in the FCC's Emergency Connectivity Fund (ECF) program that helps schools to provide the tools and services their communities need to help close the Homework Gap for students who currently lack necessary Internet access or the devices they need to connect to classrooms. Congress authorized the Emergency Connectivity Fund as part of the American Rescue Plan Act of 2021.



All students in grades 2<sup>nd</sup>-4<sup>th</sup> will be issued a Dell Chromebook. This device is issued solely for **educational** use. Any use deemed inconsistent with the purpose as determined by school administrators or by The School District of Indian River County personnel will be considered a violation of the Student Code of Conduct.

**Expectations:** If taken home, your student must bring a **fully charged** Chromebook to school each day. Students will be unable to complete classwork if they do not bring the charged device to school.



**User Responsibilities:** The student is responsible for ensuring the Chromebook and charger are not damaged, lost, or stolen while it is loaned out to him/her. Do not leave the Chromebook unattended at any time. Do not deface, write on, or put stickers of any type on the Chromebook. Your student will receive a case that snaps onto the Chromebook. They may decorate and personalize the case, but not the device. Keep food and drinks away from the device. Do not tamper with the device's hardware or existing software. The Chromebooks are filtered and monitored at home and at school. The district does not permit unethical use of the Internet, email, or any other media. Violation of this policy may result in the loss of device loan privileges and disciplinary action by the school.

**Financial Responsibility:** Student (parent/guardian) is financially responsible for the costs associated with replacement of the loaner equipment if it is severely damaged, lost, or stolen. If the Chromebook is damaged, lost, or stolen, the student must notify the school's Administrator immediately. If stolen, student must file a police report and notify the School Resource Deputy.

**Fees:** The replacement fee for the Chromebook is \$400 and \$33 for the charger. The parent/guardian will be charged for damaged or missing parts. If fee is not received within a reasonable time, student will be placed on the school's obligation list. These fees are intended to promote good habits and responsible use of the district-issued device.

**Duration:** All Chromebooks are for the 2022-2023 school year and must be returned in good condition when devices are collected school-wide in May 2023.

**Exiting the District:** If the student is leaving the school district, the Chromebook must be returned to withdraw from school.



For more information, visit the Chromebook Student Resources page at <https://sdirc.info/Chromebooks>

## Mark Your Calendar

September 5th - No School

September 10th - Environmental Learning Center - Free Family Fun from 10-2

September 12th - Sports Day Attire for PBIS (10 SURF required)

September 14th - School Pictures (in uniform) and Domino's Night

September 15th - Open House 5-7PM with an informational meeting at 6PM in our cafeteria

September 19th - Casual for Cause Day \$1- Wear a hat all day for the HOPE Center

September 20th - College Jersey or College Shirt Day (district-wide)

September 30th - School Advisory Council (SAC) at 8AM and PTA Grants DUE

September 30th - Student of the Month at 2:30PM in the cafeteria

The Environmental Learning Center  
invites you and your family to



# ELC Fun Day

in partnership with the School District of Indian River County  
Enjoy **FREE ADMISSION** for students and  
their families and the staff at your school.  
September 10th 10:00 AM-2:00 PM



Osceola Magnet-Beachland-Treasure Coast Elementary-Indian River Academy

Activities and Entertainment  
Enjoy the Touch Tank in the Discovery Station  
\*Pond Net Dipping \*Field Games \*Trails  
\*Crafts \*Scavenger Hunt \*Music \*Food \*Drinks

Special Guest at 12 PM  
Superintendent Dr. David Moore



DiscoverELC.org | 772-589-5050  
255 Live Oak Drive, Vero Beach, Florida 32963

## August's Casual for a Cause

In August, students were able to free dress on Monday, August 29th for the ELC and raised over \$150.



# CASUAL FOR A CAUSE

## September 19th

**HAT DAY &  
MAKE A DONATION TO BENEFIT THE**



### September Casual for a Cause

Safe, secure, and stable, The Hope for Families Center provides the refuge and consistency homeless families need to get back on their feet. With two-thirds of our residents being children, maintaining responsibility to the family is critical. HFC residents work directly with their case manager to meet their family's medical, mental health, dental, and educational needs.

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**Saturday,  
September 10th**

Students can wear a hat all day for a suggested donation of \$1 to support the Hope for Families Center!

**Lifetouch**

Picture Day is Quickly Approaching!



School Name: Beachland Elementary School  
Picture Day Date: Wednesday, September 14  
Picture Day ID: EYTD362BB

**Wednesday,  
September 14th**

Students must be in school uniform for fall pictures.

**SPIRIT NIGHT  
DOMINO'S**



NEW this year! All-day "Spirit Night" with Domino's! Order for carryout OR delivery on this day and proceeds will be donated back to the school!

**Wednesday,  
September 14th**

Proceeds will benefit our school staff for celebrations and incentives!

**Attendance... Every Day Matters!**

**Attendance  
H.E.R.O**

**Here Every Day, Ready, and On Time**  
Our class has 100% attendance TODAY and earned a WAVE!  
Riding the wave of Success by being ACTIVE and ATTENTIVE




We are excited to announce our TOP grade levels for the month who reached 95% or higher...  
First Grade = 95.8%, Fourth Grade = 96.2% and our winner Second Grade = 96.6%! Our school attendance rate was 95.2% for the month of August. Also a shoutout to our teachers and staff with their 98.7% attendance rate, where the top school is at 98.8%!

Every School Day Counts

# ATTENDANCE MATTERS

in the School District of Indian River County


SEPTEMBER IS ATTENDANCE AWARENESS MONTH  
#ShowUpSDIRC




WATCH FOR THE PRIZE PATROL COMING YOUR WAY!

HIGHEST DAILY AVERAGE ATTENDANCE

Elementary School Middle School High School



Dr. Moore



SDIRC Prize Patrol

## Yearlong District-Wide Student Competitions

Office of Strategic Planning & Support Services

September is Attendance Awareness Month. We will be celebrating with yearlong district-wide student competitions for the highest daily average attendance. Watch for the prize patrol coming your way! #ShowUpSDIRC

## School Counselor's Corner

Ms. Mitchell  
772.564.3334

Welcome to a new school year! Your child is about to embark on an exciting learning adventure, and you can come along! I will have a **"Counselor Corner"** in the school's monthly newsletter which will include brief yet informative information/tips (*i.e., Attendance Matters, Anti-Bullying, Mental Wellness, & Vaping*) to help your child **ride the wave of success** while learning to be a **productive, responsible, compassionate, citizen** in our **ever-changing world**.

### Did You Know?

- **Absenteeism** in the **first month** of school can **predict poor attendance** throughout the school year. Half the students who miss **2-4** days in **September** go on to miss nearly a month of school.
  - **Absenteeism** and its **ill effects** start early. One in **10 kindergarten** and **first grade** students are **chronically** absent.
    - Over **8 million** U.S. students miss nearly a **month** of school each year.
- Quote – **"The price of greatness is responsibility."** ---- *Winston Churchill*

## School Wide Expectations

# Riding the WAVE of Success

At Beachland Elementary, we are riding the WAVE of success by being warm-hearted, active and attentive, vigilant and enthusiastic for learning! Students follow our WAVE expectations in all areas on our campus. Students can earn individual "SURF" (pink tickets) and together class "WAVES" (blue squares). Surf and waves can be turned in for special rewards. Monthly, students can turn in surf to participate in different dress down days, turn in 50 surf for a gold coin for our book vending machine, and more! Waves are celebrated as homeroom classes. For the month of September, we will be focusing on warm-heartedness. Quarterly students will be celebrated who do not have office referrals and no more than three classroom incident referrals. Be on the lookout for our FIN-TASTIC calls home from a teacher or staff member.

Beachland Elementary  
**Riding the WAVE of Success**  
A STEAM School of Enrichment

## School Expectations

Warm-hearted	Active & Attentive	Vigilant	Enthusiastic for Learning
<u>Respect each other and other's property</u>	<u>Raise your hand</u>	<u>Follow directions</u>	<u>Excited for challenges</u>
<u>Be Kind</u>	<u>Listen</u>	<u>Keep hands, feet, and objects to self</u>	<u>Stay Positive</u>
	<u>Participate</u>	<u>Be Safe</u>	

Ride the WAVE of SUCCESS following our school expectations to earn individual SURF and class WAVES.

## Create a Thinking Map for September

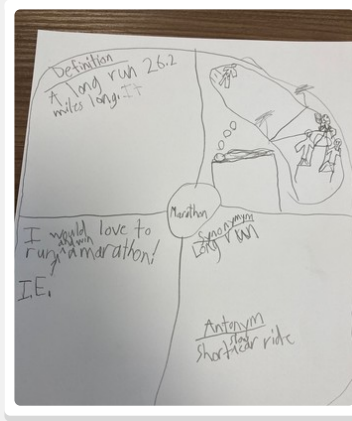
At Beachland we use Thinking Maps to organize our thinking. This month I encourage your child to create a thinking map about what it means to be warm-hearted or a vocabulary word. Thinking maps are due to Mrs. Finnegan by September 30th.





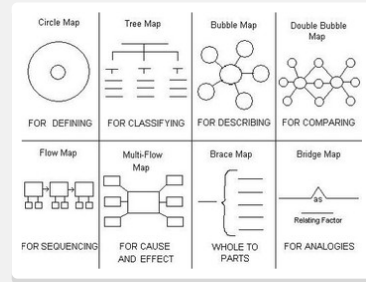
## Warm-Hearted Thinking Map

Describe what it means to be warm-hearted



## Vocabulary Thinking Map

Think of words like...  
noxious, invasive, eradicate



## Thinking Maps

Here are three maps of our eight maps to help get you started...

1. Circle Map - Define warm-heartedness OR a new vocabulary word
2. Bubble Map - Describe warm-heartedness using adjectives only
3. Tree Map - Classify different places and ways to be warm-hearted

## Lunch Times

## Beachland Elementary

2022-2023

### Lunch



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11:00-11:30	Kindergarten	Charles	1	1-3
11:02-11:32		Connaughton	1	4-6
11:04-11:34		Emma	2	1-3
11:06-11:36		Jacobs	2	4-6
11:20 - 11:50	2 <sup>nd</sup> Grade	Korzon	3	1-3
11:22 - 11:52		Jellie	3	4-6
11:24 - 11:54		Miller	4	1-3
11:26 - 11:56		McFarland	4	4-6
11:28 - 11:58		Eaton	5	1-3
11:50 - 12:20	1 <sup>st</sup> Grade	Brothers	1	1-3
11:52 - 12:22		Evans	1	4-6
11:54 - 12:24		Lorance	2	1-3
11:56 - 12:28		Sutton	2	4-6
11:58 - 12:28		Wynn	3	1-3
12:05 - 12:35	3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade	DeLuca	4	1-3
12:07 - 12:37		Jeffries	4	4-6
12:09 - 12:39		Johnson	5	1-3
12:11 - 12:41		McDaniel	5	4-6
12:13-12:43		Newberry	6	1-3
12:35 - 1:05	4 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Kolesnik	1	1-3
12:37 - 1:07		Riley	1	4-6
12:39 - 1:09		Masterson	2	1-3
12:41 - 1:11		Watkins	2	4-6
12:54 - 1:24	5 <sup>th</sup> Grade	Crisafulli	3	1-3
12:56 - 1:26		Karwatske	3	4-6
12:58 - 1:28		Fass	4	1-3
1:00 - 1:30		Wade	4	4-6





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