

LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY BOBCAT NEWSLETTER

May 2024 Issue



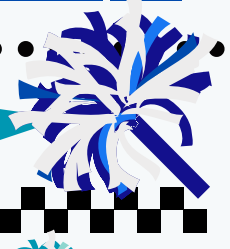
HOME OF
THE BOBCATS

DATES TO SAVE

SAC MEETING	5-1	Glow Lunch with DJ	5-3	PTO MEETING	5-8
End of Year Concert	5-16	Teacher Appreciation	5/6-5/10	LAST DAY OF SCHOOL	5-24



May



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
		1 SAC MEETING 4:15 GATOR'S DOCKSIDE & JEREMIAH'S Spirit Nights!	2	3 GLOW IN THE DARK LUNCH WITH A DJ DJ
6 Teacher APPRECIATION WEEK	7	8 PTO MEETING 3:00 321 ICE CREAM BAR Spirit Night!	9	10
13	14	15 LONG DOGGERS Spirit Night! LONG DOGGERS	16 BOBCAT BASH! END OF YEAR CONCERT 6:00 CONCERT 6:00	17
20 3-6TH MAKE UP FIELD DAY! FIELD DAY!	21	22	23	24 LAST DAY OF SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS LAST DAY
25	26	27	28	29

Early Release Days

SUMMER

TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

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PTO WEBSITE

4290 N. Wickham Road. Principal: Mr. Jason Sherburne
Melbourne, FL 32935
 321-242-4700 Assistant Principal: Mr. Rick Dillon



2024 - 2025

NEW

ANNUAL RE-ENROLLMENT



New & Improved Two-Part Process

AVAILABLE NOW!

BEGINS MARCH 18TH →

Complete the Enrollment Verification by logging into your Focus Parent Portal on March 18th.

1 MINUTE



ENROLLMENT VERIFICATION

- Accessed From Focus Parent Portal
- One Question to Verify Enrollment Plans for Next School Year
- Helps Principals with Planning for Next School Year
- Populates Name of Futured School

10 MINUTES



ANNUAL RE-ENROLLMENT

- Accessed from Focus Parent Portal
- Will Only Take About 10 Minutes
- Only Need Two Proofs of Residency at Initial Enrollment, Moved to New Address, or Principal Request
- Only ONE Signature (instead of 11)

BEGINS JULY 8TH →

Complete Annual Re-enrollment in Focus prior to the first day of school.





HERE'S THE EASIEST WAY TO GET YOUR 2024-25 SCHOOL SUPPLIES

The **BEST** Way to Buy Back-To-School Supplies!



- ✓ The Exact School Supplies Your Teacher Requested
- ✓ Name Brand Products Like:



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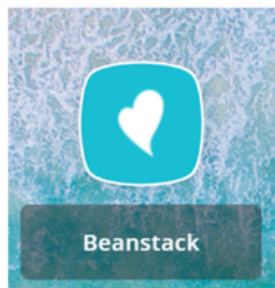
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MEDIA NEWS

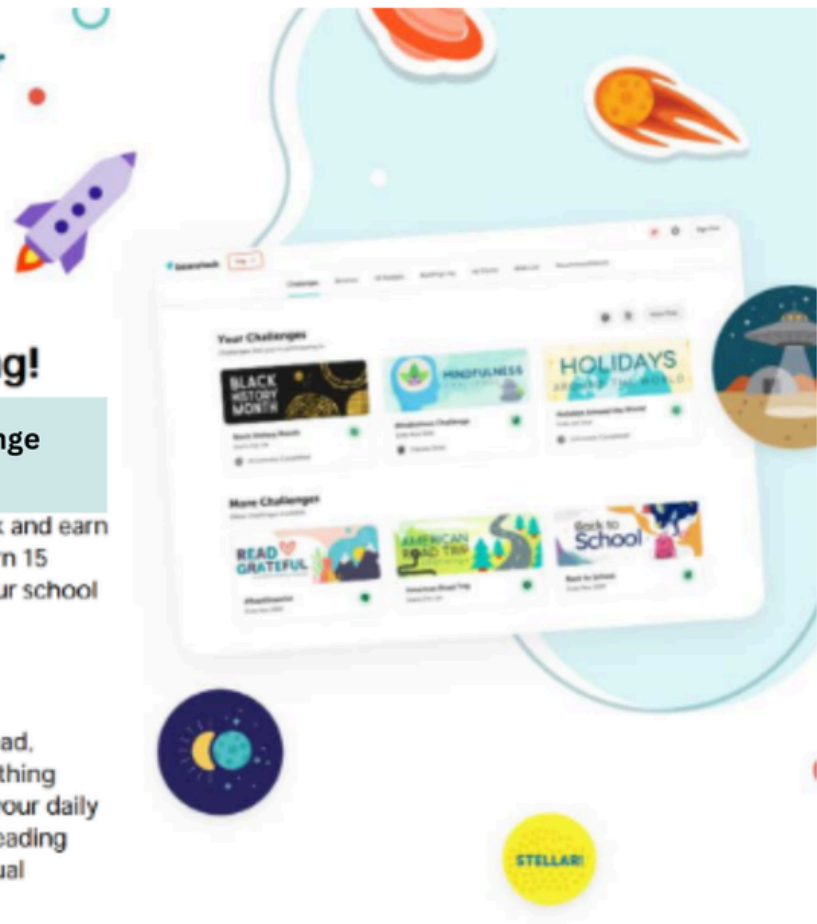
To prepare for the summer reading challenge, students are reading and using Beanstack to log their reading during Media activity class. Students may do so at home as well following the directions on the next page.



Try Beanstack now so your child is set for summer reading!



**Practice Challenge
May 1-May 10**



Blast off into summer reading!

Beanstack Summer Reading Challenge
5/13/2024-8/11/2024

Track your reading minutes every day in Beanstack and earn badges. Earn a badge for each hour of reading. Earn 15 badges to complete the challenge. Check with your school for summer reading incentives.

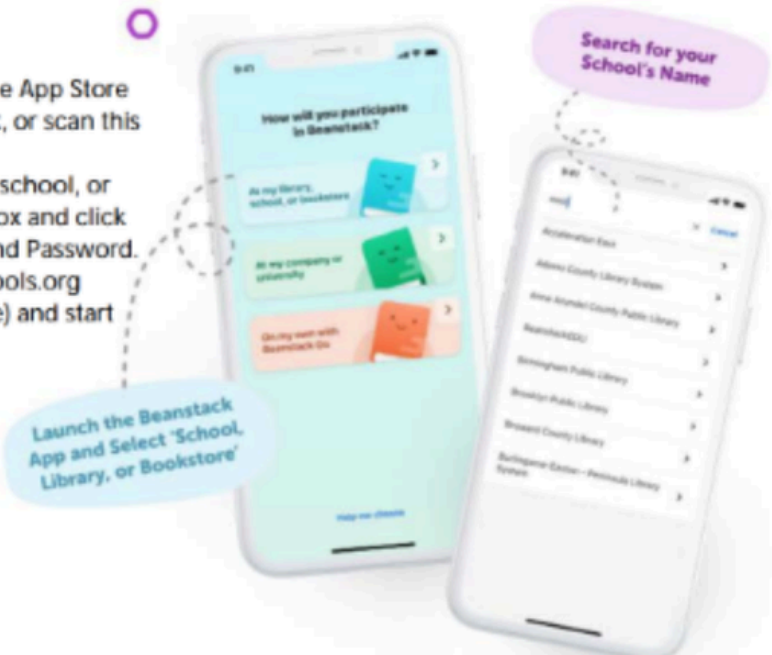
What is Beanstack?

Beanstack makes it easy to track everything you read, whether it's a book, e-book, audiobook! See everything you've read, share reading with friends, and keep your daily reading streak alive. Get motivated to meet your reading goals with the summer reading challenge and virtual badges.

Just head to Launchpad and click on the Beanstack icon to get started!

There's an app for that!

To download the Beanstack app, visit the Apple App Store or Google Play Store and search for Beanstack, or scan this QR code to go right there! Once you're in the app, choose "At my library, school, or bookstore," then type "brevard" in the search box and click on your school name. Sign in via User name and Password. Student user name: id number@st.brevardschools.org Last Name: enter student last name (lowercase) and start logging!





LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY

Encore Chorus, Beginning Orchestra, and
Intermediate Orchestra presents:

**MUSIC AROUND
THE WORLD**



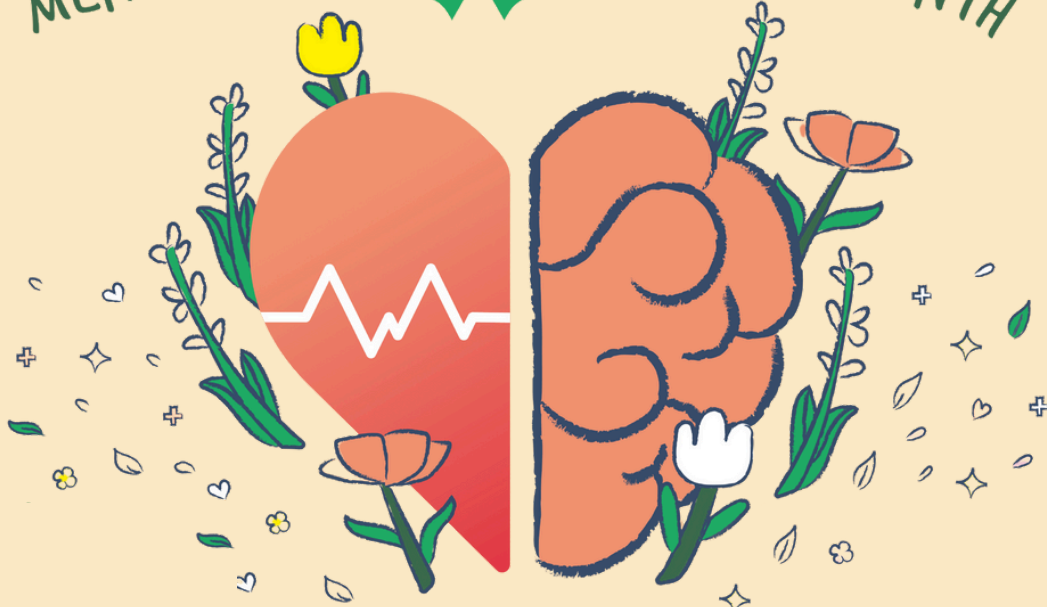
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May 16th, 2024

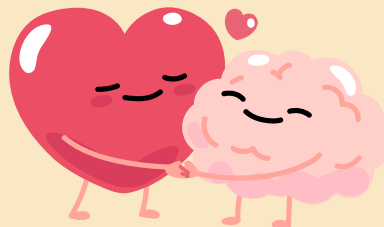
Longleaf Cafeteria



MENTAL HEALTH  AWARENESS MONTH



MAY IS MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH! AS WE ENTER MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, WE CONTINUE THE TRADITION ESTABLISHED IN 1949. EVERY YEAR, MILLIONS OF AMERICANS JOIN IN PROMOTING AWARENESS, PROVIDING VITAL RESOURCES AND EDUCATION, AND ADVOCATING FOR THE MENTAL HEALTH AND WELL-BEING OF ALL. IN A WORLD THAT IS CONSTANTLY EVOLVING, IT CAN BE OVERWHELMING TO NAVIGATE THE VARIOUS CHALLENGES AND CHANGES HAPPENING AROUND US. THE PRESSURES OF WORK, RELATIONSHIPS, SOCIAL MEDIA, AND VARIOUS SOCIETAL FACTORS CAN SIGNIFICANTLY IMPACT OUR MENTAL WELL-BEING, SOMETIMES EVEN MORE THAN WE REALIZE. THIS YEAR, IN RECOGNITION OF MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH, WE ARE OFFERING A MONTH OF POSITIVITY CHALLENGE. THE POSITIVITY CHALLENGE IS YOUR OPPORTUNITY TO DEDICATE THE MONTH OF MAY TO PRIORITIZING POSITIVE ACTIONS, HELPING OTHERS, SELF-CARE, AND ESTABLISHING GOOD HABITS FOR POSITIVE HEALTH AND WELLNESS.





FOR STUDENTS

MAY 2024

MENTAL HEALTH AWARENESS MONTH

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
29	30	1 IDENTIFY A SAFE ADULT AT SCHOOL WHO YOU CAN TALK TO	2 WRITE A THANK YOU NOTE TO SOMEONE AND GIVE IT TO THEM	3 LISTEN TO SOME MUSIC TONIGHT
6 COMPLETE AN ACT OF KINDNESS TODAY	7 BRAIN BREAK: 20 JUMPING JACKS 15 SQUATS 10 LUNGES 5 PUSH UPS	8 LIGHTS OUT! GO TO BED EARLIER THAN NORMAL TONIGHT.	9 YOU'RE AMAZING! GIVE YOURSELF A COMPLIMENT TODAY	10 MOVE YOUR BODY-- RUN, WALK, YOGA...
13 SPEND TIME COLORING/ DRAWING/ JOURNALING TODAY	14 WHAT IS SOMETHING YOU ARE PROUD OF ACCOMPLISHING THIS YEAR?	15 TAKE 3 DEEP 'BELLY' BREATHS ANYTIME YOU NEED TO FEEL CALM	16 TAKE A 20 MINUTE WALK	17 GIVE SOMEONE A COMPLIMENT TODAY
20 TELL A FRIEND A FUNNY JOKE TODAY	21 SMILE & SAY "GOOD MORNING" TO EVERYONE YOU SEE THIS MORNING	22 EAT A HEALTHY FRUIT AND/OR VEGETABLE TODAY	23 SPEND AT LEAST 15 MINUTES OUTSIDE TODAY	24 WISH YOUR TEACHERS A GREAT SUMMER!
27 MEMORIAL DAY SPEND TIME WITH SOMEONE YOU LOVE	28 CREATE A GOAL FOR THE SUMMER AND WRITE IT DOWN	29 TURN YOUR ALARM CLOCK OFF! SLEEP IN A FEW EXTRA MINUTES TODAY	30 TAKE A SCREEN BREAK ALL DAY TODAY	31 HAVE A GREAT SUMMER BREAK!!



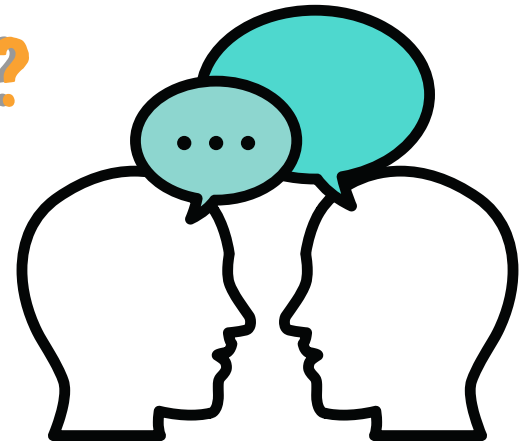
National
SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING
 Month

MAY IS NATIONAL SPEECH-LANGUAGE-HEARING MONTH (PREVIOUSLY BETTER HEARING AND SPEECH MONTH)

THIS EVENT IS TO RAISE AWARENESS ABOUT COMMUNICATION DISORDERS AND DIFFERENCES AND HEARING HEALTH.

WHAT IS COMMUNICATION?

Communication is the active process of exchanging information and ideas. Communication involves both understanding and expression. Forms of expression may include personalized movements, gestures, objects, vocalizations, verbalizations, signs, pictures, symbols, printed words, and output from augmentative and alternative (AAC) devices. Bottom Line: When individuals communicate effectively, they are able to express needs, wants, feelings, and preferences that others can understand. (ASHA, 2024)



HOW CAN I PROTECT MY HEARING?



1. Turn the volume down.
2. Walk away from the loud noise.
3. Take breaks from the noise.
4. Avoid loud, noisy activities and places.
5. Use hearing protection.



TEAM TIME Guest Speaker May 3

All Bobcats will take part in a water safety presentation this Friday during Team Time instructed by Brooke Bothum from Aquatics & Education, a new Partner in Education.



Brooke Bothum
Owner/ Instructor

Aquatics & Education
SWIM INSTRUCTION AND SAFETY COURSES

The logo for Aquatics & Education features a stylized blue book icon with a white ribbon, containing the letters '&' and a wave symbol.

www.aquaticsandeducation.com

Brevard County, Florida

561-676-5007





FIELD DAY



**3RD-6TH GRADERS WILL
MAKE UP THEIR FIELD DAY
ON MAY 20TH DURING THEIR
ACTIVITY TIME.**

**STUDENTS SHOULD BRING A TOWEL, WATER,
WEAR SNEAKERS AND SUNSCREEN**





Thank You!

THE MURAL IS COMPLETE



**BIG SHOUTOUT TO ALL YOU AWESOME
STUDENTS, PARENTS, AND PTO
SUPERHEROES – YOUR SUPPORT ROCKS!**



TESTING DATES

Fast Assessment Schedule

GRADES:	ASSESSMENT:	DATE:
4-6	BEST WRITING	April 3 Make Ups-4/4-4/12
K-2	ELA	April 16 Make Ups-4/17-4/30
K-2	MATH	April 17 Make Ups-4/18-4/30
3-6	ELA	May 1 Make Ups-5/2-5/21
3-6	MATH	May 2 Make Ups-5/3-5/21
5	SCIENCE	May 8 Make Ups-5/9-5/16



B.E.S.T. Writing

The B.E.S.T. Writing assessment is administered in one 120-minute test session. Any student who has not finished by the end of the allotted time may continue working; however, each session may last no longer than half the length of a typical school day.

Assessment	Session Length	Number of Sessions
Grades 3–10 FAST Reading PM3	120+ minutes	1
Grades 3–5 FAST Mathematics PM3	100+ minutes	1
Grades 6–8 FAST Mathematics PM3	120+ minutes	1

Grade	Session Length	Number of Sessions
5	160+ minutes	1
8		



**ATTENTION****IMPORTANT**

News From The Front Office!



All parents **MUST** have a
FOCUS Parent Portal
going forward.



WHY DO YOU NEED A FOCUS PARENT PORTAL?

* To view your students Grades. District is moving away from paper to electronic for the following:

- State Assessments, Interims, and Report Cards
- View all School Communications from teachers and staff
- All Forms from the District and school will be posted for review and e-signatures
- RE-Enrollment for the 2024-25 school year will be all on FOCUS
- Starting for 2024-25, ALL ELO (Education Location Option) Renewals will be in FOCUS
- You can view ALL BPS students in your household from PK- grade 12 in ONE PLACE!

How do you create a FOCUS Parent Portal?*

Visit <https://www.brevardschools.org/Domain/8303>

*You will need your child's Student ID# and a special PIN# to create an account. Please reach out to Jess Hopkins in the front office to get this information. Phone: (321) 242-4700 x46601

Email: hopkins.jessica@brevardschools.org

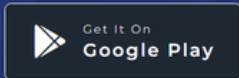
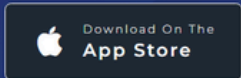


HOME FEATURES HOW IT WORKS SCREENSHOTS ABOUT ESPAÑOL

Suspicious Activity Reporting App

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.

Submit A Tip Online



[HTTPS://GETFORTIFYFL.COM/](https://getfortifyfl.com/)

LONGLEAF'S
MVPs

We love our PIE Teammates!

