

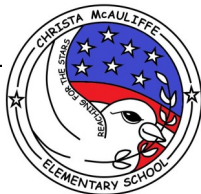
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Dominos Pizza, Texas Roadhouse, Chick-Fil-A, Whit's Frozen Custard
American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 117, Storaway Self Storage, and Jersey Mike's.

October 2023

10/3

Picture Day

10/5

Wear **BROWN**

Kindergarten Parent
Night 5:30PM

10/6

Early Release 1:15PM

10/10

Jersey Mike's Spirit
Night 4:00-8:00PM

10/11

Domino's Spirit Night
4:00 - 8:00PM

10/12

Wear **BLACK**

10/13

Early Release 1:15PM

10/16

Teacher Workday /
Student Holiday

10/18

Pizza Party Contest
for Candy Ends

10/19

Wear **WHITE**

Report Cards
Published to FOCUS

Trunk or Treat
6:00 - 7:30PM

10/20

Early Release 1:15PM

10/23 - 10/27

Red Ribbon Week

10/23

Cookie Man
Fundraiser Begins

10/25

PTO Meeting 3:30PM

10/26

Wear **PINK**

Texas Roadhouse
Spirit Night 4-8:30PM

1st Grade Math Night
5:30PM

10/27

Hat Day

50¢ Donation

Early Release 1:15PM

10/31

SAC Meeting 3:00PM

Celebrate Red Ribbon Week



October 23rd - October 27th



The Red Ribbon Campaign® is the oldest and largest drug prevention program in the nation, reaching millions of young people during Red Ribbon Week®

What Is Red Ribbon Week?

It is an ideal way for people and communities to unite and take a visible stand against drugs. Show your personal commitment to a drug-free lifestyle through the symbol of the Red Ribbon, October 23rd - 27th.

Why?

The Red Ribbon Campaign® was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered DEA agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon Campaign® is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a DRUG - FREE AMERICA.

"Be Kind to You Mind. Live Drug Free"

Monday, October 23rd - Wear Red Day
"We're RED-dy to Make a Difference!" Wear lots of red clothing.

Tuesday, October 24th - Mix Match Day
"We Don't Match With Drugs!" Wear mix match clothes, socks & shoes.

Wednesday, October 25th - Hat Day "Use your Head. Don't Do Drugs!" wear your favorite hat.

**Thursday, October 26th - Team Spirit/
Superhero Day** "Team up against drugs!" Wear your favorite team/school/superhero shirt.

Friday, October 27th - PJ Day
"Follow Your Dreams." Wear your favorite school appropriate pjs.

FortifyFL (App)

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

SpeakOut 800-423-TIPS

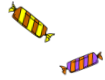
SpeakOut Hotline is designed to help you anonymously report any threatening behavior or situation that endangers you, your friends, family, community, or your school campus. Reporting isn't "snitching," reporting is when you need to keep yourself or someone you know safe from threats, harmful behaviors,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



Trunk or Treat

Thursday, October 19th from 6:00 - 7:30PM

Christa McAuliffe families are invited to dress up (nothing scary, gory or inappropriate) for a safe, fun, trick-or-treating option again this year! Children will be able to trick-or-treat from trunk to trunk in a line-up of the teachers and staff's decorated vehicles.



WIN A PIZZA PARTY FOR YOUR CLASS!

We are looking for donations of bags of **individually wrapped** candy to be passed out to McAuliffe students and their siblings for this event. The class that turns in the most amount of candy **by weight** will win a pizza party for their class! One class from PreK-2nd grade and one winning class from 3rd- 6th grade will win! To qualify for the pizza party contest, the bags of candy must be turned in by Wednesday, October 18th. (Due to student allergies, no candy containing nuts or peanut butter please)

Be sure to label the bags of candy with the classroom teacher's name, so your child's class receives credit for your sweet donation.



Thank You



Reading Resources

Our Reading Coach, Mrs. Mucha, has a wide variety of reading resources on Reading Coach page of our website. Check them out here: <https://www.brevardschools.org/domain/10005>

Did you know that your child can earn McAuliffe Book Bucks for reading during non-instructional time (lunch, recess, etc.)? They can then spend those at the Book Buck store any morning from 7:30AM-7:50PM (minimum of 5 bucks to shop) Encourage your child to bring a book of their own to school to read before school, after school and at lunch!

School Spirit Items

Check out <https://spirithero.com/collections/christa-1> to place an order or scan the QR code here: Orders will be shipped directly to your home! Most items are available in red or blue. They have short sleeved shirts, long sleeved shirts, hoodies and more coming soon! Many sizes from youth through adult available. You can place an order any time throughout the year.



Our PTO also has spirit items available at school too! They have baseball hats, waxed string friendship bracelets, fun stickers, stickers for water bottles and even shoe stickers. You can stop by the front office to pick up an order form or send an email to: McAuliffePTO123@gmail.com

Translations Available

If you are ever in need of translations for school documents (school fliers, newsletters, communications and more), please send a message to Mrs. Marshall by email at:

Marshall.Josena@brevardschools.org

Traducciones disponibles

Si alguna vez necesita traducciones de algún documento escolar (folletos escolares, boletines, comunicaciones y más), envíe un mensaje a la Sra. Marshall por correo electrónico a:

Marshall.Josena@brevardschools.org

October is National Bullying Prevention Month

The month of October is National Bully Prevention Month. Students will be having lessons and activities in the classrooms to help increase bullying awareness.

What Is Bullying? Bullying is when someone is being hurt either by words or actions on purpose, more than once, feels bad because of it and has a hard time stopping what is happening to them.

On **Mondays in October**, we will be wearing **BLUE** to STAND UP AGAINST BULLYING

Monday, October 2nd is #BLUEUP day.

Friday, October 13th is National Know Your Classmates Day wear the color **Purple**.

Tuesday, October 31st is Unity Day wear **Orange** to show unity against bullying.

Bullying is never okay, cool, or acceptable. No one EVER deserves to be bullied!



Materials Available for Check-Out

A variety of 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., to work with your child at home, please contact Mrs. Marshall by phone at (321)768-0465 ext. 47173, email Marshall.Josena@brevardschools.org or send a note with your child to Mrs. Marshall's attention.

2023 - 2024 FAST SCORES

Your child's FAST scores from the 2022- 2023 school year are available on the FOCUS portal as well as on the parent portal for review:

<https://www.brevardschools.org/cms/lib/FL02201431/Centricity/Domain/8370/test%20scores%20FOCUS.pdf>



STUDENTS ARRIVING AFTER 8:00AM

Students arriving by car after 8:00AM are required to have a parent sign them in as tardy in the front office. Remember, learning starts promptly at 8:00AM. It's very important for students to arrive on time so they don't miss important instructional time.

Arriving to School On Time

We all know the importance of being on time to school, to work or to appointments. Teachers arrive at school early to ensure that they are ready for a full day of teaching. Arriving at school 10 minutes late causes a disruption to the entire class, not just the teacher who has already started teaching. If a student arrives 10 minutes late each day, think about how much instructional time is lost throughout the school year.

Here are a few tips to help establish a more efficient daily routine.



Wake Up Earlier: Set an alarm for you and your children at least 15 minutes earlier than you would wake up. If you find you need a little more time for your morning routine, add an additional 5 minutes to your alarm.

Layout Clothes the Night Before: What to wear seems to be one of the most time-consuming tasks in the morning. Have your child pick out his or her clothes, including socks and shoes, the night before.

Pack Backpacks and Lunchboxes the Night Before: Each evening after homework is completed and checked, have your child put everything back in their backpack. Getting a head start on lunches is easy, after dinner, have your child help pack his or her lunchbox. This could be as easy as putting fruits and vegetable in sealed containers and preparing water bottles for tomorrow's lunch. In the morning, you'll just need to make the sandwiches as your child brushes his or her teeth.

Create a "Last Stop" Area: The ideal place for your last stop area is near the door you leave from each morning whether it's your garage door or front door. This is where you'll place your keys, backpacks or musical instruments each evening. It's a good idea to have a spot for other seasonal items such as jackets, sweaters or umbrellas.

Pack the Car: Once you've finished putting the final touches to your child's lunch, it's time to pack the car. Since everything you have to pack is in the last stop area, you won't be running around the house looking for the items.

Being organized and having your child arrive at school on time helps reduce classroom interruptions and distractions allowing teachers to focus on teaching lessons to all students. Also, make doctor or dentist appointments after school so that your child doesn't miss a minute of learning. Every minute counts!



JERSEY MIKE'S SPIRIT NIGHT

TUESDAY, OCTOBER 10th from 4-8PM

Please join us **Tuesday, October 10th from 4:00-8:00PM** at the Palm Bay Road location (321)473-8996 for our Literacy Spirit Night at Jersey Mike's Subs. 15% of ALL purchases made that night will be donated to our school to support literacy at McAuliffe. Spread the word to your family and friends! All McAuliffe families that visit the store and make a food purchase will receive a **FREE book** from Mrs. Mucha, our reading coach! We hope to see you there!!

FREE BREAKFAST FOR ALL STUDENTS!

Christa McAuliffe Elementary students may enjoy a variety of delicious breakfast items every school day, **FREE OF CHARGE!** Some of the items offered are cereal, muffins, biscuits, fresh fruit, juice and 2 different types of milk. The daily menu can be located on our school website under the "Cafeteria" tab.

Breakfast Hours: 7:30-7:55AM

If your child would like to get a school breakfast, please be sure they **arrive by 7:45AM**, so they have plenty of time to get breakfast, eat and get to their classroom by 8:00AM when classroom instruction begins.