

# LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY BOBCAT NEWSLETTER

April 2024 Issue



HOME OF  
THE BOBCATS

## DATES TO SAVE

Jeremiah's/Bubbakoo's 4-3

SAC Meeting 4-3

PTO MEETING 4-10

321 Ice Cream Bar 4-10

Domino's Spirit Night 4-17

PTO FUN RUN 4-19



# April



MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY
1 	2 <b>AUTISM ACCEPTANCE DAY</b> 	3 BEST WRITING GR 4-6 SAC MEETING 4:15  <i>Spirit Nights!</i>	4	5 
8 <b>SOLAR ECLIPSE</b> 	9	10 PTO MEETING 3:00  <i>Spirit Night!</i>	11	12
15	16 	17  <b>DOMINO'S Spirit Night!</b>	18	19 <b>PTO FUN RUN!</b> 
22 <b>NO SCHOOL</b> 	23	24	25	26
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TOGETHER EVERYONE ACHIEVES MORE

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PTO WEBSITE



4290 N. Wickham Road.  
Melbourne, FL 32935

Principal: Mr. Jason Sherburne



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

BEGINS JULY 8TH →

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





## Florida VPK

2024-2025 School Year

Let's read, sing, talk, play, learn and grow in VPK!



Brevard Public Schools offers free, full day VPK programs with certified teachers & instructional assistants, free breakfast & lunch.

Children must be 4 years old on or before September 1 and live in Brevard County.

Children born between February 2 and September 1 of the calendar year may postpone VPK enrollment until the following school year when the child will be 5 years old.

Apply now for the VPK Certificate

Step 1

Apply now for the VPK Certificate of Eligibility by visiting the Early Learning Coalition of Brevard <https://www.elcbrevard.org/> and completing the application on the Florida's Early Childhood Family Portal



School applications will be accepted April 15 – 25, 2024

Step 2

Applications will be accepted from April 15 – April 25 at selected schools.

Check the school's homepage for specific VPK enrollment information. See the reverse side for lists of schools. Some locations may require a selection process and/or lottery.



Welcome to Brevard Public Schools VPK and Head Start Programs  
Documents needed to apply for VPK are VPK certificate, original birth certificate, current immunization records, current physical examination and two (2) forms of residency verification.

### Step FOURward VPK

Step FOURward VPK is a state & federal Title I funded program for students who live in the attendance area of the school.

- Apollo
- Cape View Elementary
- Columbia Elementary
- Dr. W. J. Creel Elementary
- Croton Elementary
- Fairglen Elementary
- Golfview Elementary
- Harbor City Elementary
- MILA Elementary
- Pinewood Elementary
- Riviera Elementary
- Sabal Elementary
- Turner Elementary



### High School VPK

Selected high schools offer VPK to students in all attendance areas on a modified schedule.

- Merritt Island High School
- Palm Bay High School
- Satellite High School
- Viera High School

High School VPK has an adjusted student schedule; Tuesdays – Fridays with modified school hours.

### Blended VPK

Blended VPK is open to all attendance areas for basic education and exceptional education students working together.

- Atlantis Elementary
- Audubon Elementary
- Columbia Elementary
- Dr. W. J. Creel Elementary
- Lockmar Elementary
- Longleaf Elementary
- Christa McAuliffe Elementary
- Meadowlane Primary
- MILA Elementary
- Oak Park Elementary
- Riviera Elementary
- Saturn Elementary
- Sea Park Elementary
- Sunrise Elementary
- Turner Elementary
- Westside Elementary
- Ralph Williams Elementary

### Head Start VPK & Head Start 3

Head Start is a federally funded program for 3 and 4-year-old children and families. Eligibility is based on family income guidelines.

To complete a pre-application visit <https://www.brevardschools.org/HeadStart>

- Cambridge Elementary
- Coquina Elementary
- Discovery Elementary
- Endeavour Elementary
- Enterprise Elementary
- Jupiter Elementary
- Mims Elementary
- Palm Bay Elementary
- Port Malabar Elementary
- Saturn Elementary
- Sherwood Elementary
- University Park Elementary

Submitting an application does not guarantee placement. There are attendance boundaries and limited space available. Some schools may require a selection process and/or lottery. Before and After School Care services are not available to preschool students.





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

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## Summer 2024 Registration opens Tuesday, April 9, 2024, at 8:30am.

Families have three options to register their child(ren) for Brevard Before & After School Services.

### Option 1 - Online Registration:

1. Go to [www.brevardafterschool.com](http://www.brevardafterschool.com)
2. Select **Parent Account Management Portal**
  - a. EZ ChildTrack Parent Portal Quick Start Guide is available
  - b. Parent Portal link will allow access to the registration website
3. The Parent Portal main page has 3 options:
  - a. **Returning Parents Sign in** – Parent already has an Email and Password to sign in to their account
  - b. **Existing Parents Sign In** - If your child(ren) are currently attending a BAS Program or have attended in the past but you do not yet have a password, you will click a link to receive a temporary password by email. Your email should already be set-up.
  - c. **New Parents Open Account** – have never had a child in our programs
4. Once you register, you may continue to enroll for the Summer-Full Time program for your child(ren). If you are looking for other options, please see your site coordinator.
5. Upon completion of online registration, you will need to print the 1) BPS Opt Out/Photo Release form and the 2) Summer Camp Discipline and Toy Policy form, found under **Parent Forms** on our website. Complete and submit to the Site Coordinator.
6. ***Provide a current picture of your child(ren) to the Site Coordinator.***
7. Field trips and activities will be available for online reservation prior to the start of the summer programs. Please remember: All additional activities must be reserved by Thursday of the week prior to scheduled activity.

**Activity fees must be paid for at the that time of reservation and are non-refundable.**

### Option 2 - Downloadable Forms:

1. Forms are available to download at [www.brevardafterschool.com](http://www.brevardafterschool.com)
2. Select **Parent Forms**
3. Download Registration, BPS Opt Out/Photo Release form and the Summer Discipline and Toy Policy form
  - a. Fill out completely, and submit to the Site Coordinator along with a current photo of each child

### Option 3 - On-site Registration:

Contact your Site Coordinator for forms and details.



## Buddy's ELA Tech Challenge

Pass your lessons and get your required minutes for a chance to

*Cool Down* this April.

7 winners from each grade level will enjoy ICE CREAM FLOATS



A variety of toppings and flavor options will be available!

April winners will be announced **Wednesday, April 24<sup>th</sup>**, and enjoy their treats on

**Thursday, April 25<sup>th</sup>!**

***Good luck and keep working HARD!***



# FIELD DAY



# UPDATE



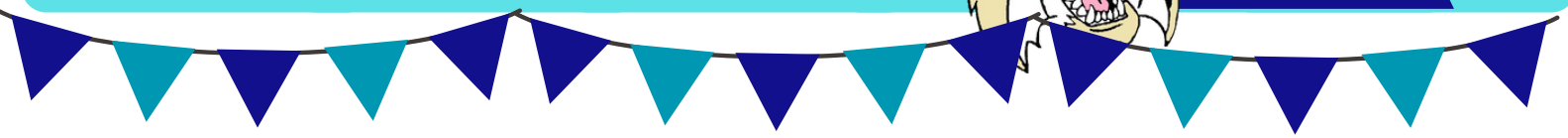
HELLO LONGLEAF FAMILIES,

AS YOU MAY KNOW, THE 3RD-6TH GRADE FIELD DAY ORIGINALLY SCHEDULED FOR 3/22 WAS CANCELED DUE TO WEATHER. I AM CURRENTLY LOOKING FOR A NEW DATE TO SCHEDULE A MAKE-UP FIELD DAY FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-6 BEFORE THE END OF THE SCHOOL YEAR. SHOULD A DATE BE CONFIRMED, I WILL SEND OUT A NEW SIGNUPGENIUS LINK FOR THOSE WHO WISH TO VOLUNTEER FOR THIS EVENT. KEEP AN EYE OUT FOR THE SIGN UP LINK!

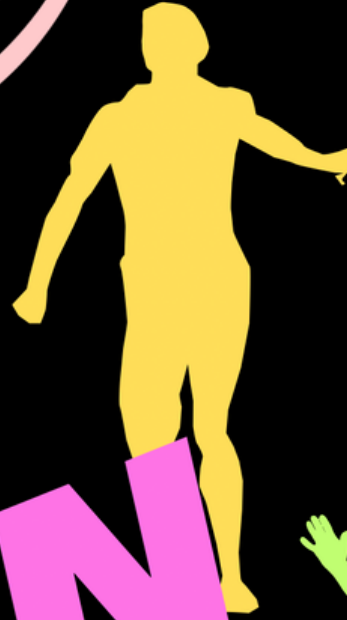
SINCERELY,  
COACH ATKINS







Silly string the principal!



**FRIDAY  
APRIL 19**



# FUN RUN



Help raise funds for technology, PE equipment, and sensory items while students earn exciting prizes and incentives!





# THANK YOU



**BLINDS  
OF ALL  
KINDS**



## FOR DONATING \$600 FOR LIBRARY BOOKS!

[CLICK HERE TO SEE THE BOOKS  
SELECTED FOR OUR MEDIA CENTER](#)

Stakeholders invited to provide input on new library books at our

## SAC MEETING

### WED, APRIL 3 [AT] 4:15 PM.

[405 Money 2024 -  
For Stakeholder Input](#)



[Blinds of All Kinds  
Donation of Books -  
For Stakeholder Input](#)

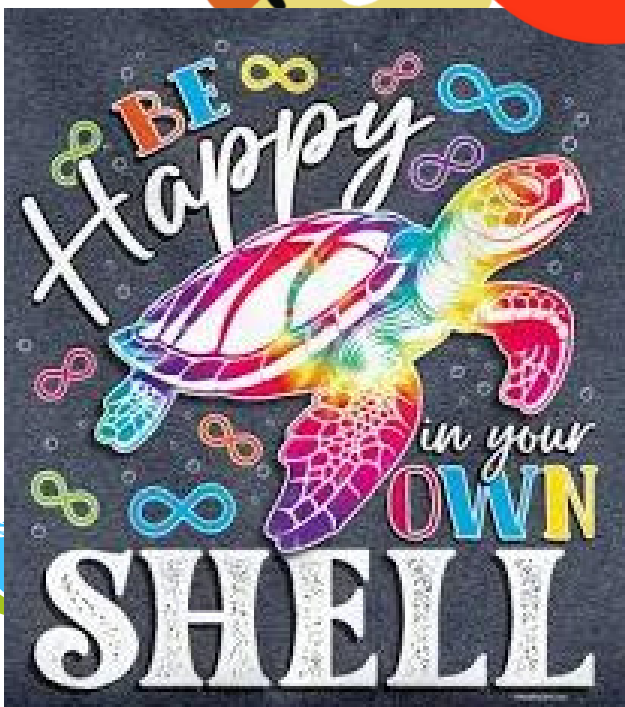


**AUTISM**

**ACCEPTANCE  
DAY**

**Tuesday**

**April 2**



**Show your acceptance!**

**Wear:**

**Tie Dye, Rainbows, and  
all the colors of the  
spectrum!**





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**2023-2024**

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# **GIFT CARDS NEEDED**

**TO HELP PTO CELEBRATE  
OUR AWESOME  
TEACHERS AND STAFF  
DURING  
TEACHER & STAFF  
APPRECIATION WEEK!**

**THANK  
YOU**  
😊

**THANK!**  
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**PLEASE SEND TO MAIN OFFICE  
LABELED FOR PTO**



## ELO – EDUCATION LOCATION OPTION




### New Applications

**Opens March 25, 2024**

**DEADLINE: April 22, 2024**

**New Applications:** If you have an incoming Kindergarten student or any NEW incoming student that is **out of Longleaf's School Zone**, you must complete the following steps to be entered into the LOTTERY:

Step 1: Create a [New Application](#) for the 2024-2025 School Year, for your incoming student, in the Family Dashboard <https://brevardflc.scriborder.com/family>  to be entered into the LOTTERY.

Step 2: Pick up a Paper Enrollment Packet from the Front Desk at Longleaf to fill out and turn in. The LOTTERY will be held on **MAY 3rd**, if you are offered a seat you will need to go into your Family Dashboard to **ACCEPT** it by no later than **May 24th**.

### **\*\*\*IMPORTANT\*\*\* ELO RENEWALS FOR EXISTING LONGLEAF STUDENTS:**

All Renewals are now done through your FOCUS Parent Portal under your student's profile in "Forms Summary". There is no longer a fee associated with Renewals!

FOCUS Parent Portal <https://brevardk12.focusschoolsoftware.com> 





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		





# LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch is an opportunity for families to have lunch in school with their students. This program is available on Thursdays and supervised by our approved BPS volunteers or school designees. The families of our Bobcats are asked to limit sign up to once a month to provide opportunities to all our families. The following procedures are followed to maintain safety on campus.

1. Come at your student's designated time. We will not call students out of class early.
2. Sign-in at the front office with proper ID and get a badge.
3. Visitors will be escorted to our designated "Bobcat Lunch Bunch" area located in the Commons.
4. Students will be brought to/from the lunch area by our volunteer staff.
5. Visitors will check out in the front office when their student is picked up by the teacher. If you have multiple students, you will need to check out and check back in at their designated time as we do not have a waiting area.

### Safety Reminders:

Parents/guests may not enter the cafeteria or go through the lunch line. Contacts on the student registration form are allowed to eat with the students. The contact may bring an additional guest with them. Other classmates will not be allowed to join your student for lunch.

Outside food will remain with the parents as well as any leftovers. Parents also have the option of checking their students out and taking them off campus for lunch.

To sign up for lunch bunch, click the link and select an open date. Fill in the appropriate information.

### [Lunch Bunch Sign-Up Link](#)

You will receive a confirmation email following your sign-up. Please mark your calendar. For further information, please contact our Front Office Clerk, Jessica Hopkins  
[Hopkins.Jessica@BrevardSchools.org](mailto:Hopkins.Jessica@BrevardSchools.org).



# ARE YOU A VOLUNTEER?

**ONLY BPS APPROVED VOLUNTEERS MAY PARTICIPATE AND ATTEND EVENTS DURING THE SCHOOL DAY.**

## Volunteers help with:

- Field Trips
- Field Day
- Book Fair
- Holiday Shop
- Class Parties
- Library Checkout
- Morning Mile
- Teacher Requests
- Volunteer Room
- Lunch Bunch
- and so much more!

## Becoming a Volunteer:

**Step 1:  
Fill out an application  
online:**

<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104>

**Step 2:  
Get Fingerprinted at  
BPS School Board  
Office of District Security  
2700 JUDGE FRAN  
JAMIESON WAY  
VIERA, FL 32940  
Monday - Friday 8:00-4:00  
No appointment necessary**

Once you are a BPS Approved Volunteer, to be placed on the volunteer email list and receive our Sign-Up Genius link, please reach our to our volunteer coordinator. EddyLynn

Kledzik [kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org](mailto:kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org)







# SCHOOL

# Spirit Nights!

2023-24 Longleaf Spirit Nights



1st Wednesday of every month - Jeremiah's Ice Night 3-9 pm

2nd Wednesday of every month - 321 Ice Cream Bar 5-9 pm



4/3	Bubbakoo's Burritos	4-9 pm
4/17	Domino's	4-8 pm
5/1	Gator's Dockside	4-9 pm
5/15	Long Doggers	5-8 pm



**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](mailto:hopkins.jessica@brevardschools.org)

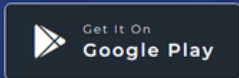
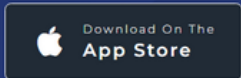


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# Suspicious Activity Reporting App

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!

