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January 2024

- 1/8
Students & Teachers
Return to School

- 1/9
Texas Roadhouse
Spirit Night
4:00-8:30PM

- 1/12
Early Release Day
1:15PM
Report Cards Published
to FOCUS

- 1/15
MLK Holiday - No School

- 1/16
Pre-K & VPK Enrichment
Night 5:30PM

- 1/19
Early Release Day
1:15PM

- 1/23
Success Celebrations
3rd-4th grade 8:15-9AM
5th-6th grade 9:15-10AM
Long Doggers Spirit DAY
ALL DAY!

- 1/24
Success Celebrations
1st grade 8:15-9AM
2nd grade 9:15-10AM
PTO Meeting 3:30PM

- 1/25
Parent Conferences
& ESOL Night
5:30-7:00PM

- 1/26
Hat Day - 50¢ Donation
Early Release Day
1:15PM

- 1/30
SAC Meeting 3:00PM

- 1/31
Literacy Night
5:30-6:30PM

IMPORTANT - Changing How Your Child Goes Home

Changes as to how a student goes home, MUST be done in writing. We can not accept these changes via phone, email, text or messaging app (Class Dojo, Remind, etc.). It must be with a signed, dated note containing the details of the change (bus, walk, etc.) & the date(s) affected (1 day, a week, rest of the year, etc.), in accordance with the **Jessica Lunsford Act**. Messages can't be relayed to students regarding their dismissal, **we must have hand written documentation signed by the parent or legal guardian.**

Materials Available for Check-Out

Various education games & other materials are available for check-out from our Title I Parent Resource Center to use at home with your child. If you're interested in checking out materials such as math or reading games, children's books, parenting books, etc., contact Mrs. Marshall, our Title I Coordinator, by phone (321) 768-0465, ext. 47173, or via email: Marshall.Josena@BrevardSchools.org, or send a note to the attention of Mrs. Marshall with your child to school.

Order Yours Today!

Pre-order your 2023-2024 Christa McAuliffe Elementary full color yearbook for only \$20 cash or \$21 online. A yearbook is not guaranteed if you don't pre-order one. To order, **scan the QR code or visit: www.BUYTHEYEARBOOK.com** Use School ID: 717395

SPECIAL NEEDS FOR PARENTS & GUARDIANS

- If you need accommodations for any school programs or activities, please contact our office by phone at (321)768-0465 or by email at: McAuliffe@BrevardSchools.org
- If you are in need of an interpreter for a parent meeting, simply contact our guidance counselor, Mary Redito, by phone at: (321)768-0465 ext. 47024 or via email at: Redito.Mary@BrevardSchools.org
- In need of a Sign Language Interpreter Services for parent meetings, programs, etc., please contact Asa McKeown by phone at (321) 633-1000, ext. 11535 or by email at: McKeown.Asa@BrevardSchools.org

EARLY STUDENT CHECK-OUT

Early student check-out ends at 2:00PM on regular days and at 12:45PM on early release days, please plan accordingly.

When a student is checked out early and they are not in their classroom, they **WILL NOT** be able to get their belongings from their class. Their belongings will remain locked up until they return. If you know ahead you will be checking your child out early, send a note to their teacher. This way, they will have them keep their belongings with them when they leave the classroom.

BREVARD PUBLIC SCHOOLS EARLY CHECK-OUT POLICY

If anyone other than the legal parent/guardian is checking a student out early, for non-emergency reasons, that person **must be listed on the registration form AND we must have a signed, dated note from the legal parent/guardian PRIOR to the student being check-out.**

2023 - 2024 School Improvement Plan

On 10/24/23, the Brevard County School Board approved Christa McAuliffe Elementary's Schoolwide Improvement Plan, which also serves as our Title I plan. Please take a minute to review it at <https://www.floridacims.org/districts/brevard/schools/2161>. Copies of the S.I.P. are available upon request. If you would like the documents translated, please contact Mrs. Marshall by email at Marshall.Josena@BrevardSchools.org or (321)768-0465 ext. 47173.

El 24/10/23, la Junta Escolar del Condado de Brevard aprobó el Plan de Mejoramiento Escolar de la Escuela Primaria Christa McAuliffe, que también sirve como nuestro plan de Título I. Tómese un minuto para revisarlo en <https://www.floridacims.org/districts/brevard/schools/2161>. Las copias del S.I.P. están disponibles a pedido. Si desea que se traduzcan los documentos, comuníquese con la Sra. Marshall por correo electrónico al Marshall.Josena@BrevardSchools.org o al (321) 768-0465 ext. 47173.

Sou 10/24/23, Komisyon Konsèy Lekòl Brevard County apwouve Christa McAuliffe Plan Amelyorasyon Lekòl Elemantè nan lekòl la, ki sèvi tou kòm plan I nou an. Tanpri pran yon minit pou revize li nan <https://www.floridacims.org/districts/brevard/schools/2161>. Kopi S.I.P. disponib sou demann lan. Si ou ta renmen dokiman yo tradui, tanpri kontakte Msye Marshall pa imèl nan Marshall.Josena@BrevardSchools.org oswa (321) 768-0465 ext. 47173.

LOST and FOUND

We have a **LOT** of items that have been left around campus. (jackets, sweaters, hoodies, lunch boxes, water bottles, etc.) Please encourage your child(ren) to look through the many forgotten items on the benches outside of the cafeteria, the benches at the recess field, as well as on the stage located in the cafeteria for any belongings they may be missing. Items remaining unclaimed will be donated at the end of the year.

REMINDERS

- **FREE breakfast & lunch** for ALL McAuliffe students, every day! Breakfast is served from 7:30-7:55AM. Students should arrive by 7:45AM if they would like to get the school breakfast. This will give them enough time to eat it and then get to their classroom by 8:00AM.
- **Please be sure that all PreK, VPK, Kindergarten & 1st grade students have an emergency change of clothing in a sealed baggie with their name on it packed in their backpack** to use in case of accidents. We have limited extra clothing in the clinic. If a child needs a change and doesn't have any, we will have to call and have you bring some to school. Check your child's backpack daily as any dirty clothes will be put back in their backpack. Please be sure to replace them with clean clothing in case of a need in the future.

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR HOLIDAY FESTIVAL SPONSOR



SUCCESS CELEBRATIONS

Tuesday, January 23rd

8:15 - 9:00 3rd and 4th grade

9:15 - 10:00 5th and 6th grade

Wednesday, January 24th

8:15 - 9:00 1st grade

9:15 - 10:00 2nd grade



Students who will be recognized for an academic or attendance accomplishment for the 1st semester will bring home an invitation and a permission slip that must be signed by a parent/guardian and returned by Friday, January 19th. Parents are encouraged to attend the presentation to be held in the cafeteria.

IMPORTANT: Parking is available in the front and side parking lots. ALL Adults (18+) **must have a valid photo ID** with them to sign in, no exceptions and wear the badge provided while on campus.

School aged children may not attend this event nor may a student be pulled from a McAuliffe classroom to watch the awards. (This includes students in middle & high school) If bringing young children (not yet school age), please keep them with you at all times while on campus.

Once the Success Celebration is over, we ask that you please exit to the parking lot. **Visitors may NOT go into any classroom or other areas of the campus.** If you would like to take pictures with your child, please do so in the cafeteria or grassy areas just outside of the cafeteria. **Students must remain with their teacher.** If you'd like to check our child out early, go to the office with your ID to sign them out, office staff will get them from their classroom.

SCIENCE FAIR

Attention 4th-6th Grade Students and Families

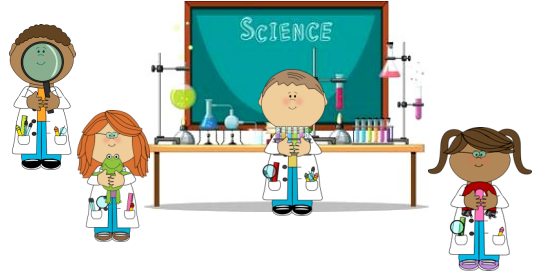
The McAuliffe Science and Engineering Fair will be held on **February 7th, 2024**. Students in grades 4, 5 and 6 are expected to complete a science project for the fair. A completed project must include a logbook, bibliography, and a display board to enter the Fair. Students are allowed to complete a science, computer, or engineering project. Students are allowed to complete the project with a partner, but **each student must complete their own logbook**. Please contact your child's science teacher (email addresses below) for more information including the due date for the project. All students are given a Brevard Public Schools Science and Engineering Handbook, but it is also available on our school website here: <https://www.brevardschools.org/domain/11809>

4th grade - Miss Peronard: Peronard.Nicole@BrevardSchools.org

Miss Cabauy: Cabauy.Mary@BrevardSchools.org

5th grade - Mrs. Fischer: Fischer.Nathalie@BrevardSchools.org

6th grade - Mrs. Beech: Beech.Emily@BrevardSchools.org



SCIENCE FAIR DISPLAY BOARDS

Science Fair backboards are will be on sale in the front office. Plain white backboards are \$5 each & colors are \$6 each, **CASH ONLY** (exact change please) Supplies are limited, so get one before they're gone!

LONG DOGGERS SPIRIT DAY - ALL DAY!



Support McAuliffe PTO by dining at the Palm Bay location (4260 Minton Rd., Palm Bay) on **Tuesday, January 23rd** and Long Doggers will donate 10% of your total purchase back to the school! This is for breakfast, lunch, dinner, dine in and to go orders. They're now open for Dawn Patrol Breakfast—online orders only 9-11AM, 7 days a week!

DON'T FORGET TO MENTION CHRISTA MCAULIFFE WHEN YOU PLACE YOUR ORDER!

Be mindful. Be grateful. Be positive. Be true. Be Kind.

LITERACY WEEK

January 22nd - 26th

Believe in your "SHELF" - Building Resiliency Through Reading

GOAL: Deepen Student's Knowledge & Instill a Lifelong Love of Reading!



MONDAY, 1/22: "S" = Wear Funky/ Mismatched Shoes, Socks or BOTH!

Home Connection: Read your favorite book from when you were a child. Talk to your child about why it was your favorite and what made you remember that book from your childhood.

TUESDAY, 1/23: "H" = Funky Hair Day - wear your hair all crazy!

Home Connection: Snuggle up with a great bedtime story. Read aloud to your child or listen to your child read before bed.

WEDNESDAY, 1/24: "E" = Everyone Reads

Home Connection: Have your child read their favorite book to you. Talk with them about what makes it their favorite book.

THURSDAY, 1/25: "L" = Look Alike Day - dress like twins. Get with a friend or two and dress alike.

Home Connection: Parents/guardians, read a book to your child(ren) cozied up on the couch for 20-30 minutes. Help your child(ren) enjoy listening and build up their vocabulary. Have a family discussion about everyone's favorite character in the book.

FRIDAY, 1/26: "F" = Famous Friday - Dress like a famous author or character (BPS dress code appropriate) OR dress in your Christa McAuliffe shirts and show your school spirit!

Home Connection: Create a fun fort this weekend and read with flashlights! What a great way to show that reading can be fun!



LITERACY NIGHT



Wednesday, January 31st from 5:30 - 6:30PM

Parents will be given information about the Read at Home Plan, Learning Ally and Lexia. Students will have the opportunity to cozy up & read with their parents. They will also be able to pick up their library card from DeGroot library (if they signed up ahead of time). At the end of the night, students will leave with a treat.