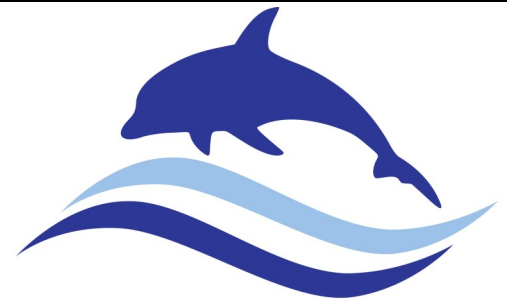


The Dolphin Digest

Ocean Breeze Elementary



Ocean Breeze Elementary School
Our Quest; Personal Best

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Dear Ocean Breeze Families and Friends,

We have had a fabulous first few weeks of school, and I couldn't be happier than to be here at Ocean Breeze. The students, staff, families, and community partners I have met, in my short time here, have been warm, welcoming, and supportive of my transition.

The staff, Mrs. Hill-Brodigan, Officer Imperato and I have been extremely busy reviewing Ocean Breeze policies and procedures to ensure they are in line with Brevard Public Schools, provide a safe and secure environment for our students and staff, and encourage family and community involvement in our programming.

Over the next few weeks, we will elect and meet with our School Advisory Council (SAC), complete our School Improvement Plan, meet with a parent advisory committee to discuss pick-up, drop-off, and car loop practices, and add a second grade classroom to reduce class size for optimal learning opportunities.

If you are not currently a member, please consider joining our amazing PTO. This group of parents/guardians and staff members work tremendously hard to provide students with educational resources, assemblies, events, etc... PTO meetings are the 3rd Friday of each month at 1:30 in the Library/Media Center.

Have a fabulous long weekend, and Happy Labor Day!

Sincerely,

Shelley Michaud
Principal



Labor Day Holiday!
There is no school on Labor Day,
Monday, September 3rd.



PTO Welcome Breakfast

Mark your calendar to join us on September 5th at 8:00 a.m. for the PTO Welcome Breakfast! If you are new to Ocean Breeze or a returning parent, this is a great way to find out how you can be involved in your child's education! Meet other parents and hear about new opportunities to volunteer at Ocean Breeze Elementary. Our Volunteer Program makes a difference for all of our students!

If you can't make it to the meeting, but would like to register to become a volunteer, please visit:
<https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104>



Every Friday is an
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.



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 25** from **5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m.** This evening is set aside so parents have the opportunity to find out the progress of their child.

Annual Asbestos Notification

Each year we provide information, as required by the United States Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), regarding any asbestos removal on school premises. Our records indicate that no asbestos removal activities or any other type of asbestos response actions have taken place at Ocean Breeze Elementary School during the past year (July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018).



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. 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 Tips.

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



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.**



peachjar e-flyers

Ocean Breeze is using the electronic flyer communication tool called "Peachjar." To view school-approved e-flyers, simply click the Peachjar button on the school's website. This "green" initiative will save our schools tons of paper and reduce copy costs by thousands of dollars.

No action is required on your part. You will receive a welcome email from our service provider (Peachjar) that includes a username and password. This is provided to give you the opportunity to manage your account and flyer delivery preferences. You do not need to login to receive or view school e-flyers.

To ensure smooth delivery of this communication, we suggest you add bpsflyers@peachjar.com to your email contacts. When you receive your first e-flyer, be sure to click "always display images."

This system is used exclusively for distribution of school-approved flyers. Your email address will not be shared or used for any other purpose. Thank you for supporting our efforts to ensure parents are well informed about school programs, activities, and events.

Rainy Day Plans



Every family should have a "rainy day" plan for school dismissal and make arrangements for walkers and bike riders in the event of a storm. As we know, these storms may take several hours to clear. Parents may either make arrangements to pick up their child, have a neighbor pick up the student, or arrange for Dolphin Cove to take the student on rainy days only. Please remember, if anyone other than the parent is picking up a child, they must be on the release card that was completed the first week of school. If you need to add a name to your child's release card, please stop by the office. Also, if you want to take advantage of the services of Dolphin Cove, you must complete the registration process before they can attend. It is extremely helpful that your child know what they are suppose to do, so they do not need to call home or call parents at work.

School Procedures:

1. If it is raining **without** any sign of lightning, we will dismiss car loop and bus students.
2. We will hold our walkers and bike riders until the rain has slowed to the point where we have confidence students can arrive home safely and not soaked to the bone.
3. If there is lightning in the vicinity, we will **NOT DISMISS ANY** student from the classroom.
4. Parents who come through the car loop may choose to park and pick up their child in the classroom. We would not recommend this but will not prevent a parent from assuming responsibility for their child's safety.
5. Staff will not be outside during a lightning storm.