

Panther Press

“Excellence and Beyond”

April 9, 2018

A Note From the Principal

Greetings,

Welcome back! I trust that everyone had a safe and relaxing Spring Break. Soon our students will begin taking the Florida Standard Assessment (FSA) in Reading, Mathematics, and Science. Parents, you play a major role in helping your children do well in school, and prepare for the FSA Test. Here are some suggestions as to how you may assist us and your child:

Be sure your child is physically prepared on the day of the test. Taking a test requires a student’s full attention. Your child should have a good night’s sleep before the test. It is also imperative that your child eat a nutritious breakfast. In the event your child does not get breakfast at home, remember the cafeteria provides free breakfast daily from 7:00am-7:35am.

Illness: Use good judgment in determining whether or not your child should attend school. As always, if your child has a fever or is contagious, they should not be sent to school, but will be required to make up the test upon their return.

- **Tardiness:** Please be aware of the time your child will be testing. Avoid scheduling appointments on test days. If your child arrives at school after the test has already begun, they will have to take it at a different time and location from the rest of the class. Please make every attempt to have your child at school on time.
- **Leaving Campus:** If students leave campus before completing their test (for an appointment, illness, etc.) they will **NOT** be allowed to complete the test. Please avoid picking up your child early on test days.
- **Electronic Devices:** If students are found with **ANY** electronic devices during testing or during breaks, their test will be invalidated. It is recommended that all electronic devices be left at home on the day of testing.

Present a positive attitude toward the tests. Encourage your child to do his/her best. Express confidence in his/her abilities. Let your child know it is okay to proceed at his or her own pace. Explain that some of the test questions may be difficult and that it does not matter if other students finish sooner.

Encourage good work habits. You can help your child learn good work habits at home and at school. Explain the importance of carefully following directions, avoiding careless errors, and checking work to make sure it’s done correctly.

Parents, allow me to thank you for your continued support.

Testing schedules for each grade level will be sent home with your student.

Chris Reed, Principal

April

April Calendar

- April 2nd - 6th
Spring Break
- April 10, 2018
SAC Mtg. at 3:45
- April 12, 2018
Kindergarten
Orientation at 5:30
- April 17, 2018
PTO Mtg. at 4:00
- April 25, 2018
Admin. Prof. Day
- April 27, 2018
Interims Go Home
- April 30 - May 4
Tchr Appreciation
Week

May Calendar

- May 1, 2018
SAC Mtg. at 3:45
- May 4, 2018
Nurses Day
- May 4, 2018
Multi-Cultural
Night 5:30– 8:00
- May 14th - 18th
Boss’ Week
- May 14th & 15th
Awards
- May 15, 2018
PTO Mtg. at 4:00

School Hours

- **The front office** will be open from 7:15 AM till 3:45 PM
- **Free Student Breakfast** will be served from 7:00 AM till 7:35 AM, **Closing promptly at 7:35.**
- **Instructional time begins at 7:45.** If your student is not in class by 7:45, they are considered tardy and an adult **“must”** come into the front office to sign them in.
- **Early Check Out ends at 2:45.** You will not be able to check your child out early after 2:45. If your student needs to be checked out early, please make arrangements to be here before 2:45. On early release days you will not be able to check your child out after 1:30.
- **Dismissal**—Bus riders and walkers will be dismissed at 3:15. Car riders will be dismissed at 3:20.

Late Pick-Ups

All students must be picked up from Endeavour Elementary by **3:45 PM** on a regular dismissal day. All students must be picked up from Endeavour Elementary by **2:30 PM** on an early release day. Students who remain at the school after this time are taken to the School Age Child Care Program.

The cost for a student who was not picked up on time and taken to the School Age Child Care Program is **\$25.00** per student. *Payment for this service is due the same day.*

Early Release Days for 2017-2018

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Students will be dismissed at 2:00 on early release days. Starting Wednesday, August 16, 2017 **every Wednesday** will be an early release day, in addition to the days listed below. Please keep track of these days and make arrangements now to have your child picked up on time!

May 21, 2018

May 22, 2018

May 23, 2018

Head Start is Now accepting applications for 2018-2019 School Year!

Our Pre-K Head Start program is now accepting applications for the 2018-2019 school year. The Head Start program consists of quality full day early childhood education and incorporates strong family engagement activities including family meeting and parent participation in classrooms. Children **MUST** be 3 years of age on or before September 1, 2018 and VPK children **MUST** be 4 years of age on or before September 1, 2018. VPK children must complete a Head Start application which can be obtained in the front office, be approved by Head Start and then obtain a VPK voucher from the Early Learning Coalition. For more information and to obtain eligibility requirements please contact Mikisha Morrison at 321.633.3545 ext.3183

Kindergarten Orientation, April 12th

Please help us get the word out to any neighbors and friends of incoming Kindergarteners. If you have a child who will be entering Kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year (must be five years old on or before Sept. 1, 2018), please be sure to join us for **Kindergarten Orientation, Thursday, April 12th at 5:30 in the Cafeteria.**

Multicultural Night, May 4th

Please join us May 4th, at 5:30pm in our celebration of the unique cultural differences that make up the Endeavour Elementary School family. It will be a night of dancing, singing, and learning about our different cultures! Of course, we will also enjoy a taste of the different foods that our students and families bring from their countries. Please contact Ms. Bueno if you would like to participate, or volunteer. 321-633-3545 ext. 5029



4th Quarter Awards, May 14th & 15th



You are invited to attend our 4th Quarter Awards presentation in the Cafeteria on **May 14th and 15th**. The schedule is below. **Please be sure to have your picture ID with you to be able to sign in with the front office.**

May 14th

8:15 Kindergarten
9:15 1st Grade
2:15 2nd Grade

May 15th

8:15 4th Grade
9:15 3rd Grade
2:15 5th Grade

Attention All Pre-K and 6th Graders!

If your child is advancing to Kindergarten or to middle school next year, they will need to have a current physical and updated shots, so don't delay, make their doctor appointments now!



Free Tutoring



The Central Brevard branch of the NAACP has established a Community Learning Center, staffed by volunteers and open to help all students at ANY GRADE LEVEL! If you need additional information, please contact Dr. Charles Middleton at 321-345-1632 .

Tuesday & Wednesday
4:30 - 7:00 P.M.

Zion Orthodox Primitive Baptist Church
715 South Fiske Blvd., Cocoa, FL

Congratulations to our March Students of the Month

Pre-K– Mrs. Murray’s Class - Brandon Preciado

Kindergarten - Mrs. Kirven’s Class - Anyela Rivera

First Grade - Ms. Lewis’s Class - Sophia Medina

Second Grade - Mrs. Shepard’s Class - Isabella Rodriguez Rivera

Third Grade - Ms. Shaughnessy’s Class - Danessi Gacia-Berrios

Fourth Grade - Ms. Droll’s Class - Daisy Garcia-Sandoval

Fifth Grade - Ms. Corriveau’s Class - Marbella Rodas

Sixth Grade - Ms. Wielbik’s Class - Jayla Allen

Coaches’ Corner



5 Ways to improve your child’s vocabulary at home

Use grown up words in normal conversations: Pepper your conversations with words your child probably won't understand, but ones you'd likely use in conversation with an adult. Be sure to encourage your children to ask for clarification when they don't understand something, and be prepared to pause and explain.

Let Your Child Tell the Story: Feel free to put the book down and ask your child to create a story to tell you. You may want to provide the setting (a pirate ship, for example) and a problem the characters must face (stranded on a haunted island). Then, let your child take the reins to wherever his or her imagination leads.

Converse Regularly: Kids constantly absorb everything they hear. The more they hear you speak, the more you can teach them.

Play Word Games: Several old-school favorites are Boggle, Hangman, and Apples to Apples. Further, seize on the value of your smartphone by downloading apps like [7 Little Words](#), [What's the Word](#), and [Word Stack](#).

Label Household Items: Using post-it notes to label household items is a fantastic way to introduce young children to an array of words. You can have fun with this by writing the words in multiple languages as well! ~ Mrs. Thatcher



Science:

April 14th: Harris Science Super Saturday (Topic: Weathering & Erosion) - All 5th Grade students are encouraged to attend from 8:45-12:00. **Please see Ms. Berry** for a permission form. Breakfast and lunch will be provided. Door prizes will be given as well.

April 26th, 27th, and 30th Science Boot Camp for all 5th Grade students. Topics will include Nature of Science, Human Body, Life Cycles, and Space.

May 1st and 2nd the 5th Grade students will be taking the Statewide Science Assessment. ~Ms. Berry