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PLEASE SUPPORT THE BUSINESS' THAT SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL!

Dominos Pizza, Texas Roadhouse, Chick-Fil-A, Whit's Frozen Custard, Long Doggers, American Legion Auxiliary Unit 117, Storaway Self Storage, Jersey Mike's, Geico of Melbourne & Sign Gypsies


December 2023

12/1 Early Release Day 1:15 PM *****	12/20 Holiday Shirt Day Early Release Day 1:15 PM *****
12/5 Whit's Custard Spirit Night 4:00 - 8:00PM *****	12/21 Holiday Slippers Day Early Release Day 1:15 PM *****
12/7 Holiday Festival 5:30 - 7:30 PM *****	12/22 Holiday Pajamas Day 6th Grade Super Bowl Hat Day 50¢ Donation Early Release Day 1:15 PM *****
12/8 Last Day for the Holiday Shop Early Release Day 1:15 PM *****	12/25 - 1/7 Winter Break No School *****
12/14 Chorus & Strings Concert 6:00PM *****	1/8 Teachers & Students return to school
12/15 Early Release Day 1:15 PM *****	
12/18 Holiday Hat/Antlers Day *****	
12/19 Wear Green & Red Day SAC Meeting 3:00PM	



Happy Holidays!

Wishing our students and their families a happy and relaxing holiday season. May this time off be an opportunity to recharge and rejuvenate, so you can come back in the new year with fresh ideas, motivation, and enthusiasm. Take time to create memories with your family and friends. Enjoy your well-deserved break!



Sincerely,
Mrs. Finsted


Holiday Glasses & Headbands

Holiday themed headbands and sunglasses are on sale now in the front office until Friday, 12/22 or we run out, whichever comes first. The cost is \$2.00 per each and proceeds from the sales will benefit all of our students and staff.

CASH ONLY - EXACT CHANGE please

Students can wear these fun holiday accessories at school during the whole month of December! Don't forget to wear them at the Holiday Festival on Thursday, 12/7 too!

Supplies are limited, so get them while they last!



Holiday Themed Dress-Up Days

Get into the spirit of the holidays by dressing in the theme of the day on the last week before Winter break (Clothing must still follow the dress code policy).

Mon. 12/18: Santa Hat/Antlers, **Tues. 12/19:** Green & Red, **Wed. 12/20:** Holiday Shirts, **Thurs. 12/21:** Holiday Slippers & **Fri. 12/22:** Pajama Day

PLEASE SUPPORT OUR HOLIDAY FESTIVAL SPONSOR



BIRTHDAY & CLASSROOM TREAT POLICY

- If you are going to send in treats for birthdays or classroom celebrations, please keep in mind that all items must be **store bought and sealed in their original packaging**. We ask that you send them to school with your child instead of dropping them off later, this helps to reduce classroom interruptions. Please note that **balloons, flowers, etc. are not allowed in the classrooms** as they are a distraction for the students.
- Another great option is to order snacks or sweet treats from our cafeteria. They have a large variety of items available for purchase. Orders must be placed one week prior to when you need them. To see the treat choices or print the order form, visit the cafeteria page of our official website located here: brevardschools.org/domain/6256.

Every Minute at School Counts!

Every moment in the classroom is valuable! **Avoid checking students out early or having them arrive tardy to school, unless it's an emergency.** Each minute out of class, they miss vital instruction that will support their academic growth! If a child misses 10 minutes of school each day, that equals 33 hours of class time. A student with a 90 % attendance average from Kindergarten - 12th grade will miss over a year of accumulated time in the classroom. **Every single minute of learning counts!**

FortifyFL (App)

FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information, visit: <https://getfortifyfl.com/>

SpeakOut 800-423-TIPS

SpeakOut Hotline is designed to help you anonymously report any threatening behavior or situation that endangers you, your friends, family, community, or your school campus. Reporting isn't "snitching," reporting is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors, or dangerous situations. By guaranteeing a caller's anonymity, SpeakOut allows the caller to give information without the fear of retribution.

Educational Materials Available for Check-Out

Various educational materials are available for check-out from the Title I Parent Resource Center. If you are interested in checking out materials such as math or reading games, children's books, parenting books, etc., please contact Mrs. Marshall by phone (321)768-0465, ext. 47173, or via email: marshall.josena@brevardschools.org, or you can send a note to school with your child.

Holiday Festival

McAuliffe students and their families are invited to the McAuliffe Elementary Holiday Festival on Thursday, December 7th from 5:30-7:30PM. We will have free crafts for the children, musical entertainment, a cake walk (\$1 per chance) and more! Santa and Mrs. Claus will be there to visit with children, so bring your camera to capture the moment! The PTO's Holiday Shop will be open in room 202. There will be free hot cocoa and cookies for everyone (1 per person only please) to enjoy while listening to music of the season in the commons area. Children must be present to make the crafts, no "to go" crafts and **must be with an adult AT ALL TIMES**. We hope you can join us!

Florida Assessment for Student Thinking (FAST)

December 5th & 6th: 1st and 2nd grade students
September 5th through 19th: Kindergarten students

We ask that you please not schedule appointments on your child's testing dates.

The Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST) is a progress monitoring tool that is administered 3 times this year to track your students' progress in learning the Benchmarks of Excellent Student Thinking (B.E.S.T.) Standards. This is the second session this year. Your student's results from these tools are for informational purposes only. You will be given information about how to access the results after the testing is completed. FAST assessments are computer-adaptive tests taken on a computer or tablet. The questions get easier or more difficult depending on how the student responds and each student will see different questions.

If you or your student would like to review /interact with the online testing platform, visit the links below:

Kindergarten & 1st grade - <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>

2nd grade - <https://flfast.org/resources/renaissance-star/renaissance-star>

If you have any questions related to this test administration contact our assistant principal, Cristina Meyer, at (321)768-0465 or by email: Meyer.Cristine@brevardschools.org For more information about the FAST program, please visit the portal at FLFAST.org

'23-'24 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 at <https://www.floridacims.org/districts/brevard/schools/2161>. Copies the S.I.P. are available upon request and if you would like the document translated, please contact Mrs. Marshall (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 revisar en <https://www.floridacims.org/districts/brevard/schools/2161>. Las copias del S.I.P. están disponibles a pedido y si desea que se traduzca el documento, comuníquese con la Sra. Marshall (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 nan <https://www.floridacims.org/districts/brevard/schools/2161>. Kopi S.I.P. disponib sou demann epi si ou ta renmen dokiman an tradui, tanpri kontakte Msyè Marshall (321) 768-0465 ext. 47173.

'23-'24 Parent & Family Engagement Plan

Our 2023-2024 Parent Family Engagement Plan is completed and ready for viewing. It is located on our official school website, <https://www.brevardschools.org/McAuliffeES> under the Important Documents section, Quick Links Section as well as on our Title I page. Translations and printed copies are available upon request, just contact our front office at (321)768-0465.

Nuestro Plan de Participación Familiar de los Padres 2023-2024 está completo y listo para su visualización. Se encuentra en el sitio web oficial de nuestra escuela, <https://www.brevardschools.org/McAuliffeES> en la sección de Documentos Importantes, la Sección de Enlaces Rápidos, así como en nuestra página de Título I. Las traducciones y copias impresas están disponibles a pedido, solo comuníquese con nuestra oficina principal al (321) 768-0465.

Plan Angajman Paran 2023-2024 nou an fini epi pare pou gade. Li sitiye sou sit entènèt ofisyèl lekòl nou an, <https://www.brevardschools.org/McAuliffeES> anba seksyon dokiman enpòtan yo, Seksyon Lyen Rapid yo kòm byen ke sou paj nou an. Tradiksyon ak kopi enprime yo disponib sou demann, jis kontakte biwo devan nou an nan (321)768-0465.

