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March 2023

<p style="text-align: center;">3/3</p> <p>Early Release Day 1:15PM</p> <p>Chuck E. Cheese Spirit Night 3:00-9:00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/6</p> <p>Chat with Mrs. Finsted 9AM via Zoom</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/8</p> <p>Kindergarten Field Day 8:15AM-10:00AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/9</p> <p>1st-3rd Field Day 8:15AM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/10</p> <p>4th-6th Field Day 8:15AM</p> <p>Early Release Day 1:15PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/13 - 3/17</p> <p style="text-align: center; color: red;">Spring Break</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/20</p> <p>Student Holiday NO SCHOOL</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/21</p> <p>6th grade Kennedy Space Center Field Trip - Beech & Powers</p> <p>Whit's Frozen Custard Spirit Night 4:00-8:00PM</p>	<p style="text-align: center;">3/22</p> <p>6th grade Kennedy Space Center Field Trip - Labbe & Staples</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/23</p> <p>Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 4:00-8:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/25</p> <p>Early Release Day 1:15PM</p> <p>Hat Day 50¢ Donation</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/27 - 3/31</p> <p>'23-'24 Kindergarten Registration</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/28</p> <p>SAC Meeting 3:00PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/29</p> <p>Report cards published on Focus</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/30</p> <p>4th grade field trip - Darling & Wingard</p> <p>6th grade Curriculum Night 5:30-6:30PM</p> <p style="text-align: center;">*****</p> <p style="text-align: center;">3/31</p> <p>Fun Run Event Early Release Day 1:15PM</p>
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BPS Parent Survey

Brevard Public Schools parents are invited to participate in the 2022-2023 BPS parent survey. This survey is available in English and Spanish until March 10, 2023. The purpose of the survey is to provide the district and our school with information that will help identify areas of strengths and areas in need of additional attention. The data obtained will be used to help guide individual school and district efforts to improve our level of service to students, parents, and the community through School Improvement Plans and the District Strategic Plan.

Please take a few moments to complete the anonymous survey online for EACH CHILD attending a Brevard Public School. It's important that we hear from you! Paper copies are available upon request by contacting the office.

www.brevardschools.org/2023ParentSurvey

Your opinions matter!!

Encuesta para padres de BPS

Los padres de las Escuelas Públicas de Brevard están invitados a participar en la encuesta de padres BPS 2022-2023. Esta encuesta está disponible en inglés y español hasta el 10 de marzo de 2023. El propósito de la encuesta es proporcionar al distrito y a nuestra escuela información que ayudará a identificar áreas de fortalezas y áreas que necesitan atención adicional. Los datos obtenidos se utilizarán para ayudar a guiar los esfuerzos individuales de la escuela y el distrito para mejorar nuestro nivel de servicio a los estudiantes, padres y la comunidad a través de los Planes de Mejora Escolar y el Plan Estratégico del Distrito.

Tómese unos minutos para completar la encuesta anónima en línea para CADA NIÑO que asiste a una Escuela Pública de Brevard. ¡Es importante que escuchemos de usted! Las copias impresas están disponibles bajo petición poniéndose en contacto con la oficina.

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ATTENTION Before/Aftercare Families

McAuliffe Before/Aftercare (BAS) will NOT be open from 3/13 through 3/20 as school is closed due to Spring Break and a student holiday. Please be sure to mark these dates on your calendar and make other arrangements for your student's childcare.





FUN RUN



On Friday, March 31st our students will be participating in the Christa McAuliffe Elementary Fun Run. The Fun Run will consist of students obtaining pledges and then participating in the run/walk on March 31st during their regular activity time. Family members and friends are asked to sponsor the students for this event. Once completed, students will report back to their sponsors on how they did. It is very important to send your student to school with the proper footwear and a water bottle on the day of the Fun Run. A free bottle of water will be given to each student after the run/walk is completed.

Supporters will pledge to make a flat donation amount of their choosing or make a donation per lap completed by the student. **Donations will be collected after students have completed the Fun Run.** All donations must be turned in by Friday, April 14th to qualify for prizes. *Checks should be made payable to: Christa McAuliffe PTO.*

A sponsor sheet will be sent home with students, along with a letter explaining the Fun Run. The McAuliffe Fun Run will help promote the importance of physical fitness, raise school spirit, foster pride in our school, and raise much needed funds for our school. The funds raised will go to support and enhance learning at Christa McAuliffe Elementary.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR PLATNUM SPONSORS



2023-2024 Kindergarten Registration

March 27th - March 31st

- Children must be 5 years old on or before September 1, 2023 to register for Kindergarten for the 2023-2024 school year. The parent/guardian registering will need to provide the following documents at registration:
 - 2 proofs of residence (driver's license, homestead exemption, purchase contract, lease/rental agreement, utilities statement, FL voter's registration card, FL vehicle registration, medical or health card, home owners' insurance policy or bill, auto insurance policy or bill)
 - * Proof of residence provided must be **CURRENT**, list the name of the parent/guardian registering the child and the address on the document must be within McAuliffe's school boundaries.
 - Birth certificate
 - Up to date shot records
 - Current physical (completed within the past year)



Important Notice for ALL 2023-2024 Kindergarten Parents/Guardians

Florida State Law requires that all Kindergarten students receive the following immunizations **BEFORE** they are able to register for school:



- 5 doses of DTP/DTPaP
- 3 doses Polio (if 3rd dose given after 4th birthday)
 - *4 Polio (if 3rd dose given before 4th birthday)
 - *5 Polio (if 4th dose given before 4th birthday)
- 2 doses MMR
- 3 doses Hepatitis B
- 2 doses Varicella or verification of Chicken pox
- A **CURRENT** Physical Exam



DON'T DELAY IN GETTING ALL OF YOUR PAPERWORK TOGETHER!!

Kindergarten Orientation

Wednesday, April 12th at 5:30

Parents of '23-'24 Kindergarten students are invited to join us to meet the kindergarten teachers, administrators and other staff, visit the classrooms and see our newly updated Kindergarten playground. They will participate in fun activities, get information about how to become a volunteer, how to register for free & reduced lunch, aftercare information and get your questions answered. This is a night you don't want to miss!

Attention Parents of 6th Grade Students

Florida State Law requires that all students receive a Tdap immunization booster **BEFORE** entering into the 7th grade. Because this immunization is not required for elementary students, it is **NOT** part of your child's school health records. Make an appointment now to get the booster.

DON'T WAIT!!

Students without this immunization will be turned away from Middle School registration.



Got Sneakers?



We are participating in an athletic shoe drive fundraiser to raise money for our school. Funds will be earned based on the total quantity and quality of gently used and new pairs of sneakers collected. Got Sneakers, a recycling organization, will issue funds in compensation for the collected sneakers. Anyone can help by simply donating gently used and new sneakers.

Got Sneakers has developed a unique fundraising program that asks communities to reach into their closets, not their pockets! The sneaker recycling program helps keep sneakers out of landfills, which has harmful effects on our environment, and helps organizations like ours raise much needed funds.

Just about everyone has sneakers that they no longer wear sitting in their closets. This fundraiser is a great way to clean out your closet by donating them rather than throwing them away. This way we raise money for our school **AND** help the environment too. It's a win - win for everyone!

Athletic shoe donations will be collected until the end of May. Students can bring in donations and place them in the labeled container located in the commons area.

***Please note that only sneakers can be accepted. (NO boots, high heels, sandals, etc.) Also, it must be a pair of shoes, no single shoes can be accepted.**



Share this with your family, friends and neighbors!



LOST and FOUND

There are still a LOT of unclaimed items that have been left around our campus. We have many jackets, sweaters, hoodies, lunch boxes, water bottles, and more. Please encourage your child(ren) to look through the many forgotten items laid out on the stage in the cafeteria as well as on the benches out by the recess field if they are missing any of their belongings. These items will be laid out on tables in the commons areas during the Field Day as well, so parents may take a look as well.

Education Materials are Available for Check-Out

Is your child struggling with a skill they've been taught in math or reading? Could they use some extra practice at home? We have educational materials available for check-out from the Title I Parent Resource Center to use at home with your child(ren). If you are interested in checking out materials such as math or reading games, children's books, parenting books, etc., please contact our Title I teacher, Mrs. Marshall, by phone at: (321)768-0465 ext. 47173, via email at Marshall.Josena@brevardschools.org or you can send her a note to school with your student.

This is a great way to work with your child in subject areas that he/she may need extra help.

YEARBOOK

Have You Pre-ordered your McAuliffe '22-'23 Yearbook?

The full color yearbooks are \$20.00 each and you will only be guaranteed to get one by pre-ordering it. You can place an order online, but **no later than May 5th at:** www.schoolpay.com

Enter **School ID: 701264** Scan this code with a mobile device:

Orders can also be placed by sending cash in an envelope with your child's first name, last name and homeroom teacher. **DON'T MISS OUT!**





Kindergarten: Wednesday, March 8th from 8:15 - 10:00

1st - 3rd grade: Thursday, March 9th from 8:15 - 2:00

4th - 6th grade: Friday, March 10th from 8:15 - 1:00

***Take note of the date changes**



~ Please read the Field Day Procedures listed below ~

Parents/guardians are welcome to join us to watch their children participate. Enter **campus through the front office with a photo ID**. Visitors can **NOT go into classrooms, the cafeteria, media center, or other buildings on campus except the front office**. Parking is available in the front and side parking lots. If these are full, park in the grassy areas outside of the fence. Do not block the car loop, bus loop or the sidewalks, these must be kept clear for emergency vehicles and other traffic.

Children who attend a Brevard Public School may not be on campus to attend or be pulled from their McAuliffe classroom to watch the Field Day activities. This includes students in other elementary schools, middle school, and high school. Preschool children must stay by the side of their parent at all times. Do not let students pick them up or watch them while on campus.

Restrooms in classrooms and commons areas are for students only; visitors must use the one in the clinic.

Do not remove students from the teacher's supervision for any reason. If checking your child out early, go to the office with your ID, sign them out and then the office staff will get the student.

Do not take pictures of students except your own. Not all parents/guardians want photos taken of their child(ren) and have signed forms saying as such. We understand wanting to document and share events; however, not everyone wishes to do it in the same manner. Social media is a popular way to keep in touch with friends and family; however, only do it with pictures of your children.

Students should arrive to school prepared on their assigned field day date by wearing appropriate clothing and shoes. **Tennis shoes/sneakers are required to participate in these events.** Sandals, slides and flip flops are not allowed. Be sure to send a water bottle labeled with their first & last name as well.

Please help us promote good sportsmanship by being a good role model while watching, no negative comments.

We recognize the desire to help the teachers and students with the events, etc.; however, please leave that up to the teachers and staff due to safety concerns.

THANK YOU for your understanding and cooperation in helping to make this a fun day for all!

IMPORTANT: Changing How Your Child Goes Home

Changing the way a child goes home (bus, car, walk, After School Care or Daycare), **can ONLY be done in writing (hand written note)**. In accordance with the Jessica Lunsford Act, we cannot relay telephone messages to students, accept emails, text messages, messaging apps (Dojo, Class Tag, etc.) or a verbal message from a child regarding any changes to dismissal procedures.

Parents must send a **signed, dated, hand written statement** with the following information :

- ◆ Child's first & last name and their teacher
- ◆ Date(s) that the change will be in effect (single day, week, rest of the year)
- ◆ First & last name of the person picking up (if applicable). This person **must be listed on the student's registration form** as authorized to pick up.
- ◆ Signature of the parent/guardian, listed on the registration form, and date.



A note must be sent each and every time a change is made to a student's dismissal.

Thank you for helping to keep our students safe!

Translations Available

If you are in need of translations for any school documents (newsletters, fliers, communications & more), please contact our Title I teacher, Mrs. Marshall, via email at: marshall.josena@brevardschools.org or by phone at: (321)768-0465 ext. 47173.