

The Dolphin Digest

Ocean Breeze Elementary

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"Where Everybody Matters and Every Moment Counts"

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Welcome to September Ocean Breeze families. I hope that everyone has a wonderful Labor Day weekend and gets to spend time doing what you love with those you love.

I want to express my sincere appreciation for the on-going support our families provide to Ocean Breeze. I realize that there are a variety of thoughts and opinions about current State and local decisions, and I am so appreciative that the members of our school community continue to come together to support our school and our students. Indian Harbour Beach is truly an amazing city to live, learn, work, and grow. -Mrs. M

Important Dates



September 6	Labor Day– No School
September 8	1st Interim ends
September 9	Texas Roadhouse (Drive-thru order ahead) https://bit.ly/3kJ7Du7
September 9	Virtual Open House 5:00-5:30 & 5:45-6:15 PM
September 13-17	Read A Thon
September 21	IMPACT Aid Forms sent home
September 22	Summer Reading Celebration
September 28	Texas Roadhouse Night

Social Emotional Learning: Social and emotional learning (SEL) is the process through which children and adults understand and manage emotions, set and achieve positive goals, feel and show empathy for others, establish and maintain positive relationships, and make responsible decisions.

How does SEL benefit my child? Research shows that SEL not only improves achievement by an average of 11 percentile points, but it also increases prosocial behaviors (such as kindness, sharing, and empathy), improves student attitudes toward school, and reduces depression and stress among students (Durlak et al., 2011) Many BPS teachers, school counselors and school social workers are integrating SEL into their instructional continuity plans during the COVID-19 crisis. Communicate with your child's teacher about SEL opportunities.

Here are some resources for you to support SEL at home: *Sanford Harmony*: Harmony at Home is an online toolkit for educators, families, and caregivers to teach vital social emotional learning (SEL) skills using the strategies Sanford Programs has developed for classroom teachers. <https://www.sanfordharmony.org/harmony-at-home/> *Center for Children*: Free Social Emotional Learning activities for children 5-13. Many of these are adaptable for remote learning or for families to do at home with children. <https://www.cfchildren.org/resources/free-classroom-activities/> *The Imagine Neighborhood*: Based on the Second Step Social Emotional Curriculum, this podcast for families designed to help children and grown-ups practice social emotional skills. Each episode tells a story that's amazing, fantastical, and maybe a little bananas, while it tackles the big feelings that come with growing up. <https://www.imagineneighborhood.org/>

IMPACT AID

BPS will be conducting our annual Federal Impact Aid Survey on September 21, 2021. Please be on the lookout for this, fill it out, and return it ASAP. Thank you!



**Labor Day
Holiday!**

**There is no school on
Labor Day,
Monday,
September 6th**

Ocean Breeze Virtual Open House Thursday, September 9th

Sessions: 5:00-5:30PM or 5:45-6:15PM

The classroom teacher will send you a link to join them LIVE! Log-in to learn more about the teacher, classroom, & curriculum.

Activity, ESE, and SLP teachers will also host sessions.

Dear OBE Families,

We appreciate your support and assistance in working to maintain the health of our students and staff. We understand that individuals can still experience illness unrelated to Covid-19, however considering the circumstances, we must address illnesses with an abundance of caution during this pandemic.

Students who are not feeling well will be sent to the clinic for an assessment, as they have always been. However, per CDC & FL Department of Health guidance, if they exhibit one or more of the symptoms below, we will require your child to: 1) Stay home for 10 days, 2) Have a medical release from a licensed physician clearing them to return to school or 3) Have a negative **diagnostic** (PCR or Rapid) Covid-19 test AND be without fever (100.4) for at least 24 hours without medication, in order to return to school.

When your child returns to school, **all required documentation must be brought to the main office.** We will review the information and give your child a pass back into class.

Symptoms:

- Fever greater than 100.4
- Chills
- Cough
- Shortness of breath or difficulty breathing
- Fatigue
- Nausea or vomiting
- Headache
- Sore Throat
- New loss of taste or smell
- Diarrhea
- Muscle or body aches



*List subject to change

We appreciate your support, and as always, **please do not send students to school if they are sick.**



Every Friday is Early Release Day!

Our early dismissal is at 1:10pm.

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

Student Arrival and Breakfast in the Cafeteria

All students are able to eat a free breakfast at Ocean Breeze Elementary. However, students must be at school no later than 7:50 AM in order to have the breakfast. We do not want students to be hungry, so be sure they either have a good breakfast at home or join us between 7:30 AM and 7:50 AM for the free breakfast in the cafeteria. Grab and Go breakfast options are also available. Students must still be in their classrooms no later than 8:00 AM. Supervision does not begin until 7:30 AM, so please be sure students do not arrive early.

Rainy Day Plans



Each family is asked to develop a rainy day plan of how the student will get home during inclement weather. Please inform the homeroom teacher of those plans.

In the event that lightning is seen and thunder is heard during dismissal, we use the 30-30 rule. This dictates that if the time between seeing lightning and hearing thunder is **thirty (30) seconds or less**, all students need to be moved indoors even if dismissal has already begun. We will suspend releasing students until the danger passes (lightning has not been seen for 30 mins.) 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.

Thank you for helping us keep our students safe!