

Grateful & Thankful

November 1, 2022



Fins Up with Mrs. Finnegan

We are more than half way through the first semester and we have enjoyed quite a few family events, showcase opportunities, and celebrating the successes of our students.

November will be focusing on our third school-wide expectation, ATTENTIVE. Paying attention in the classroom, to our surroundings, and others, are all important qualities.

We have announced our Teacher of the Year, Tina Newberry and our Employee of the Year, Kelli Dixon! Mrs. Newberry is a third grade teacher and was nominated for her dedication to provide student-centered instruction for all students to be successful. Ms. Dixon is our physical plant manager who is willing to jump in whenever to help anyone to ensure a safe and welcoming environment for our entire school community. Finalists for Teacher and Employee of the Year will be announced Thursday, December 15th.

All students took their iReady diagnostic during October. We are quite impressed with the focus and hard work of our FIN-tastic sharks. Data from our fall iReady diagnostic should have been shared during parent-teacher conferences as well as "can do" next steps at home and in school. Together we help our students ride the wave of success!

November is Family Engagement Month! Please be on the lookout for special marquee messages, Sunday night call reminders, and special notes home. We make a difference for our children, when we ride the wave of success together! Thank you for being involved and playing an ACTIVE and ATTENTIVE role in their education.

Did you know the words thankful and grateful are interchanged on a regular basis? However, there is a difference between the

two words. Grateful is an action, while thankful is a feeling. During the month of November, I challenge all of us to take a closer look at being grateful and thankful and finding ways to appreciate others and notice the positive.

Thank you,
Rachel Finnegan



Beachland's Teacher of the Year

Tina Newberry, 3rd Grade
Teacher



Employee & Teacher of the Year School Finalists

Mr. Sweeney (Art), Mrs.
Crisafulli (5th), Mrs. Korzon
(2nd), Mrs. McDaniel (3rd), Mrs.
Newberry (3rd), Mr. Bob (Head
Custodian), and Ms. Dixon
(missing from the photo)



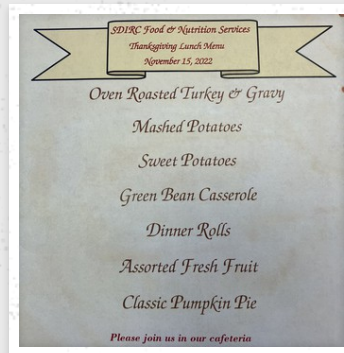
Beachland's Employee of the Year

Kelli Dixon, Physical Plant
Operator

Mark Your Calendar

- November 1st - Student of the Month Celebration
- November 2nd - Picture retakes and group pictures (in uniform)
- November 8th - School-wide dress down day in Red, White, and Blue for our Veteran's Day presentation for 4th and 5th graders
- November 7th - November 15th - Scholastic Book Fair in the Media Center
- November 9th - Book Fair Night afterschool until 6:30PM
- November 9th - Thanksgiving Luncheon RSVP Due
- November 11th - No School, Veteran's Day
- November 14th - Casual for a Cause Day \$1 - Veteran's Council (Red, White, Blue or Camo)
- November 15th - Thanksgiving Luncheon, RSVP required
- November 18th - Pajama Day with a stuffed animal (15 surf)
- November 21st - 25th - No School, Thanksgiving Break
- November 29th - Student of the Month Celebration

November Events



Tuesday, November 1st

Fourth and fifth grade students learned about Veterans and Veteran's Day in the media center. Mrs. Polverari then taught students how to create posters in Adobe Spark. Students created messages for the Freedom Flight to send to veterans. Today, student letters will be picked up to send to a special group that organizes "Honor Flights" for our veterans.

Tuesday, November 15th

Thanksgiving Luncheon - Please be sure to complete the RSVP and purchase tickets in advance. We ask only those with Thanksgiving Luncheon tickets eat on campus on Tuesday, November 15th Due to the anticipated number of guests, we are requesting all luncheon tickets be purchased by **Wednesday, November 9th** to support logistics and lunch times. We will also allow siblings to join younger siblings for lunch, if requested/noted on the RSVP. Please help us make our Thanksgiving Luncheon a lunch to remember!

Friday, November 18th

Wear your pajamas with a stuffed animal for 15 SURF to celebrate positive behavior!

Meet Mrs. Emily Wells, Mrs. Evans' Sister



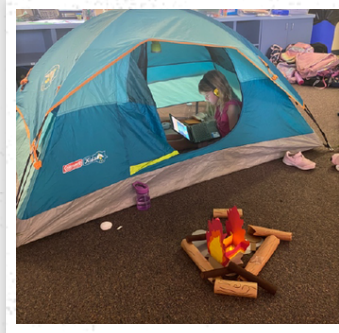
Mrs. Wells is an elementary teacher at Sanibel island's K-8 school, The Sanibel School. She has been a teaching for 20 years and 11 years at the barrier island school as a first grade and third grade teachers. She's watched her two daughters flourish in Lee County. Mrs. Wells lost everything in her classroom due to Hurricane Ian. While generous donations continue to flood the west coast, Mrs. Wells is trying to recreate her classroom with all the extras teachers purchase to make their classrooms a home. She is happy to share construction crews are gutting elementary classrooms, but they are optimistic they may be able to return to their island school in February. Currently, Mrs. Wells is sharing a classroom with another teacher at San Carlos Elementary School in Fort Meyers.

If you are interested, Mrs. Wells' Amazon Wishlist is below to browse and perhaps make a purchase to support her and her students.



First Grade

Pumpkin Investigation



First & Third Grade

Classroom work center



First Grade

Summary writing and illustrating



Third Grade

Presentations



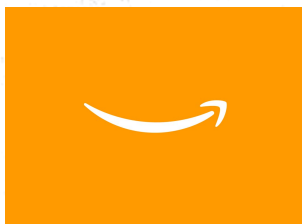
First Grade

Polar Express ... Classroom Transformation



First Grade

English Language Arts instruction



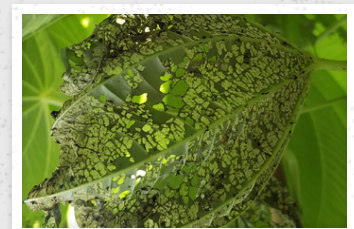
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Air Potato Vine Lessons

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.

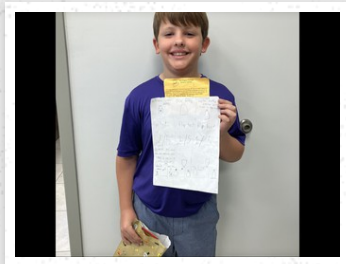
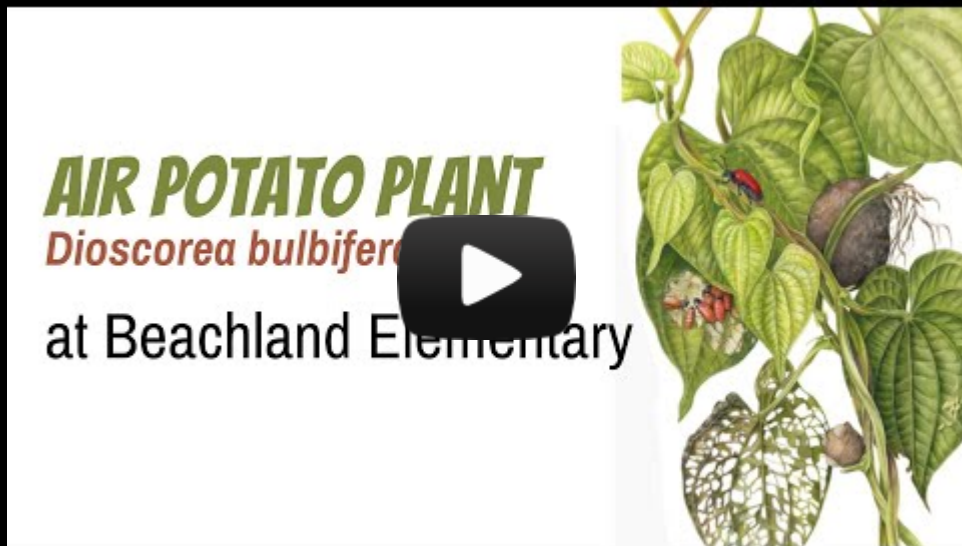
STEAM Spotlight with the Air Potato Vine

Second Grade STEAM Lesson

Second graders applied what they were learning about Properties of Matter during an air potato investigation. The students learned that scientists use color and shape to compare matter. The students observed several types of leaves from around campus to determine which leaves belonged to the air potato. Way to go 2nd Grade scientists!



The Potato Plant at Beachland Elementary!



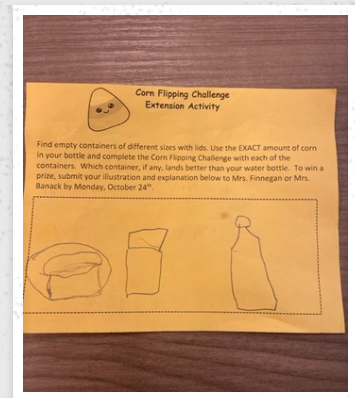
Corn Flipping Challenge (4th Grade)

Way to go, Liam! He went home and tested three different containers and justified why his Gatorade bottle is the best for flipping.



Approximation vs. Estimation?

With information to problem solve and make an educated guess, Luna and DonTrayvia did the math and won.



Corn Flipping Challenge (2nd Grade)

Way to go, Colton. He used different containers and shared the smallest container worked the best with kernels.

November's Casual for a Cause - The Veteran's Council of Indian River County

For a suggested donation of \$1, wear red, white, and blue or camo colors to support those who have served.

CASUAL FOR A CAUSE

Monday, November 14th

**Wear Red, White, and Blue OR Camo Colors
for a suggested donation of \$1**



The Veterans Council of Indian River County, Inc. was incorporated to support all Indian River County veterans through the collective effort of veteran's organizations, civic associations, and the local community, thereby raising awareness of veterans' needs and of their contributions to society.

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October Spotlight

During the month of October, students and staff were actively engaged in school, around school, and in our community!



School Choice Extravaganza, October 8th

A shoutout to Ms. Slaughter and our Shark Singers who sang the Beachland song and "It Starts with Kindness."



United Way's Day of Caring, October 15th

A huge thank you to Kiwanis, our teachers and staff, parents, and students for supporting Beachland's Day of Caring. Two students, Brooklyn and Lane, spent their morning mulching, creating our "Ride the Wave" fence sign, and raking.



2nd Place for Cleanest School for 2021-2022

On Friday, October 21st, our custodial team was announced as the 2nd Cleanest School in the district for the 2021-2022 school year. We missed first place by 6 hundredths of a point.

October Highlights

In October, students and staff were able to dress alike on Monday, October 24th for the Youth Sailing Foundation. Our school raised approximately \$100.

Also, checkout last month's thinking maps about being ACTIVE!



XO Robot

Charlie (4th), Mr. Sweeney (Art),
Archie (4th)



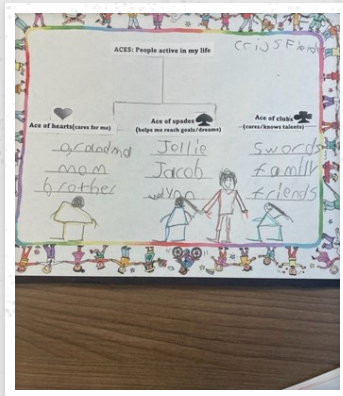
Lifeguards

Mrs. Whelan, Mrs. Chavers,
Mrs. Finnegan, and Mrs.
Banack



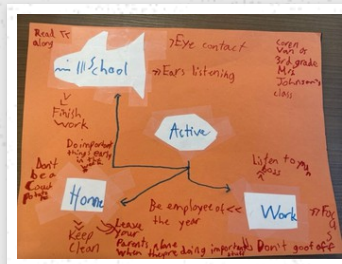
Spreading Kindness

Miss Schneider, Mrs. O'Connor,
and Mrs. Young



Crius, 2nd Grade

Crius classified the ACES in his life who make a difference. Adults in your life who make a difference are TREASURE HUNTERS!



Coren, 3rd Grade

Coren provides his tips and advice about how to stay active at home, in school, and while working for everyone.



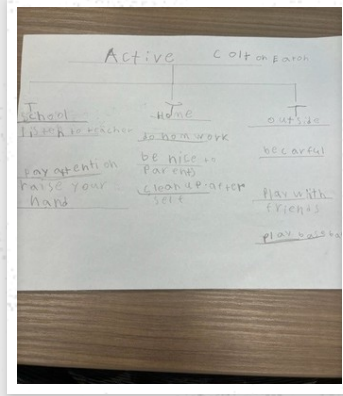
Jaya, 3rd Grade

Jaya gives concrete examples of different ways to be active in school by attending and joining extracurriculars, around the community by making an impact, and ways to stay physically active with daily activities.



Emmie, 2nd Grade

Emmie provides examples and illustrations about different ways to be active in her circle map.

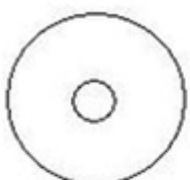
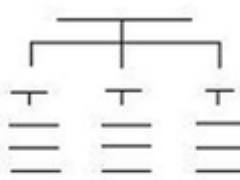

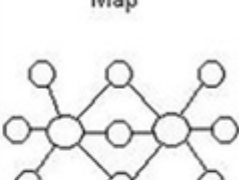
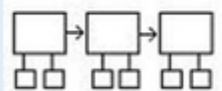
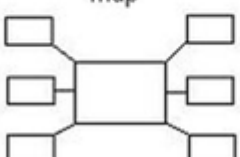
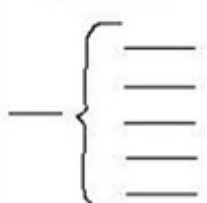



Colton, 2nd Grade

Colton classified how to be active in school, at home, and outside with great reminders for all of us.

Create a Thinking Map for November

This month I encourage your child to create a thinking map about ATTENTIVENESS or THANKFULNESS...

<p>Circle Map</p>  <p>FOR DEFINING</p>	<p>Tree Map</p>  <p>FOR CLASSIFYING</p>	<p>Bubble Map</p>  <p>FOR DESCRIBING</p>	<p>Double Bubble Map</p>  <p>FOR COMPARING</p>
<p>Flow Map</p>  <p>FOR SEQUENCING</p>	<p>Multi-Flow Map</p>  <p>FOR CAUSE AND EFFECT</p>	<p>Brace Map</p>  <p>WHOLE TO PARTS</p>	<p>Bridge Map</p>  <p>FOR ANALOGIES</p>

Attendance... Every Day Matters!

School Wide Expectations



We are excited to announce our TOP grade level and only grade level above 95% was FOURTH GRADE at 96.2% for October.

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 October, we will be focusing on what it means to be active. 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!



School Expectations

Warm-hearted

Active & Attentive

Vigilant

Enthusiastic for Learning

Respect each other
and other's property

Be Kind

Raise your hand

Listen

Participate

Follow directions

Keep hands, feet,
and objects to self

Be Safe

Excited for challenges

Stay Positive

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



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