



Stevenson Families,

Welcome back Stevenson families! Whether it be through E-Learning or face-to-face we are ready to provide the best in learning for our students. Our teachers and staff have been working diligently to prepare the school and classrooms for your arrival. We have procedures in place to ensure that our school is disinfected and set-up for social distancing. In the cases where six feet distance cannot be maintained, students will wear a mask. Teachers are also being creative in the how they are using technology for E-Learning. Even with the current challenges, teachers have taken on a “Can Do” attitude. The tremendous amount of work that our teachers, custodial staff, front office staff, childcare staff, and cafeteria staff have done is amazing. We, Mrs. Vanderpool and I, are very proud of their hard work. It truly does take a village and the Stevenson family has come together to plan the best school experience for the 20-21 school year. We welcome you back, whether in person or virtually! See you Monday!

At the onset of pre-planning we were treated to breakfast by our wonderful Stevenson parents. From donuts to coffee we were in breakfast heaven. Much appreciation is given to those of you that donated breakfast items for our teachers during pre-planning week. Everything was very yummy!

We finished the day on Monday creating Mosaics to adorn the arches above Stevenson’s windows. Mrs. Sonberg organized and planned this fun event. Everyone had a great time! The mosaics were beautiful!!



On Wednesday of pre-planning week Rusty’s was served for our lunch. Though we weren’t able to travel to Rusty’s for our back to school lunch, Rusty’s came to us for teachers and staff. A good time was had by all with social distancing, of course. The salad and soup were great! Thank you Rusty’s!!

## August Events

### **Tuesday, 25**

Out of Uniform Day  
Tie Dye

### **Thursday, 27**

Virtual Open House  
5:00-5:40  
5:45-6:25

### **Friday, 27 – Early**

Release Day 2:15

## September Events

**TBD-Virtual PALS**  
Meeting 9:05

**Monday, 7-Holiday for**  
All Labor Day

**Friday, 11-Early**  
Release Day 2:15

**Tuesday, 15 – SAC**  
and PVFO Meeting  
4:30 PM

**Wednesday, 16<sup>th</sup>-29<sup>th</sup>**  
Scholastic Virtual Book  
Fair

*Our Monthly Newsletter will now have a new feature. Each month, grade level representatives, activity teachers, and special area teachers will provide an article to let you know the great things going on in classrooms.*

### G.S.P.

Greetings! My Name is Mr. Hattal, and I am the Gifted Teacher for our school. I have been at R. L. Stevenson for 7 years now, teaching 4<sup>th</sup>, 6<sup>th</sup>, and most recently 3<sup>rd</sup> grade. I love teaching and look forward to the challenges that this position brings. While my primary responsibility is to the gifted students, I look forward to working with all the students at Stevenson, imparting my love of reading and nature to all our learners. I have a lot of exciting projects in mind that will allow our students to both learn and build a passion for things outside the classroom.

I look forward to building on the success of the butterfly garden by adding a Florida Native Wildflower Garden. We were lucky enough to receive a generous grant from the National Wildflower Foundation to assist us in this endeavor. Additionally, I hope to introduce our students to hydroponic gardening. This method of gardening does not use soil, but rather nutrient enriched water. The exciting thing about hydroponics is that it can be done at home in very small spaces! Furthermore, we will be doing a yearlong superhero project. We all know every student is a superhero! We want our students to recognize their superpowers! This year long project will include writing task, artwork, and self-exploration. It will also expand into podcasting, stop-motion video creation, and many other exciting areas of exploration! These are just a few of the exciting projects we have instore for this year! I can't wait to get started and look forward to a very exciting year! See you soon!

We are so excited to have Mr.Hattal for Stevenson's G.S.P. teacher. He has a variety of knowledge and experience working with G.S.P. students in his 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade classroom. His expertise will now extend to other grade levels and students. Being an avid learner himself he consistently grows as an educator and will continue to grow in meeting G.S.P.needs. Currently Mr. Hattal is teaching out of field in G.S.P.

### Sixth Grade

Welcome to another year at RLS! We are so excited to welcome you back next week, both in-person and online. Mrs. Canada will be teaching ELA, Mrs. Dominguez will be teaching science and social studies, and Mrs. Weaver will be teaching math. We have a sixth grade Google site: <https://sites.google.com/view/rls-sixth-grade/news-updates?authuser=0>

This site includes important documents such as our syllabus and procedures, which we will be reviewing with students on the first day of school. This site will be updated periodically with important sixth grade information for both parents and students.

Below you will find important announcements regarding this year and some things we would like for you to know before the year begins. Please email us with any questions!

- **ELA:** Students will be required to purchase our first novel - *Percy Jackson and the Lightning Thief*. Students should have this novel by Monday, 9/7 as this is when we will begin reading and working on the novel. Check Mrs. Canada's class website for more details.

If you have not done so, **please complete the following Google form**. This is to ensure we are able to effectively communicate with you, as well as get to know our students. <https://forms.gle/kk889T9V4YjPQMUY7>

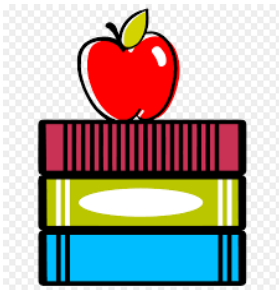
- **Headphones:** All students should have headphones that are able to be plugged in to their computer. This means they need an audio jack compatible with PC computers.

We can't wait to see you all on Monday! Have a great last week of summer!

**We would like to thank Samantha Hafizi for becoming a Parent Partner at the Benefactor Level! We truly appreciate your support!!!**

## First Grade

Welcome back to school! We are so excited for another year of fun and learning. A few supplies you will need for the first day are: a primary notebook, a lanyard for your mask, a mask, scissors, glue sticks, mouse, headphones, your planner, crayons, markers, an extra uniform (in case of spills or accidents), personal white board, sharpened pencils, and a school box to hold everything. We are looking forward to having an awesome year with you.



## Mrs. Scherff, ESE Teacher

Welcome back, Penguins! I am so excited to see you on Monday with your stylish new masks. We are going on a new adventure this year learning at Stevenson or Virtually at home, but it should be a fun year. I learned over the past three months to Stop! Take a Breath! And Relax! S.T.A.R. When you are feeling frustrated, tired of wearing your mask or social distancing remember to Stop, Take a Breath and Relax! We will get through this year together. I missed you!

## Kindergarten

Kindergarten is off to a great start! Thank you parents for taking the time to bring students in for testing. It has been so sweet getting to meet our new little penguins. We are looking forward to making their first day special as they embark on their elementary adventure. We are looking forward to a year full of learning, growing, exploring, laughing, discovering and love!



## Second Grade

Welcome to Second Grade! At the start of school, we will be focusing on creating and building our classroom community. We can't wait to get to know our students and for our students to get to know each other as we develop our school families. We will create with our students our classroom and online policies and procedures. We plan to dive into online learning, getting to know all of the various platforms available to us. We are learning right along with our students and look forward to this new and exciting journey. We will be reading books focused on classroom community, friendships, and school wide expectations. As we build up our students love for reading, we will be doing some initial assessments to establish students' reading levels. In math, we will focus on fluently adding and subtracting up to 20, and in science we will explore the scientific method. The second grade team is so excited to begin this school year!

## Fifth Grade

5th grade is ready to jump into some learning! In all content areas, our primary focus will be on establishing a healthy, academic, growth mindset, because that is what sets the tone for everything else we learn through the year!

In ELA, students will be learning how to think critically about the texts they are reading as they compare and contrast the characters, settings, and themes within multiple texts. Students will be practicing how to think and analyze like a historian as we review Florida's history and geography in Social Studies.

Math with Mrs. Chieffe is all about growth mindset as students analyze the foundations of our number system and take a peek at how numbers are used for communication. Students will be challenged to think critically and to justify their positions regarding their math work. We will see that anyone can use a calculator for calculations, but it takes the creative and persistent passion of a true mathematician to really see the patterns and relationships that make math beautiful. This can only be accomplished through systematic practice and learning from mistakes. In math, mistakes are gold because they are the nucleation sites for deeper understanding and growth.

As students look into the nature of science with Mr. Comoletti, they will have the opportunity to think like scientists and be immersed in the scientific process as they dive deep into the question of what does a scientist do? How can we be scientists as we observe and record data and use that to inform and inspire our own explorations and discoveries? For the second year, this inquiry will involve interactive labs and an in-depth look at sea turtles and how scientists can make an impact on the environment.

## Activity Team

The activity team is excited to begin the school year. We look forward to seeing you on Monday, we'll be smiling behind our masks. Arts Wheel electives classes for face to face learners in grades 3-6 will be chosen on Tuesday. Please remember to return your media center books. Artwork from last year will be sorted and distributed as soon as possible 😊!

## Dance E Learning Info

E Learning Kindergartners will need the following items for dance:

Pool Noodle cut into 2 one foot pieces

Small play ball (or small beach ball)

Hula Hoop

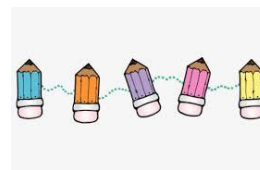
Square scarf, bandana, or piece of fabric similar in size

All E Learning Dance Students:

Try to find a open space, free of toys, tables, and pets that allow you to see your computer from both sitting and standing positions.

## Ms. Schoon, Instructional Coach

Hello and welcome back! I'm Ms. Schoon the Literacy Coach here at Stevenson, and I'm here to share all things literacy with students and families. I can't wait to hear about all the amazing books you've been reading this summer. When you get a chance, check out the new books available through the BPS Sora app on your Launchpad. Did you know students who read for 20 minutes each day will hear almost 2 million words in a year?!? Keep reading!



## **Brevard After School Program**

Welcome Back to Brevard After School! We can't wait to see you! To help BAS to run smoothly we ask that all clients follow these procedures.

- Before and After care will enter and exit at cafeteria doors (black gate and bell at gate will not be used for before and after care)
- Parents must have their child sign given to them by office staff visible in their vehicle.
- Parent can knock on cafeteria doors for students to enter or exit
- Parents cannot come in BAS program (parents are not allowed in area with students) to wait for students they must wait in the vehicles.
- Before and After care staff will use tablet keypad to sign students in and out the BAS Program
- After care dismissal will be after 3:45PM

## **Welcome to 4<sup>th</sup> Grade!**

We have been busy bees preparing to welcome all of you back. Whether you are joining us in class or from home, we have your learning covered!

As we embark on this non-traditional school year, the fourth grade team has decided to center our classroom assignments around Google Classroom and our video platform will be Zoom. To streamline the process even more, students will always see a Zoom meeting link on Google Classroom. While helping our students stay on track with Google Classroom and Zoom, we will be keeping parents informed through Focus.

So, in order to prepare for a successful start of the school year, please make sure students (especially those in an eLearning capacity) are able to access the following before the first day:

- 1) BPS Launchpad (upon logging in with last year's ID/Password, you will be prompted to set a new password)
- 2) Google Learn/Google Classroom (accessed through Launchpad – teachers will send an invite via student BPS emails)
- 3) The Zoom app on Launchpad and the Zoom link posted on Google Classroom.

Parents should ensure they are able to access their Focus account and teachers will be sending out individual emails shortly to make introductions and offer additional assistance.

We are so looking forward to seeing you on Monday! For our eLearning student to join us Monday morning, simply accept the emailed Google Classroom invite then look for the link on the main Google Classroom code to click on at 8:45 am so we can see your smiling faces!



## Third Grade

We are so happy to welcome you to our classrooms! Whether it is in person or via e-learning, the third grade team is looking forward to an exciting year. Third grade is a very busy year, filled with lots of fun and learning! We are very excited about all we have planned for your children this year, and we look forward to working with you as well.

As we plan for a beginning of a school year like no other, we have seen in the past, our focus will still be to ensure that:

- every third grader, every day is finding a way to feel **connected**,
- every third grader, every day is being **challenged** by new learnings and experiences,
- and every third grade, every day knows they have a **champion** they can turn to.

Please be checking your child's FOCUS in the next few days for additional information in regard to the third grade e-learning platform we will be using and first day of school information.

We are looking forward to a great year!



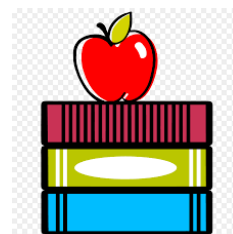
## Corporal Brooks

Hi Stevenson Penguins, Corporal Brooks here and I'm excited to be returning as the School Resource Officer this year! As the School Resource Officer, it is my responsibility to ensure the students, families, and staff feel safe while on campus; to accomplish this task, I will have to rely on each and every one of our responsible Penguins to adhere to social distancing procedures, in order to protect yourself and others. I know we will overcome this challenge as a team. We have lots of fun things planned this year and I can't wait to see all our returning Penguins and meet all our new additions!

## Scholastic Book Fair!!

Our Virtual Scholastic Book Fair will be September 16 – September 29. More information to come. Check out the format of our morning announcements!!

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=PSqsA3xoQJ4&feature=youtu.be>



## Supplies

Because classrooms have limited space due to social distancing guidelines we have limited room for student supplies. To kick off the new school year we are asking that students bring in these items:

Teacher or Grade Level	Supplies to bring to school the first day
Kindergarten	You will hear directly from our K Teachers.
First	Ms. Van Matre- Pencils, crayons, 3 composition notebooks, 1 inch 3 ring binder
Third	Bring all supplies.
Fifth	You will hear from 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Teachers
Sixth Grade	Please keep 1 package of notepaper and a pack of pencils at home.

Temperature checks will be conducted by teachers in Kindergarten, First Grade, & Fifth Grade upon entering the classrooms.

## Arrival

Arrival time for students is 8:45. Students will enter school through the designated doors following social distancing (6ft.) guidelines. If students arrive earlier than 8:45 they are to remain in their vehicle with their parents until 8:45.

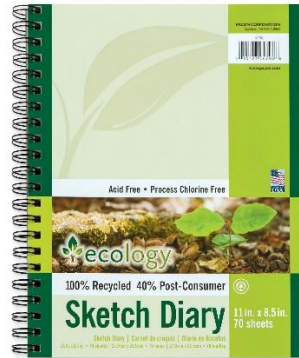


*These designated doors will also be utilized for dismissal.*

## From the Desk of Mrs. Sonberg, Art Teacher

I am requesting that for each student to bring a sketchbook for this school year. It needs to be either 9x12 or 8.5x11 no smaller. Please keep it to medium weight to mixed media weight. In addition to the sketchbook please supply a fine black marker and watercolors.

Below are some sketchbooks that are under 5 dollars. Spiral bound notebooks keep papers together.



The first two sketchbooks are from Walmart. The last Sketchbook is from Target.

## More from our teacher team building art activity!!!





# Meal Prices

## Breakfast:

Free every day at ALL schools

Adult/Additional Breakfast: \$1.60

## Lunch:

	Daily	Weekly	Monthly*
Reduced	\$0.40	\$2.00	\$8.00
Elementary Full Pay	\$1.95	\$9.75	\$39.00
Secondary Full Pay	\$2.20	\$11.00	\$44.00

\*Monthly is based on 20 days

Adult/Additional Lunch: \$3.10



## Allergies



If your child has a food allergy or medical condition that requires a diet modification, please contact Food and Nutrition Services. Our dietitians will assist with accommodating your child's dietary needs during the school day.



Brevard County Public Schools

# Kick Off

this school year with

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- Add your child using their Student ID number. *If you don't your child's ID number, please contact their school.*



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- Check account balances online [www.mypaymentsplus.com](http://www.mypaymentsplus.com)
- Sign up for FREE low-balance e-mail reminders
- Make payments using a credit card, debit card, or e-check 24/7
- Set up auto-pay for when your child's account reaches a low-balance threshold
- Monitor cafeteria purchase history and receive low balance alerts



### Downloading the App:

Once you've created an account online, download the mobile app for account management on-the-go

- Search: "MyPaymentsPlus"
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