



Ocean Breeze Elementary School

August 14, 2020

Dear OBE Families,

We'd like to take a moment to welcome you to Ocean Breeze Elementary School. We are extremely excited about working with you to ensure that your child's time at Ocean Breeze is positive and productive. Ocean Breeze has served the community of Indian Harbour Beach with educational excellence for over 50 years. While this school year will look very different than the previous 55, we are committed to our mantra, "Ocean Breeze: Where Everybody Matters and Every Moment Counts".

Ocean Breeze Elementary School's mission is to develop motivated and confident life-long learners who are prepared for future challenges. We are guided by our vision to maintain a safe, respectful, and inclusive school community where responsibility for learning is shared, and everyone counts. Ocean Breeze will nurture and encourage every child to discover personal strengths and talents, develop a passion for learning, and acquire the skills to be a creative and collaborative problem solver.

The staff of OBE is committed to providing children and their families a comprehensive, positive, and individualized educational experience. We work to ensure the atmosphere of "Dolphins CARE" (Cooperate, Achieve, Respect, and Empathize). We honor the diversity of our families and students and encourage strong home-school partnerships. While we will not be able to host in-person events for the time being, we will continue to conduct virtual events like PTO, SAC (School Advisory Council), Meet the Teacher, and Open House this year to engage our school community from afar.

As a matter of fact, our School Advisory Council (SAC) is seeking new members. SAC is a State mandated group of "diverse stakeholders with the goal of increasing student achievement in a safe learning environment". This group consists of teachers, staff, parents, and community members who are voted in by their representative groups. SAC members give guidance, and support and make decisions pertaining to the continued improvement of Ocean Breeze. Keep an eye out for a Blackboard Connect message with more details on joining SAC coming SOON!

In order to stay together while apart, it is critical that we have accurate phone and email information on file. In addition to individual teacher communication through Dojo, Remind, FOCUS, etc... The office distributes information via Peach Jar, Blackboard Connect (phone, email, text message), our school Facebook page, etc... Please note that Blackboard Connect only permits a limited number of characters, so we often text saying check your email for more information. If you find you are not receiving communications, please contact the office right away to trouble shoot the cause, so you will not miss out on important information. Please note that if you "opt-out" of any of these messages, you will not receive school communications.

Whether e-learning or in-person, we look forward to making sure your child has an enjoyable and successful 2020-2021 school year. We appreciate your continued support and patience as we navigate this very different looking school year.

Sincerely,

Shelley A. Michaud & Elizabeth Hill-Brodigan
Principal Assistant Principal