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# PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUSINESSES THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Ms. Jen's Swim School, Bounce N' Around Rentals, Domino's, Jersey Mike's, Calvary Chapel, Texas Roadhouse, Blue Marlin Real Estate, Storaway Self Storage, Jeremiah's Italian Ice, Chick-Fil-A, DEFY Palm Bay, Whit's Frozen Custard, Double Tiime Productions and Malabar Feed & Farm

May Calendar	z	
5/1 Interims published to FOCUS	5/17 Musical "Phantom of the Music Room" Performance 6PM	McAuliffe Musical Christa McAuliffe Elementary's Music Department Presents:
Principal's Virtual Chat via ZOOM 9AM	**************************************	"The Phantom of the Music Room" Wednesday, May 17th at 6:00PM
<b>5/2 &amp; 5/3</b> 3rd-6th Grade FAST Reading & Math	Texas Roadhouse Spirit Night 4-8PM PTO Meeting 3PM	Who or what is that shadowy figure playing the piano in the school's music room after dark?? Several McAuliffe students and Deputy Barney set out to solve this musical mystery with surprising results.
Testing ************************************	**************************************	Meals and snacks will be available for purchase by PRE- ORDER only through our PTO. A flier with more infor- mation will be coming home with all students. We hope you can join us for this mysterious musical!
1:15PM Last Day for	6th Grade Yearbook Signing	Alle alle alle alle alle alle alle alle
McAuliffe Library book check out	5/22	Roses for End of Year Celebrations
**************************************	VPK Kohel Ceremony 9AM	Our PTO will be selling wood roses which are available in various colors. The roses will cost \$1 each, CASH ONLY,
Parent Input Forms Due	**************************************	They will be on sale in the commons area for 30 minutes prior to each of the following end of the year events:
**************************************	VPK Prawl & Gomez Ceremony 9AM	5/22 - Mrs. Kohel's/Goebel's VPK Ceremony 5/23 - Mrs. Prawl & Mrs. Gomez's VPK Ceremony
LAST DAY to Submit ELO Applications	Popsicles on the Playground	5/24 - Kindergarten End-of-the-year Celebration
**************************************	5/24 Early Release	5/26 - 6th Grade Awards Ceremony Get them while they last!
Progress Monitoring Reading & Math	1:15PM	
**************************************	Kindergarten End-of-Year Celebration 9AM	<u>Translations Are Available</u> If you need translations for school documents (fliers, news- letters, teacher communications and more), please contact our Title I Teacher, Mrs. Marshall by phone (321)768-0465
**************************************	5/25 Early Release 1:15PM	ext. 47173 or email: <u>marshall.josena@brevardschools.org</u> <u>Las traducciones están disponibles</u>
McAuliffe Library Books Due	5/26 Early Release 1:15PM	Si necesita traducciones para documentos escolares (volantes, boletines, comunicaciones con maestros y más), comuníquese con nuestra maestra de Título I, la Sra. Mars- hall por teléfono (321) 768-0465 ext. 47173 o correo elec- trónico: marshall.josena@brevardschools.org
5/15 & 5/16	6th Grade Awards	Tradiksyon yo disponib
5th Grade FAST Science Testing	Ceremony 9:15AM Last Day of School for Students	Si ou bezwen tradiksyon pou dokiman lekòl yo (anglè, bil- ten, kominikasyon pwofesè ak plis ankò), tanpri kontakte Pwofesè I nou an, Msye Marshall nan telefòn (321)768-0465
5/16		• ext. 47173 oswa email:

## 2023 - 2024 Registration

Registration for the 2023-2024 school year is open. All registration is now completed online (if you do not have access to a computer, please contact our office). If your child <u>will</u> be returning to Christa McAuliffe next year, it is extremely important that you complete the online registration as soon as possible. This information is used to create classrooms for next year. If your child will <u>NOT</u> be attending McAuliffe next year, please be sure to notify the office what school they will be attending instead.

Address verification for returning students will take place on Thursday, July 20th, please mark this date on your calendar. At that time the registering parent/guardian will need to provide 2 proofs of residence (even if the student attended McAuliffe this year).

The following documents can be accepted as proof of residence, one from each tier:

### <u> Tier 1:</u>

Current driver's license

Current Homestead exemption or purchase contract

Lease/rental agreement



#### <u> Tier 2:</u>

Current utility statement (within 30-45 days)

FL voters' registration card

Medical or health card (with address listed)

Homeowners' insurance policy or bill

Auto insurance policy or bill

Utility hook up within 60 days

At the July event you will also be providing information about the way they will go home at dismissal (bus, car, walk or bike), car riders will receive their car tag, you will get information about lunch accounts, our school's Before & Aftercare, Free & Reduced Lunch, and you will receive your child's teacher assignment (if all paperwork is submitted)

If you have any questions about registration, please call the office at (321)768-0465.

# Planning for 2023-2024 School Year

Each year, the teachers and administrators spend a considerable amount of time creating balanced class lists along with the McAuliffe Child Study Team, who also provides important input and makes necessary adjustments.

A variety of factors go into building a balanced classroom list; including gender balance, academic strengths and abilities, learning styles, behavior, peer groups, special needs, physical maturity and medical conditions.

We realize that parent/guardian input is also very important when making student placement decisions. If you would like to contribute information to be used for the placement of your child, you may fill out a Parent Input Form, which is available in the front office. This document gives parents/guardians an opportunity to provide relevant information about their child(ren) such as learning style, educational needs, preferred teacher characteristics and classroom environment factors. This information, along with other data gathered, will be used when creating our classrooms and teacher assignments.

Completed input forms are due to the office by Monday, May 8th.

\*Please be advised, forms that list a specific teacher's name or are returned after Monday, May 8th, will not be accepted.

We appreciate your understanding and cooperation.

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# **SPECIAL NEEDS FOR PARENTS**

If you would like accommodations for school meetings, programs or activities, contact our office in advance to get them in place by calling our office at (321)768-0465.

If you require an interpreter for school meetings, please contact Mrs. Redito at (321)768-0465 ext.47024.

If you need a Sign Language Interpreter Services for school meetings, programs, etc., please contact Asa McKeown at (321)633-1000, ext. 11535 or by email at McKeown.Asa@brevardschools.org

# Educational Materials Are Still Available for Check-Out

A variety of educational materials are available for check-out from McAuliffe's Title I Parent Resource Center. If your student is in need of extra practice in a certain area, and you are interested in checking out educational materials to work at home with them (math games, reading games, children's books, parenting books, etc.), please contact our Title I teacher, Mrs. Marshall, by phone at (321)768-0465 ext. 47173, by email at: <u>marshall.josena@brevardschools.org</u> or send a note to school with your child.

# **PTO Executive Board Positions Available**

Have you ever wondered how to get more involved in your child's education?

Our PTO Executive Board is in search of people to join. PTO helps to improve the educational experience for students and staff. A PTO is about parents, teachers and administrators working together toward a common goal: to provide the best educational environment possible for our children!

Being a part of the PTO is a great way to get involved. Members learn about the operation of the school and school district. Holding a position on the PTO Executive Board gives you the ability to help select fundraisers, plan special events and really make a difference at our school. All funds raised go towards school improvement, purchasing additional educational resources and special events.

You don't have to be on the Executive Board to be a part of the PTO; however, without the Executive Board members, so much wouldn't be possible. If you're interested in being a part of the PTO, holding a position on the Executive Board or if you would just like more information about volunteering, please contact Chris Bell at: <u>bell.chris@brevardschools.org</u>

If you'd like to be on the ballot to hold a position on the Executive PTO Board, please send your name and contact information to Chris Bell at <u>bell.chris@brevardschools.org</u> or call (321)768-0465 ext. 47007 <u>by Thursday, May 18, 2023</u>.

### A little of your free time can make a HUGE difference! Please consider volunteering today!

**\*All** PTO members and volunteers working on campus must be cleared through BPS volunteers. To become one, email our volunteer coordinator at: <u>bell.chris@brevardschools.org</u>



FUN RUN



We would like to extend a heart felt thank you to the students, their family, friends and everyone else that supported our Fun Run event! We're also grateful to our activity teachers and parent volunteers for helping during the event. A great time was had by all!



2nd grade class for collecting the most

Mason Frost, in Mrs. Henritze's 2nd grade class, for collecting the most in donations out of all of the primary grade classes. Vanessa Carroll, in Mr. Finsted's 5th grade class, for collecting the most in donations out of all of the intermediate grade classes. These students will each receive a \$25 gift card of their choice!

The class out of all of the Pre-K through 3rd classes that collected the most in donations was Ms. Burke's first grade class. The class out of all of the 4th-6th grade classes that collected the most in donations was Mr. Finsted's 5th grade class. These classes will each be enjoying a yummy pizza party AND their teachers will be receiving a gift card of their choice!

\$25 gift card of choice: Ayden Tennison

2 tickets to Defy & socks card: Parker White and Wesley Snyder

Lunch with a friend: Jayden Mayo

Gift basket with Squishmallow: Taylor Mahl

**One-half dozen Crumbl Cookies:** Ronan Morgan

**Operation Game:** Alexander Taylor

<u>Squishmallow & a Chick-Fil-A gift card:</u> Evan Bowers, Natalie Abreu, Marrico Clements Jr. – Wingard, Brianna Rivera – Ferreira, and Brooke Mahl – Early

Students who qualified received their Pop-it bracelet prizes, frozen treats as well as the prizes from the drawing. The order for the Fun Run shirt prizes has been placed, and as soon as they arrive we will deliver the students are been placed.

will deliver them to the students who qualified. Due to the generous response for the Fun Run, we've decided to add an ice cream sundae party (date to be determined) for students who collected \$100 or more in donations. This will be held in the next week or two.

We are truly grateful to everyone for helping to make this such a successful event!



### Security Update

The front office doors will now be locked at all times for the safety and security of our students and staff. If you need to enter the office, please knock firmly, wait to hear the sound of the door mechanism being unlocked, then pull open the right-side door (the left side does not open).

Currently, there is only one switch to lock and unlock the door, so we ask that you please be patient as it may take a moment or two for the door to be unlocked. We're working on solutions to make it faster and easier; however, it will take time.

Please note, when you are in the office we understand that you'd like to do the polite thing and open the door for others; however, for the safety of students and staff, visitors and students are not allowed to open the doors. Opening/ unlocking the doors is to be done by school staff only.

#### Thank you for your help and understanding.

### **Summer Reading Challenge**

Students are invited to participate in the annual Summer Reading Challenge sponsored by the United Way. Before school lets out for the summer, students will receive a post card on which they will record the books they read. They will return it in the fall to Mrs. Gabeler. Students who complete the card and have it signed by a parent will receive an ice cream party with Mrs. Mucha and Mrs. Gabeler and a certificate from United Way! They will also receive a brand new book of their choice! Students are encouraged to visit their local public library to get books, read books they have at home or access SORA from their launchpad. (Directions below for how to log on) Let's see how many students we can get to join us for the ice cream party while reducing the "Summer Slide"!

#### · Local Public Libraries:

Palm Bay Library - 1520 Port Malabar Blvd. NE., Palm Bay

Franklin E. DeGroodt Library - 6475 Minton Rd. S.W., Palm Bay

West Melbourne Public Library - 2755 Wingate Blvd., West Melbourne

\*Learning Ally for those 3-6 graders identified by their teachers and already using it at school.

### · SORA: (Parents will need to monitor this)

on Launchpad open the BPS Sora app or visit: https://soraapp.com/library/brevardfl

Click the Green button- "Sign in using Brevard County School District"

First time login information:

" username- <u>IDnumber@brevardschools.org</u>, password- school computer login password

<sup>•</sup> OR download the free Sora app for Android or iOS, setup code: brevardfl

Let's keep our students reading this summer!!!!

### TESTING INFORMATION

#### May 2nd & May 3rd: 3rd, 4th, 5th & 6th grade FAST Reading and Math May 9th & May 10th: VPK, 1st & 2nd grade Progress Monitoring 3 Reading and Math May 15th & May 16th: 5th grade FAST Science

It is very important that students arrive to school on time each morning (by 8AM sharp), have had a restful night sleep and a good, filling breakfast. Don't forget that our school breakfast is free for all students. If they would like to eat breakfast at school, they need to arrive to school by 7:45AM to give them enough time to eat and be in their class by 8:00AM.

If at all possible, please do not make any appointments on your child's scheduled testing dates. If your child misses their testing day, they will have a make-up test session during regular classroom lessons. If they are truly sick, please keep them home until they are feeling better.

Contact your child's teacher or the Assistant Principal, Mrs. Meyer, if you have any questions.

### Pre-Order Your Yearbook Today!

Be sure to pre-order your 2022-2023 Christa McAuliffe Elementary full color yearbook for only \$20. Yearbooks are not guaranteed if not pre-ordered.

To order visit: www.schoolpay.com Use School ID: 710264

**ONLINE ORDERING ENDS SUNDAY, APRIL 30th** 



