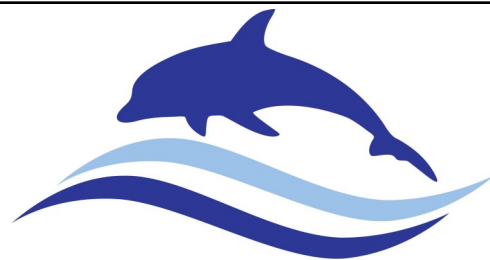


# The Dolphin Digest

## Ocean Breeze Elementary

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Ocean Breeze Elementary School  
Our Quest; Personal Best

October 1, 2018

Dear OBE Families,

It's hard to believe that October is upon us. We have many exciting events scheduled this month and hope to engage families in the fun. I want to extend our sincere appreciation for the support we received with our recent fundraisers: we raised \$210.90 from our night at Chuck E. Cheese and our Save Around fundraiser brought in \$1,750 in profit. These school based fundraisers support educational resources and materials to promote student achievement and a safe school environment.

The PTO is currently sponsoring the JB Gourmet Fundraising opportunity to raise funding for the various events PTO hosts for the students at Ocean Breeze. This fundraiser is currently underway, and orders are due on October 17th. We realize that you may not be able to participate in all fundraisers and appreciate any support you are able to provide to enhance opportunities for OBE students.

While our safety and security protocols are confidential, please note that we are required to run specific safety drills each month. Since we want every person to take the drills seriously, the protocol prohibits us from announcing that the action is a drill. Staff have reviewed the various emergency responses with students, so they can respond appropriately during each type of scenario. Please discuss with your child that we hold these drills monthly, **at a minimum**, in order to ensure preparedness for all types of situations. Our friends at IHB PD are always onsite during these drills to examine our processes and provide critical feedback to improving them.

In response to the Margery Stoneman Douglas Act, we have had to reconsider our current practices with regard to adults on campus throughout the day. A Parent Advisory Committee has met to review various safety improvements to our arrival and dismissal practices, and we are in the process of working with the district to further improve the safety and security of our students and staff in the parking lot and car loop. In addition, I have spoken with the principals of other beach side schools to review their drop off and pick up procedures, so that our practices can be consistent with our "sister" schools. With this in mind, we will be phasing in new procedures for drop off and pick up which will eliminate the adult traffic in the building at those times.

That being said, we realize the importance of phasing in this practice and reassuring parents that our goal is to continue to promote family participation in our school, while, at the same time working to ensure the safety of students and staff alike. Therefore, **beginning on October 16th (10/15 is a student holiday), parents/guardians, etc... will drop students off at the gates and not walk them to classrooms, the cafeteria or to walk and talk. Parents/guardians are strongly encouraged to use the car loop for drop off.** Older siblings of younger students can be great helpers by escorting them to their class, the café, or walk and talk. **However, should parents wish to walk students in, they must come to the main office and sign in as a visitor through Raptor, no earlier than 7:45AM.**

We will continue to work with the district and our parent committee to adjust afternoon pick up practices and will gradually phase in those changes as well. For the time being, we ask that if you arrive early, **please pull up to the first car loop spot at stop 1 and do not leave gaps in the loop, so that we may fit as many cars in as possible.** Please let your child(ren) know you will be at stop 1.

Please know that we fully understand there will be some growing pains to this process, and we will have to review and refine the process with IHB PD and our parent committee as we go to ensure compliance with legislation and district policies. While it may not be the most desirable option for some parents/guardians, we are tasked with providing the safest learning environment possible for students and staff, and this is part of our safety responsibility.

Thank you in advance for your cooperation.



### Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 10th

We are encouraging families to walk with their children on this date and join us on the blacktop to walk as a community. This is a county wide event. Come and walk with us for: a physical workout, bonding time with your child, and just for FUN!

### Math & Science Night



The Math and Science Night will be **Wednesday, October 17th, from 5:00 pm.~6:30 pm.** This is a great family event as children and parents have an opportunity for real hands-on math and science experiences.

**Students must be accompanied by a parent!**



### Parent and Teacher Conference Night

Please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment for our Parent and Teacher Conference Night which will be held on **October 25th** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** This evening is set aside so parents have the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers.



### Storybook Character Parade

Join us for the Annual Character Book Parade on **October 26th.** Students are encouraged to choose a book character and come to school dressed for the parade and carry their book with them during the parade. We will be meeting under the pavilion at 8:15am. Parents are welcome to join us. Parents and younger siblings are encouraged to participate with a costume depicting their favorite storybook character. Everyone in costume will walk the track under the pavilion!

Remember, your child's costume should relate to a published book; no scary costumes, masks, or weapons allowed. This is the only day children may dress up in costumes. *In the Elementary Student Handbook, the dress code reads, "Extreme hairstyles, hair colors, or make-up that is disruptive or does not allow direct eye contact is prohibited." If non-natural colored hair is a major feature of the story book character, please consider a wig, clip in extensions or option other than dye or spray on color.*



**Monday, October 15th is a Student Holiday!**



**Parenting in Today's World**  
**Saturday, October 6, 2016**  
**8:00am ~ 12:30 pm**  
**Brevard County School Board, Viera**

In our Annual Parent Survey, a topic that is often expressed is the desire for more workshops to help parents with skills to better support their children. This is just one of those events. Please reserve **Saturday, October 6th**, from 8:00 a.m. to 12:30 p.m., as a day to add some tools to your parenting tool box at the FREE *Parenting in Today's World* workshop. Emily Tonn will be the keynote speaker, and her inspiring talk is titled, *Nurture Yourself Empower Your Family*. There will also be breakout sessions on topics such as Social Media, Help and Hope for the Anxious Child, Substance Use Today, Positive Behavior Strategies and Positive Parenting.

You can register for this amazing event online at <http://tinyurl.com/PITW2018> or call Joy Palatucci at 633-1000, ext. 319.

***Every Friday is Early Release Day!***



***Our early dismissal will be as follows:***

**Car Loop 1:10**  
**Bikers/Walkers 1:15**

*Please make the necessary arrangements for your child to be picked up on time. Consider taking advantage of services offered through our School Age Child Care, Dolphin Cove.*



**Brevard Public Schools**  
**Food 4 Thought Drive**  
**Oct. 22 ~ Nov. 2**

Beginning October 22~ November 2, we will be collecting canned food for local food pantries. Some critical items needed are: powdered baby formula, canned fruits and vegetables, rice, pasta, cereal, peanut butter, canned meat, and canned meals. This is a time when we can give back to the community. Collection boxes will be set up in the hallway by the fish wall.



**School Photos**

***School photos will be taken on Thursday, October 18th.***

***Order forms are being sent home.***

**October 2018**

| Sun                                   | Mon  | Tue  | Wed   | Thu   | Fri   | Sat   |
|---------------------------------------|--|--|---|---|---|---|
| Gardening Contest<br>October 3~17<br> | <b>1</b>   | <b>2</b>                                   | <b>3</b><br>SAC @ 2:45 p.m.                                 | <b>4</b><br>Music ~ 3 <sup>rd</sup> Grade<br>6:00 p.m.-6:30 | <b>5</b><br>Early Release Day                                       | <b>6</b><br>Parenting Workshop<br>                        |
| <b>7</b>                              | <b>8</b>   | <b>9</b><br>Texas Roadhouse Fundraiser<br> | <b>10</b><br>Walk to School Day<br>                         | <b>11</b>   | <b>12</b><br>Early Release Day<br>End of 1 <sup>st</sup> Nine Weeks | <b>13</b><br>Bullying 5K<br>IHB Fire Dept. Open House<br> |
| <b>14</b>                             | <b>15</b><br>Student Holiday<br>Teacher Work Day | <b>16</b>                                  | <b>17</b><br>Math & Science Night<br>5:00 p.m.-6:30p.m.<br> | <b>18</b><br>Picture Day<br>                                | <b>19</b><br>Early Release Day<br>PTO Ex Bd 9:30<br>PTO Gen. 1:30   | <b>20</b><br>Beautification Day<br>                       |
| <b>21</b>                             | <b>22</b>  | <b>23</b><br>Report Cards Issued           | <b>24</b>   | <b>25</b><br>Parent/Teacher Conference Night<br>            | <b>26</b><br>Early Release Day<br>Storybook Character Parade<br>    | <b>27</b>   |
| <b>28</b>                             | <b>29</b>  | <b>30</b>                                  | <b>31</b>   |   |   |   |