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## August 2019 Newsletter

Dear Families,

Welcome back to an exciting new school year! We are proud of the work done on the campus in preparation of the new school year. You will notice a new roof to cover and protect us. Over the picnic and lunch area for grades 3-5 there are sails to add shade and comfort. We have expanded that area to accommodate our increased population in the upper elementary grades. Thanks to ALL of our families and the PTO we have an intercom system which will help in many ways. In addition, the rooms have been cleaned, waxed, and polished and ready for our teachers to return. Please join us on August 3<sup>rd</sup> as we spruce up the outdoor campus with mulch, plants, and tree trimming. Bring your gloves and tools between 8-11am and lend a hand. This is a great way to earn your ten volunteer hours. If you are not able to participate, you can simply drop of plants, bags of mulch, or anything that will help us out. This is your school and we want you to be as involved as you are able. If you have not become a registered volunteer, I would suggest beginning the paperwork now and going through the fingerprints to be able to help out with the students and participate fully in our activities. Thank you in advance for your support of our awesome school!

Sincerely,

Mrs. Turner Principal



- -If you need a copy of the supply list, please contact the office
- -Sign up for school lunch payments on line
- -RE enroll in free and reduced lunches each year
- -Visit the uniform closet

Our school grade is in and we are again a high performing school. Thank you to everyone who contributed to the success of our students. We are very proud of our scholars. Let's continue to support them throughout the year by giving them positive messages and the tools they need to succeed. Students in grades 3-6 who took the FSA will receive printed scores early August. Call the office for your individual numbers.

"Two things are necessary, the development of individuality and the participation of the individual in a truly social life." Dr. Maria Montessori



## **PTO News**

Did you know that each and every family is a part of our PTO? Parents who participate and come to the monthly meetings feel more attached and informed about events. Attending meetings count towards your ten volunteer hours a year. We also have childcare available for 3 years and up. In addition, there is always a fun raffle each month. Our first meeting is Tuesday, August 20th (6:30 pm). At this meeting all the teachers will be introduced to the school. Come out and meet some new families. Consider being on the board to share your talents. See the attached flier for our first social event, the Chili Cook-off! Also, join us as we clean up the beach with Keep Brevard Beautiful and the Manatee Club at Lori Wilson Park, Saturday, August 10<sup>th</sup> @ 8-11 am.

"Meet the Teacher" opportunities are a chance to say hello and drop off your school supplies before the first day. Visit the classroom and meet families. Two days as set aside for this event. Grades K-6 from EHCS are invited on Thursday, August 8th between 5-6 pm or Friday, August 9th between 10-11 am. Preschool and VPK parents will have orientation on Thursday, August 8th at 6:00 to go over what to expect. Please do not bring your children to this meeting. They will meet their teacher on Friday, August 9th between 10:00 and 11:00am. Come see our beautiful classrooms and don't forget to visit our uniform closet to pick up a few pieces. Stop by the offices and visit Eileen or Shevaun to make sure all your paperwork is turned in. We will have handbooks / Car loop Placards ready for you!

Volunteers NEEDED! With our first professional development day on August 6th, our room 6 (grades 3 and 4) parents have the opportunity to provide the first luncheon of the year. If you are able to set up, cook, send in paper products, donate, or send in money towards the cost, please let us know in the office. We are looking for one parent to coordinate this event. This is a great way to get those 10 volunteer hours required of our families. Let's welcome and show our teachers we appreciate them!

## Introducing our Teachers and Staff!!!!

VPK/Preschool: Mrs. Suzanne Bryan and Mrs. Carol Tucker

B/A Care: Mrs. Shevaun McKivigan, Ms. Kathy Herbert, Ms. Samantha Sandiford

Admin Assistants: Mrs. Eileen Needle, Mrs. Shevaun McKivigan

Kindergarten: Mrs. Dawn Sandoval, Ms. Lathisa Hays

Grades 1 & 2: Mrs. Heidi Murphy, Mrs. Lavita Saldanha

Grades 1 & 2: Mrs. Lonna Stevens, Mrs. Mary Miller

Grades 3 & 4: Mrs. Christina Caldarola (Putira), Mrs. Jessica Barber

Grades 5 & 6: Dr. Audra Gibbons-Lester, Mrs. Emily Heine

Computer: Ms. Kathy Herbert Art: Mrs. Acasia Ingham PE: TBD

ESE and Gifted: Mrs. Aileen Tapp Principal and Administrator: Mrs. Cheryl Turner