



THE BOBCAT NEWS

April

Bobcat Buzz:

Want to see what cool things are happening at Longleaf during the week? Check out the Bobcats on Facebook! Peek at what some of our Bobcats are up to and reminders for any upcoming events.



<https://www.facebook.com/LongleafElementaryBPS>



Save these Dates!



Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
3	4 4th-6th Grade Writing Test	5 No SAC Meeting this month Jeremiah's Ice Night 3-9 PM	6 Coffee Cart for Longleaf Staff	7 <u>No School</u> Student / Teacher Holiday
9	10	11 Paint Party sign up ends 4/12!	12 PTO Meeting 3:00 PM 321 Ice Cream Bar 5-9 PM	13 TEXAS ROADHOUSE 4-9 PM
14	15	16	17 VPK Application Window April 17-27	18 Kindergarten Orientation Night '23-'24 5-7 PM
19	20	21 PAINT PARTY	22	23 Early Release
24 Regular School Day for ALL (Hurricane Nicole Make-Up Day)	25	26 PAINT PARTY Domino's Pizza 4-8 PM	27 VPK Application Window Ends 27	28 Early Release



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321-242-4700

Principal:
Mr. Jason Sherburne
Assistant Principal:
Mr. Rick Dillon

IMPORTANT

RE-ENROLLMENT!


DONT FORGET!

2023/24 School Year!

Longleaf Elementary

is excited to announce that our
RE-Enrollment for the 2023-24 School Year
can be done

COMPLETELY ONLINE

through your **FOCUS Parent Portal***! 
Click on the links or use the QR Codes below
to access the step-by-step instructions!

Print Directions for parents <https://bit.ly/BPSreenrollment>



QR Code for Print Directions

Video Directions for parents link: <https://bit.ly//FocusRe-Enroll>



QR Code for Video Directions

*If you do not have a FOCUS Parent Portal set up, you should have received a letter/email with instructions to create one. Please reach out to Jess at the front office for assistance:
Hopkins.jessica@brevardschools.org or (321)242-4700 x46601

UPCOMING DISTRICT ASSESSMENTS 2023

April 4	Grades 4-6	B.E.S.T.	Writing Field Test
May 2	Grades 3-6	ELA	F.A.S.T. Summative 3
May 3	Grades 3-6	Math	F.A.S.T. Summative 3
May 9	VPK-2	ELA	F.A.S.T. Diagnostic 3
May 10	VPK-2	Math	F.A.S.T. Diagnostic 3
May 15	Grade 5	Science	Session I

Electronic Devices Policy
No electronic devices are permitted. If brought to school, the teacher will collect and secure until after the assessment.



Leaving Campus
If students leave campus before completing a test session (e.g., for lunch or an appointment) they will not be allowed to return to that session.

The links below provide additional information regarding the above mentioned assessments

► **Florida Department of Education
K-12 Student Assessment**

F.A.S.T. (Florida Assessment of Student Thinking)

<https://www.fldoe.org/accountability/assessments/k-12-student-assessment/best/>

► **F.A.S.T. Portal**

<https://www.flfast.org/fast.html>

Florida VPK

2023-2024 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 VF 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 17 – 27, 2023

Step 2

Applications will be accepted from April 17 – April 27 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.

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

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
Oak Park Elementary
Palm Bay Elementary
Riviera Elementary
Saturn Elementary
Sea Park Elementary
Sunrise Elementary
Turner Elementary
Westside Elementary
Ralph Williams 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.

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.



Save the Date!

Longleaf's Kindergarten Orientation Night

When: *Tuesday, April 18th 5:00-7:00 P.M.*

Where: *Longleaf Elementary*

Who: *Upcoming students and families who will be enrolling at Longleaf for the kindergarten 2023-24 school year.*

Why: *Get information about Kindergarten Readiness and so much more! We are so excited to have new students and families join our bobcat family!*

- *Pre-registration week: March 27-31*

Welcome to our "Kindergarten!"



FUNDRAISING FOR LONGLEAF ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Must register by April 12 to participate!

You can support our fundraising by
signing up for a paint party!

- **Bunny Painting**

Wednesday, 6PM-7:30PM
April 19, 2023



- **Astronaut Starry Night**

Wednesday, 6PM-7:30PM
April 26, 2023



Please visit our website to register,
www.mymakerscape.com

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NEWS

APRIL MEETING

4/25 FROM 2:30-3:30PM
IN THE MEDIA CENTER



All Longleaf stakeholders are invited to our monthly SAC meetings.

SAC



MEETING TOPICS INCLUDE LONGLEAF UPDATES, OUR SCHOOL IMPROVEMENT PLAN, LIBRARY BOOK INPUT, AND EVENTS HAPPENING ON CAMPUS.



PLEASE JOIN US

May 3rd

4:15

The last meeting of 2022-23!

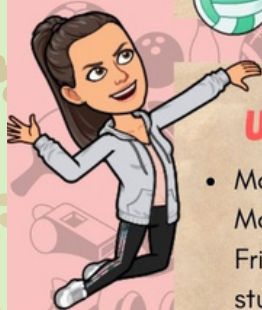
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APRIL



coach's Corner!

THIS MONTH IN PE...

This month all grades will be working on striking! We will be striking objects with our hands and then with implements (bats, rackets, etc.) Grades K-2 will practice these skills through fun games and grades 3-6 will practice these skills through games and sports such as volley ball and baseball.



UPCOMING EVENTS

- Morning Mile is every Monday Wednesday and Friday mornings for students in grades 1st-6th. The school has run over 1,300 miles so far this year!
- The Track Team has their meet coming up on Saturday April 15th.

HEALTHY SNACK FOR SPRING: CRITTER CRUDITÉS

Produce:
Apples
Blueberries
Celery
Cucumber
Grape tomatoes
Grapes
Kiwi
Oranges
Tomatoes

Nuts/Seeds:
Cashews

Dairy:
Peanut butter and/or
Cream Cheese

Candy/Sprinkle Eyes



PE AT HOME

Students have PE once a week, but it is important to stay active everyday! Here are some fun suggestions for this month...

- Practice striking an object with a body part from home with a game of KEEPY UPPY! (Use a balloon and try to keep it from hitting the ground by striking it upwards)
- Try this spring time workout video:
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aDiqmRZgCZO>
- Go for a bike ride or walk around the neighborhood.





Yoop's April Challenge!

It's **BACK**, by popular demand!

10 winners from each grade level will get to pick a **prize** or **treat** from the

Woot Woot Wagon!



April winners will be pulled and announced in the morning on **Wednesday, April 26th**.

Woot Woot Wagon deliveries will be made on

Thursday, April 27th!

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



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Summer Reading & Writing Skills

Programs for Preschoolers Through Entering 11th Graders



Phonics

Program for 4-Year-Olds and Entering Kindergartners

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read. Children learn letter recognition, beginning phonics, and easy sight words. Your child will learn to read simple words and short sentences and will get excited about books and reading.

Fluency

Program for Entering 1st Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will learn to read independently. Children learn phonics and sight words and build comprehension skills. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in first grade.

Comprehension

Program for Entering 2nd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a confident fluent reader. Children build solid phonics and word-attack skills and develop reading fluency and strong comprehension. Your child will develop a love of books and reading and get off to a great start in second grade.

Love of Reading

Program for Entering 3rd Graders

In this fun summer program, your child will become a strong, enthusiastic reader. Children improve reading fluency and develop excellent comprehension. They build long-word decoding skills and expand their vocabulary. Your child will gain confidence, develop a lifelong love of books and reading, and get off to a great start in third grade.



Comprehension

Programs for Entering 4th and 5th Graders

In these fun and effective programs, your child will become a skilled, enthusiastic reader and a better writer. Students develop strong comprehension skills in fiction, nonfiction, and textbooks. They expand their vocabulary and learn to read more fluently and rapidly.

Writing

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Textbook Skills

Programs for Entering 6th, 7th, 8th, 9th, 10th, and 11th Graders

In these effective and enjoyable programs, your son or daughter will make substantial gains in comprehension in fiction and nonfiction, learn to read twice as fast, and become a better writer. Students expand their vocabulary and learn the best way to take notes and study for tests.

Vocabulary

Students learn effective techniques that improve writing skills and build confidence. Your child will complete homework and writing assignments more quickly and easily, get better grades, and enjoy reading more.

Reading Speed



Source Code: 100-12-59963

FOR MORE INFORMATION OR TO REGISTER

Call the Institute of Reading Development at

1-800-715-1498

Mon.-Fri. 8am-10pm, Sat. 8am-7pm, and Sun. 10am-6pm

The great books, inspiring teachers, and effective live online instruction your child needs to become a strong reader!

These programs are offered through University of Central Florida, Division of Continuing Education, in collaboration with the Institute of Reading Development. Program design and instructional support are provided by the Institute of Reading Development. Tuition varies by program level. Please ask about our family discount.

"My daughter is sounding out words on her own, and she is so excited about reading to us! She loved this program, and I was very impressed with the books and materials."

– Parent of kindergartner

"Thanks to this program, my son is now reading independently and his confidence is through the roof. I cannot express enough how grateful I am for this program."

– Parent of 1st grader

"Online teaching is a special set of skills, and your teachers are spot on!"

– Parent of 2nd grader

"Allison loved doing the long-word decoding lessons. Her reading skills have improved tremendously, and she is reading more challenging chapter books."

– Parent of 3rd grader

"The teacher was phenomenal! She kept students engaged and participating, and my child was more excited about reading as the weeks went on."

– Parent of 4th grader

"Patrick's comprehension has really improved, and he loved the books. I've recommended this to other parents."

– Parent of 5th grader

"The lessons were fun and easy to follow. It is much easier for me to study and take notes now. I don't put off studying until the last day because I know I can get through it fast."

– 7th-grade student

"I liked tracking my reading speed and seeing it go up from week to week. I used to not like to read because it was too time-consuming, but now it's easier to finish."

– 9th-grade student

Weekend and weekday schedules available!



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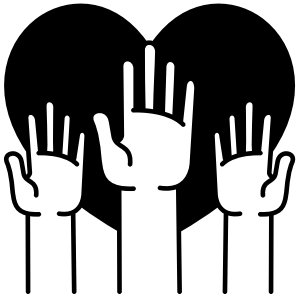
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INQUIRE EARLY! CLASS SIZE IS LIMITED.

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VOLUNTEER INFORMATION

All approved BPS volunteers attend a volunteer orientation prior to volunteering at Longleaf to see what opportunities for involvement are available, meet other volunteers, and learn our policies. This includes volunteering to assist teachers with parties, events, and field trips.

If you are an approved volunteer and have not attended a Longleaf volunteer orientation, please sign-up using this link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/805044faaa82da1f58-volunteer>

If you are not a volunteer, and would like to become one, please follow the instructions at the district webpage:

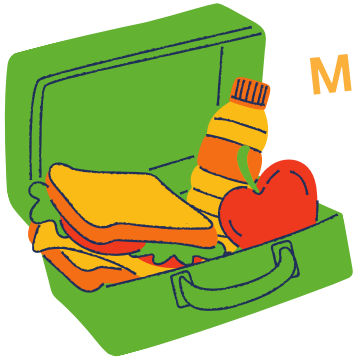
<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104>

You must complete the online application and have fingerprinting done at the district security office. It can take up to 90 days to be approved. The volunteer status must be updated annually.

Volunteer orientations will be scheduled as new volunteers are approved.

If you are not sure of your status, or have any questions about volunteering, please contact our Volunteer Coordinator, EddyLynn Kledzik

Kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org



May 18 is our
last Lunch
Bunch
of the year.



Lunch Bunch is a new initiative this year to provide families an opportunity to have lunch in school. This program is available on Thursdays and supervised by our approved BPS volunteers or school designees. The families of our Bobcats are asked to sign up to attend lunch on a monthly basis 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 student 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. <https://forms.gle/pk4xxZrrQSk4L3Xf9>

You will receive a confirmation and reminder the Sunday prior to your visit.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kledzik

Kledzik.eddy@brevardschools.org

Name: _____ Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

April Reading Log

Longleaf challenges all bobcats to read 20 minutes 5 nights a week. Read books, record, and return this or any reading log to the media center by April 1st to earn a reading reward!

Kindergarten and 1st grade may color the image. Grades 2-6 are expected to write the books read throughout the month.



Buddy's Buddies



Longleaf is so thankful to have
such amazing Partners In Education!

