

# The Dolphin Digest

## Ocean Breeze Elementary

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*"Where Everybody Matters and Every Moment Counts"*

Dear OBE Families,

It is hard to believe the holiday season is already upon us, and we'll soon be starting the second half of the school year. With the hustle and bustle of the holiday season, we, at Ocean Breeze, hope that you all get to spend quality time with those you hold most dear. May you have a joyous and memorable holiday with family and friends.



Shelley Michaud  
Principal



The wearing of masks is now optional for elementary students.

### Attendance Policy Reminder

Students who have more than 9 absences for this school year, will receive an attendance information letter with their report card showing comparative attendance data. Regular school attendance is critical to student academic success. Please be advised of the following BPS attendance guidelines:

*"A student who is absent more than nine (9) unexcused days within a semester...will not receive a passing grade for the semester.*

*Kindergarten students must be in attendance for a minimum of 162 days, as a criteria for progression to first grade. The Principal may, in consultation with the teacher, deny promotion based on this criteria.*

*All students must be in attendance a minimum of four (4) hours of instructional time to be considered present each day.*

*Absences **not** counted in the 9 days per policy include: 1. Court Dates, 2. Religious holidays, 3. Illness with medical documentation and/or, 4. Chronic and extended illness."*

Food Drive



**Indian Harbour Beach  
Community Outreach  
November 15th ~ December 10th**

Each year Ocean Breeze participates in the Community Outreach Program with the Indian Harbour Beach Police Department. We will be collecting canned goods beginning November 15~December 10.

Officer Imperato coordinates the drive with Ocean Breeze Elementary on the distribution of the food. Public Works will pick up the many boxes, and city workers and the IHB Police Department will sort and distribute the items. Ocean Breeze has participated in the Community Outreach for 21 years! In order to have a variety of items, we are asking the grade levels to bring in the following items:

*Pre-K/Kindergarten – Cereals, Boxed Mixes  
1<sup>st</sup> Grade - Rice, Pasta, Noodles, etc.  
2<sup>nd</sup> Grade - Peanut Butter & Jelly  
3<sup>rd</sup> Grade - Boxed Side Items for Meals (Mac & Cheese, potatoes, etc...)  
4<sup>th</sup> Grade - Soup and Crackers  
5<sup>th</sup> Grade - Canned Fruit & Vegetables  
6<sup>th</sup> Grade - Canned Meats (tuna, beef stew, ravioli, etc...)*

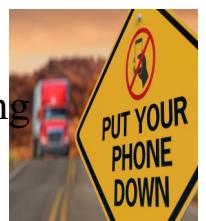


**Additional Early Dismissal Days!**

**★ December 17, 20 & 21 ★**  
*Students will be dismissed at 1:10PM.*

**Please make the necessary arrangements for your child to be picked up on time.**

**Safety Reminder:** Please do not use cell phones while driving through the car loop at arrival and/or dismissal.





Happy Holidays!



**Winter Break Schedule  
December 22 - January 5**

**Important Dates**



December 9	Texas Roadhouse (Drive Through - Order Ahead-See below)
December 9	Orchestra Performance
December 10	Food Drive Ends
December 17-21	Early Dismissal Days @ 1:10PM
<b>December 22 - Jan 5</b>	<b>Winter Break</b>
December 28	Texas Roadhouse Night Dine In
January 6	End of First Semester
January 6	Students & Teachers Return
January 12	6th Grade BMI/Scoliosis Screening
January 13	Report Cards Issued/Posted on Focus
January 13	Texas Roadhouse (Drive Through-Order Ahead)
January 17	Holiday For All, Martin Luther King Jr., Day
January 19	4th-6th Grade Science and Engineering Fair- Parent Preview 2:45PM
January 21	Science Fair Awards (invitation only for recipients) 8:15AM.
January 25	Texas Roadhouse Night - Dine In



**Ocean Breeze Drive-Thru Family Packs Thursday, December 9th- 4:30pm-6:30pm**  
<https://forms.office.com/r/WmwtDRY05n>

We are going digital with our Drive-Thru Family Packs! Each pack is \$40 and the foundation profits 30% from each one sold. PRE-ORDER ONLY! Drive Thru Dinner Fundraiser • 1.5 lbs BBQ pulled pork • 1.5 lbs all white chicken breast • 2-16oz. Sides • 10 rolls • Honey cinnamon butter Each family pack will easily feed a family of 5.

**Orchestra**

The Orchestra Performance will be on December 9th at 5:00PM.



**Parent Contact Information!**

Parents, it is important that you inform us when your daytime or cell phone number changes. Please stop by the office and update your contact information. It is important that the school/clinic has current phone numbers in case there is a concern regarding your child.

**Become A Volunteer!!**



Registered volunteers are able to come in to work in the classroom. Volunteer opportunities must be pre-arranged with the teacher and be planned and purposeful. For information on becoming a BPS approved volunteer, visit: <https://www.brevardschools.org/Page/11104>. After completing the online application, you will have to go to the BPS Educational Services Facility, in Viera, for fingerprinting. Cost is \$35/Annual Renewal Fee \$8.00. **NOTE: The \$35.00 fee is currently being waived by BPS.**