

The Dolphin Digest

Ocean Breeze Elementary

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Dear OBE Families,

Happy New Year! I hope everyone was able to spend quality time with their family over the break. It's hard to believe it's already mid-January, and we're half way through the school year. As we embark on the second semester, we'll honor Martin Luther King, Jr., Day, distribute report cards, and celebrate the 100th day of school. Report cards will be distributed on *Monday, January 25th*.

We will also be hosting *Celebrate Literacy Week Florida*, January 25-29th! Each day we will celebrate literacy by reading about local, state, national, and global civic leaders. We will also be celebrating with "style":

Monday- Global Day- wear a shirt/clothing from another country (maybe a past vacation or a favorite soccer team).

Tuesday- National Day- wear red, white, and blue.

Wednesday State Day- wear a shirt from another state (possibly a college or sports team).

Thursday- Local Day- wear a shirt from someplace local (Long Doggers, youth athletic team, etc...). Visit our business partner, Texas Roadhouse. "Dine to Donate" night, 3-10pm (see ad on our FB page for more details).

Friday- School Day- wear your Ocean Breeze or blue shirt

We hope all students will participate,

Shelley A, Michaud
Principal

Arrival and Dismissal Reminder

As we head into the second semester, we have been steadily increasing enrollment. With the added students, and the feedback and suggestions we've received, we want to remind parents of the car loop expectations. In an effort to help move our car loop more efficiently in the morning and to ensure students are arriving to class on time, please keep these procedures in mind when dropping off and dismissal:

Side loop (AM)

*Have students put on their masks (recommended K-2; required grades 3-6) before getting to the stop to expedite exiting the vehicle.

*Students should exit the car on the passenger side, so not to have to cross in front of or behind the vehicle.

*We have 7 numbered drop-off spots in the loop, as you enter, please pull all the way forward to the first available stop. While it may seem more convenient for students to get dropped by the cafeteria, this can quickly cause long backups as cars pull in behind you and drop-off spots are left unused in front of you.

*Students may be dropped at any number stop; they do not need to be dropped at the stop closest to their classroom. We have several adults and safety patrols outside to help guide students to class once they are dropped off.

Front loop/K & siblings (PM ONLY)

*Please pull all the way forward.

*Remain in your car; students will be escorted to your car by a staff member.

*Do not pass other vehicles to ensure safety.

*Students 6 and under should be in an appropriate car seat/booster and sit in the back seat.

Side loop (PM)

*Please remain in your car; students will enter the car on the passenger side.

*Do not pass other vehicles to ensure safety.

Monday, January 18, 2021
Martin Luther King, Jr. Day,
is a school holiday!

January Early Dismissal Days!

★ January 13th, 14th, & 15th ★
Students will be dismissed at 1:10PM.

These early release days are usually before the holiday break, however they were moved for the change in the district calendar.

We appreciate your support and assistance in working to maintain the health of our students and staff. Our student population is increasing. With additional students in our classrooms, cafeteria, etc., it is more important than ever that students who are exhibiting cold/flu/Covid symptoms remain home.

Students who are not feeling at school, will be sent to the clinic for an assessment. Per CDC & FL Department of Health guidance, if they exhibit one or more of the symptoms (see 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 **PCR** (not a 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.

BPS is only accepting the viral/PCR test. Please be sure to check with the testing location to ensure the correct test is administered. The FLDOH building, in Viera, has transitioned to vaccine distribution and is no longer performing Covid-19 tests at that site.

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



Important Dates

January 13-15	Early Release Days @ 1:10
January 15	End of First Semester
January 18	Holiday For All—Martin Luther King
January 25	Report cards posted FOCUS/Issued
January 28	Texas Roadhouse



Free Breakfast & Lunch

All students will continue to receive free breakfast and lunch through the end of the school year.



School Advisory Committee (SAC)

Please take a minute to complete this VERY SHORT (6 question) survey from our SAC:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/HFCPPKD>



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.



Important Parent Information

Parents, please make sure if your daytime phone number or cell phone numbers change that you stop in the office and update your contact information. It is important that the school and clinic have current phone numbers in case of a concern with your child. This is also how you receive phone messages from the school.