



THE BARB

Fleming Island Elementary

PFA Newsletter

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From the Principal

Dear Fleming Island Elementary Families,

Welcome to the 2017-2018 school year where our theme is, "Game On!" It has been a very busy, but wonderful opening of school, and I have enjoyed meeting so many of you! I am honored to serve as the Principal at FIE and look forward to an exciting school year!

You can help ensure your child's success by having them at school every day and on time! Teachers begin the day promptly at 8:30 A.M. so it is important that they are on campus and ready to learn at this time.

Communication is important for us so that you are aware of what is going on with your child's progress in school. Please look for your child's purple folder every Tuesday that will contain important information, announcements, and upcoming events. In addition, I will be sending an email every Friday with reminders and important dates. If you are not receiving this email and would like to be added to the distribution list, please email your contact information to Beverly.Moody@myoneclay.net.

Safety is a top priority at Fleming Island Elementary. Please make sure that you always have photo identification if you will be picking up a child from the front office. If you wish to make a change to your child's dismissal, please send a note to your child's teacher. In addition, we are working on some of our dismissal procedures and appreciate your understanding in helping to keep our children safe.

Thank you for your support of our school and for entrusting your child(ren) to us on a daily basis!

Your Principal,
Jennifer Collins

Calling All Volunteers

The FIE Volunteer Orientation Breakfast will be held on Thursday, September 14th at 8:30am in the Media Center.

All who would like to volunteer at the school in any capacity are encouraged to attend.

There will be a short meeting after the Volunteer Breakfast for all Home Room Parents.

Drama Club

Drama club will be holding auditions for new members in the beginning of September. Check the Tuesday folder & the FIE website for more information. This year our performance will be Disney's Peter Pan.



Technology

What do tired computer teachers do? They go home and crash! LOL Just a little computer zone humor! I am always happy to return to FIE for another thrilling year! I have great expectations for our Stingrays learning their grade level appropriate Computer Science standards. This year we will cover everything from collaborative communications, computer practices and programming, human – computer interactions and Artificial Intelligence, to most importantly, responsible use of technology and information.

Each new school year your student will obtain a new password. This password will change every 60-90 days for safety. They will need this information to get on the MY.ONECLAY.NET site which brings you to the student PORTAL. The portal contains various online software applications they will use frequently. Such as, checking FOCUS for grades and homework, or Goggle Classroom if they joined a specific teacher's site.

Please refer to your student's agenda on page R-3 for information regarding internet etiquette and safety; in particular, cyberbullying. I also would like to bring your attention to pages 6 & 7 of the Agenda/planner which discusses internet access and my role as the computer teacher.

One more thing; please like our FACEBOOK page! A great place to get up-to-date information on the exciting daily events here at FIE
Kindly yours, Melanie Oswald

Attention Military Families

Jennifer Weldon will be our returning MFLC for the 3rd year! She will be providing support to all our active duty military families. She will be working Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday at FIE. If you or your child have any need for support during transitions, deployments or other issues, feel free to email her at jennifer.weldon@myoneclay.net or call her cell at 451-4210. We appreciate all our military families and what you do for our country! Thank You!

Guidance Counselors' Corner

WELCOME BACK STINGRAYS!

The Guidance Department sends a warm welcome to all of our returning and new students! The 2017-2018 school year is up and going! We hope you and your family had a relaxing summer! As part of the BARB, guidance information will be sent out every other month. In each issue, you will find information on what is currently happening in Guidance, important dates to note, relevant articles and other opportunities. The newsletter often contains information that pertains to all grade levels. Please take the time to read through it and to visit the Counseling Office in person and/or send an email.

It is our expectation that this year will be full of success in academics, events, and activities for all students. The Guidance Department at Fleming Island Elementary School consists of professional school counselors who work with students of every grade level on age specific goals. They are state certified in the areas of personal and social counseling, academic advisement, interpersonal skills, and college and career preparation planning. Counselors can provide one-on-one assistance to help students reach their full potential, participate in their own development, learn interpersonal skills, and work toward becoming self-directed individuals.

Students are encouraged to come in when they:

- Have questions regarding academic & future planning
- Have social, emotional, or peer concerns at school
- Have social, emotional, or relationship concerns outside of school

Parents are encouraged to call their child's counselor when they:

- Have a concern or a question; have information to share
- Wish to make an appointment to meet the counselor
- Have a question of any nature regarding your student's school life

We look forward to an exciting and fun filled school year,

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Kindergarten Notes

Welcome Kindergarten Families! Thank you for a smooth transition these first few weeks. We are settling into the daily routine. We look forward to seeing you at Open House on Thursday, September 7th at 6pm.

Art!

Welcome back to school and another great year in ART! My name is Mrs. McDade and I am the new art teacher this year and thrilled to be here.

I will be resuming the highly popular ARTSONIA program. If you are unfamiliar with how this works, please email me and I can get additional information to you. Basically it is an online showcase where family members near and far can view – and then order items from t-shirts to coffee mugs– of your child’s artwork. It will require permission for your child’s work to be uploaded and published online at their secure site. It is a nice fundraiser for the art program here and the kids do love to see their work online...and possibly in your cupboard.

So far this year, the pre-k through 2nd graders have been busy settling into routines and getting our hands into watercolors, oil pastels and learning about some basic elements of art. We are noticing how everything around us is made up of lines and shapes and that all the colors we see come from just THREE! Ask your student to tell you what those three colors are called - we are learning art vocabulary!

In the upper grades, 3-5, we are diving deeper into more complicated ideas of those same art elements; we learned about how artists use the negative and positive space in their work and how they can use it in their own. Ask them about the Harry Potter surprises we found in the illustrator Olly Moss’s work.

The 6th graders, are learning to trust themselves and their own individual process of art-making. I threw them headfirst into a portrait challenge of a master named Piet Mondrian using a technique called observational drawing. It definitely pushed them out of their comfort zones and maybe showed them how courageous they can be - as artists and humans.

If you ever need to contact me, feel free to reach out via my school email: lori.mcdade@myoneclay.net and I will replay within the following 24 hours.

*REMEMBER - * You can't spell SMART without ART! **

Media Center

The Fleming Island Elementary School Media Center staff would like to welcome everyone to the new school year. Our hours are 8:10 am – 3:00 pm and we are closed between 11:05 am – 12:10 pm for teacher duty/planning/lunch. In addition, the students will come once a week during their resource period. Students in second through sixth grade may check out two books and the younger students may check out one book. Books are checked out for a week but may be renewed, if the book is not on hold.

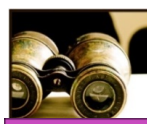
The Media Center is the heart of the school with 12 computers and over 18,000 books and materials available for student and teacher use. We are in the process of selecting digital databases for our students to use at both school and home. A list of these resources will be available soon.

From challenges to check-outs, the media resource has been an adventure so far this year. Students start their time in the Media Center with a challenge to stimulate their critical thinking skills. The older students participated in “The Island Adventure” to learn about the areas of the Media Center. The younger students spent time learning book care skills with a visit from the “book baby!”

Our books are very popular and checked out frequently. We have Sunshine State Young Readers books available for the students and we are constantly adding new print and eBooks to our collection. Students are invited to suggest books that they would like to see in the Media Center. If these books meet our selection criteria, and funds are available, we will try to order them during the year.

We are planning some exciting activities for the year. We will have a Reading Challenge in late September-early October. The book fair is scheduled for October 30-November 7 with a family night on November 2. And the students will be introduced to Makerspace activities where they can use their creativity.

Please contact Carol Papuga or Dina Sakowski if you have any comments or suggestions.



Sept 7...Open House (PreK, K, 1, 2, ESE) @ 6:00 PM
Sept 11...PFA Board Meeting – 1:30pm
Sept 12...Interim Reports on FOCUS
Sept 13...Early Dismissal
Sept 13...School Fundraiser Begins
Sept 14...Volunteer Orientation & Breakfast 8:30 am
Sept 15...Fall Individual Pictures
Sept 25...SAC @ 3:00 P.M.
Sept 29...Respectable Ravs Pancake Breakfast 8:10am