

The Dolphin Digest

Ocean Breeze Elementary

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"Where Everybody Matters and Every Moment Counts"

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Dear OBE Families,

It's hard to believe we are already nearing the end of the first nine weeks. Our students and staff have been busy this term learning the routines of the school, adjusting to new grade levels and teachers, and familiarizing themselves with the new FL BEST English & Language Arts standards and curriculum resources.

As we head into the second nine weeks, please remember that school begins at 8:00AM. Please make every attempt to get your child to school on time, so that everyone can start the day on a positive and productive note. **Late students must be signed in at the front office by a parent or guardian.** Also, note the importance of good attendance habits. BPS policy only permits nine unexcused absences per semester. **Absences not counted in the 9 days are as follows:** "1. Court Dates , 2. Religious holidays , 3. Illness with medical documentation and/or, 4. Chronic and extended illness." (quarantine due to Covid-19 or exposure is considered excused).

With regards,

Shelley Michaud
 Principal



Health Update

BPS has sent out messages pertaining to the new Covid-19 flow charts per FL Department of Education. Please note that the protocols for quarantining asymptomatic close contacts to positive cases has changed. Parents have the option to send asymptomatic close contacts to school or have them stay home for 7 days from the last exposure to the positive case.

The process, however for students exhibiting symptoms remains in place. Students who are symptoms (see below) need to: 1) Stay home for 10 days (no fever for 24 hrs without fever reducing medication & symptoms have improved, 2) Have a negative test, or 3) Receive written permission from a healthcare provider to return to school.

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| Fever (100.4 or higher) | Chills |
| Shortness of breath/difficulty breathing | Cough |
| Muscle/body aches | Headache |
| New loss of taste/smell | Sore throat |
| Nausea/vomiting | Diarrhea |



Parent and Teacher Virtual Conference Night

Please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment for our Parent-Teacher Conference night which will be held on **October 21st** from **3:00 PM– 5:00PM**. This evening is set aside, to give parents the opportunity to discuss their child's progress with teachers.



Monday, October 11th is a Student Holiday!



School Photos!

School pictures will be taken on Wednesday, October 13th.



Order forms will be sent home or you can order online at <https://vando.imagequix.com/glooo864562>

The online code is your Student ID, or type in **OCEAN BREEZE ES**



Walk to School Day Wednesday, October 6th

We are encouraging families to walk with their children on this date to encourage physical activity and promote safety in their neighborhoods and near school. This is a county wide event. Come and walk to school for: a physical workout, bonding time with your child, and just for FUN!



Gift Card Fundraiser

Ocean Breeze and Texas Roadhouse-Beachside have teamed up to raise some dough!

Scan the QR code below, or go to <https://na.eventscloud.com/obe> to order gift cards and frozen bread! Ocean Breeze receives 10% of all gift card sales and 50% of all Frozen Bread Sales!

Gift cards will be delivered digitally before the holidays and frozen bread can be picked up 11/22-11/24.



Important Dates

October 6	Walk to School Day
October 8	End of 1st 9 Weeks
October 11	Student Holiday
October 13	Picture Day in AM
October 14	Texas Roadhouse Drive-Through (Order ahead at https://forms.office.com/r/7FnWuhDCOL)
October 15	Report Cards Posted to FOCUS/Issued
October 21	Parent/Teacher Conferences 3:00-5:00 PM (Virtually)
October 25-29	Red Ribbon Week
October 26	Texas Roadhouse Night Dine In
October 29	Character Parade @ 8:15AM



*Every Friday is Early Release Day!
Our early dismissal is at 1:10pm.*



“Get Into A Good Book Day” and Character Parade



We will host “Get Into A Good Book Day” and character parade on **October 29th** at 8:15AM. Students dress as a character from a favorite book and carry the book with them during the parade. We are hopeful that the pavilion construction may be completed by the parade date, as the parade route and viewing locations will be contingent on the pavilion being open. Please stay tuned for more info on the parade specifics and viewing options.

Remember, your child’s costume should relate to a published book. Please note that all costumes must comply with dress code requirements as noted in the Elementary Code of Student Conduct (available on the BPS & OBE website) (e.g. scary/gory costumes, full face/head covering masks, suggestive or profane language, weapons (knives, swords, spears, guns, etc...are not permitted). This is the only day children may dress up in costume.

Celebrate Red Ribbon Week ~ October 25th - 29th



State Statute requires education in substance abuse prevention. Therefore, Ocean Breeze participates in Red Ribbon Week, which is October 25th-29th. It is important that our children know everyday they can make a significant difference by being the best they can be because they live Drug Free!

Monday: “Sock it to drugs!” *Wear crazy socks*

Tuesday: “Team up against drugs!” *Wear a sports jersey*

Wednesday: “Don’t get mixed up in drugs!” *Wear mismatched clothes*

Thursday: “Put a cap on drugs!” *Wear a hat*

Friday: Character Parade

CLASS CELEBRATIONS

Federal law requires every school district to have a local wellness policy. These policies must address nutrition education, physical activity, school meals and other food and beverages at school. A copy of the current BPS Wellness Policy is available on the Ocean Breeze web site under the cafeteria tab.

Based on the BPS Wellness Policy, and increased numbers of food allergies and sensitivities, we **strongly encourage non-food items** for celebrations (e.g. themed pencils, erasers, notepads, bracelets, coupons for local establishments, etc...). It is critical that you work with your child’s teacher to determine appropriate celebration items. Healthy food choices are ALWAYS preferred.



BPS Food and Nutrition Services does have a number of items that can be ordered through the school’s cafeteria and delivered to the classroom!



You can submit an order directly to our Cafeteria Manager, Kristopher Hershman, no later than 10 days prior to the celebration. He can be reached at 321-779-2042 or by email: hershman.kristopher@brevardschools.org for ordering information.