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# BAYSHORE

ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



## Jazzy Journal Principal's Corner

Dear Bayshore Families,

This past month has been a busy one here at Bayshore Elementary School. We just completed a successful first nine weeks and can't believe how fast the weeks are passing by. As we enter our second nine weeks, please be sure your student is reading for 20 minutes daily, completing their reading logs, homework, and engaging in family conversations about their learning each day.

Attendance Matters! Please make sure your child is in school every day. We are showing up together. Going to school everyday matters for success in school and life. Special shout-out to our fantastic family members who have supported Bayshore students and staff at SAC meetings, PTO meetings. You are greatly appreciated for all of your time and support of Bayshore Elementary.

We incentivize our students in a variety of ways; students can earn "Brag Tags" for completing sight word lists, XtraMath, and Penda (5th grade Science). Please encourage your child to practice sight word lists and math facts at home. Students can earn a popcorn party during their lunch by reading 20 minutes with accountability, the class with the highest participation of completed reading logs will win. Last but not least, students can earn a ticket to our "AttenDANCE" party by coming to school every day; the class with the highest percentage by grade level will win the attendance social/party.

Thanksgiving is still a few weeks away, but I would like to share what I'm thankful for here at Bayshore Elementary School.

- Bayshore staff members who work tirelessly to find ways to reach every single student academically, emotionally, and socially. You are all amazing and truly personify the meaning of "teamwork".
- Hard-working students who come to school ready and willing to learn with a growth mindset. We appreciate your efforts and we enjoy celebrating all of your successes.
- Dedicated parents/guardians who provide support, care, structures, and most of all, unconditional love for their children every single day; your partnership is invaluable.
- Kind and compassionate relationships developed between all stakeholders, community members, and business partners that make a difference in the lives of our students.

From our Bayshore family to yours, we wish you a joyful, safe, and most wonderful Thanksgiving with your family and friends.

Sincerely,

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### November Highlights

Nov. 3	Pink Day	
Nov. 3	Texas Road House Fundraiser Money Due	
Nov. 14	SAC Meeting (Media)	3:45 p.m.
	PTO Meeting	4:30 p.m.
Nov. 8	Photo Retake Day	
Nov. 13	Texas Road House Dine to Donate 4-8 (Pick up bread fundraiser)	
Nov. 14	Honor Roll Assembly 2:00 p.m.	
Nov. 14	SAC Meeting 3:45 p.m.	
	PTO Meeting 4:30 p.m.	
Nov. 16	Progress reports	
Nov. 16	Winn Dixie Math Night 4:30-6:30	
Nov. 17	Wear Purple for Epilepsy Awareness	
Nov. 17	PBIS Popsicle/Ice Cream Day	
Nov. 20-24	Thanksgiving Break	
Nov 28	Square One Art Fundraiser / Last day to order	
Nov. 28	Kids at Hope Day	
Nov. 29	Flu vaccination clinic	
Nov. 30	KONA Ice Fundraiser	

## Bayshore Elementary Thanks Our Veterans



As we approach Veterans Day on November 11th, Bayshore Elementary would like to take this opportunity to thank all of our veterans for their service. We especially would like to recognize the veterans, servicemen, and servicewomen in your family. In order to do this, we would like you to send in their photographs (no originals please) to the front office. Please label the back of the photograph with the veteran's name and the student's name. These will be displayed in the front office for students, staff, and community members in recognition of the service they have given, or are currently giving to our country.

## Staff Recognition

At Bayshore, we believe ALL of our staff members are outstanding!!! St. Lucie County School District will recognize exemplary employees in the categories of Teacher of the Year, Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year, Outstanding First Year Teacher, and School Related Employee of the Year. We would like to congratulate the following nominees for Bayshore and on the recognition they have received from their fellow staff members. These employees will be celebrated and honored at the district recognition ceremony, Night of the Stars.

Teacher of the Year - Mr. Hussein

Distinguished Minority Educator of the Year - Mr. Regis

School Related Employee of the Year - Mrs. Dileo

Outstanding First Year Teacher - Mr. Phillabaum



### VPK

This month we discussed our community and who lives there. We reviewed that communities are groups of people who live near one another and spend time together. We also reinforced that families are friends help one another and explored ways we can help our community. Students were able to compare two texts by identifying differences between books that tell a story and books that include facts. In writing, students learned how to add details and dictate a sentence to describe a directed drawing. Students continued to rote count up to 20, identify numerals 1-5, match numerals to groups and review shape attributes. For phonological awareness, we introduced the letters S, T, and I and continued to work on blending syllables and combining words to make compound words. Students are continuing to review school expectations and are doing an amazing job becoming more independent self-directed learners.

### Resource

Students are learning many things in Resource this month. In Art, kindergarten students are working on alphabet drawings, first and second Grade students are creating their own characters, and third through fifth grade students are creating historical figure monochromatic paintings. Please remember that Square One Art Fundraiser orders are due by November 28th. In Media, we are enjoying Sunshine State Books and learning about Thanksgiving. Fifth grade students are participating in the Too Good for Drugs program. Thank you to everyone who supported our Scholastic Book Fair! It was our highest earning fair ever and we will be able to buy many more books and supplies for our library with the profits. In Music, students will be focusing on percussion instruments. In PE, students are learning volleyball skills. In STEM, kindergarten students are working on Starfall Math Skills, first grade is making Q-Tip skeletons, second grade is learning Microsoft Office, third grade is making placemats using Microsoft Office including text and images, fourth grade is using PowerPoint skills to create thankful turkeys using geometric shapes, and fifth grade is making Macy's Thanksgiving Day Parade balloon floats.

Our Resource Team would like to thank all of our Bayshore Team and Families for their ongoing help and support. To keep our Resource projects going smoothly we would like to request any of the following items if you or your family is able to donate them.

#### Resource Team Wish List

Copy Paper

Tissues

Liquid Glue (Mrs. Kimbrell)

Glue Sticks (Mrs. Fowler)

Empty shoe and/or cereal boxes (Mrs. Kimbrell)

Empty Tissue Boxes (Mrs. Weis)

Empty Toilet Paper Rolls (Mrs. Kimbrell)

Rice (Mrs. Kimbrell)

Empty Coffee Cans (Mrs. Kimbrell)

Sport Balls (Basketball/Softball/Football/Soccer ball/Playground ball) (Mr. Milligan)

Monetary Donations for a Drum Set (Mr. Regis)

### Kindergarten

November will be another busy month for Kindergarten! We have been working on initial sounds, ending sounds, generating rhyming words, and high frequency words. We are learning about writing sentences and adding details to our pictures. In math, we will be working on addition and subtraction within 10. We are doing a fantastic job being kind, using our manners, and following the rules. Pumpkin Day was so much fun! We used our senses to observe, touch, taste, measure, sort, and investigate our pumpkins. Please continue going over the high frequency words daily! Also, please continue reading with your child for at least 10 minutes each night and completing the reading log. Additional information can be found in the reading log folder that was sent home in September. Thanks so much for your continued support!

### 1st Grade

November will be an exciting month in First Grade! During Reading, we are focusing on how stories have a narrator and how people create different kinds of stories. We will continue reinforcing our skills in identifying story elements, such as the characters, setting, and events in a story. In Math, we are learning how to collect, represent, and interpret data! Students will be learning how to create and understand tally charts, while also turning that information into pictographs. Meanwhile, in Social Studies, we will be learning about different holidays, patriotic symbols, and observances. First grade is also looking forward to our Turkey Day, where we will be reinforcing our skills in fun, turkey-themed ways!

Please make sure that your child is practicing their high frequency words and reading for at least 15 minutes a day. If your child is struggling with reading, you, a friend, or a sibling can also read to him/her, just be sure to question who the story is about, what the main events are, and also the setting. This will help build your child's comprehension as they continue to grow. Students should also be practicing their math facts daily, as we want to build their automaticity in adding and subtracting their facts.

### 2nd Grade

Happy November families! Second grade is off to a wonderful second nine weeks of school. Students are focusing on Informational text and identifying the important details within the text to improve their understanding of what they read. Please have your child read nightly to increase their fluency and decoding skills. They can also practice their comprehension by retelling stories to you or relaying some important information they learned from reading the text. This includes the characters and their point of view towards situations in the story. Students are also responding about text during our writing time by creating 2-3 paragraph responses to text-based prompts. This month students will begin learning about historical text analysis in social studies. They will participate in many exciting hands-on lessons involving various primary sources within history including a culminating field trip to the Saint Lucie County historical museum. Throughout the month students will also continue working on adding and subtracting to 100 by using mental math, concrete examples and many other new strategies. As always, please continue studying spelling and sight words nightly along with practicing math fluency. Thank you for all of your support and have a wonderful Thanksgiving!

### 3rd Grade

Third grade is focused on facts! Multiplication fact cards for times tables 0 through 12 were recently given to all 3rd graders to help them become more proficient in learning their multiplication facts. Please practice with your child to help with fact fluency! Memorization is a big help moving into division. We are moving into 2-dimensional shapes. Students need to focus on the attributes of the shapes. Please practice "look back strategies" at home during reading. Using comprehension questions at home with your child will help them to build a better understanding in reading. Also, please note that 130 words correct per minute is a grade level expectation by the end of the year. Set those timers and practice, practice, practice.

### 4th Grade

Greetings 4th grade families! We are a little less than halfway through the second nine-week period. In Reading, we have started Unit 3 which focuses on how different government agencies can help solve problems in our community. In this unit, students will be working on text structure and how it contributes to meaning, summarizing text to include the central idea and relevant details, and how authors make claims and use reasons and evidence to support their claims. Writing instruction is well underway, however it's very much a work in progress. Students are learning how to navigate through sources of text on their laptops while typing an essay to respond to a writing prompt at the same time. It's very new and somewhat cumbersome to most students especially if they haven't used a computer very much. This is how the writing portion of the new FAST test will look moving forward. In Math, your students have been working on long division, learning several different strategies to solve. Then, they will be starting to solve real-world problems using correct operations. In Science, students are learning about states of matter and how certain elements can change from one state to another. November 17th will be our second session of our in-school field trip from the Hobe Sound Nature Center. This session, students will be learning about snakes native to Florida. If your child needs a new permission slip, or you need to pay for the field trip, please contact your child's teacher as soon as possible. If you have already turned in your child's permission slip AND paid the one-time fee of \$10, this covers all six sessions.

### 5th grade

This month, our fifth graders are reading all about the U.S Constitution Then and Now. In this unit, students will read selections from several informational social studies texts. They will synthesize information to build the understanding that the purpose of the U.S Constitution was to outline the powers and responsibilities of the three branches of government, the laws of the Constitution can be added to through the amendment process, and determination is an important factor in working for changes to the U.S. Constitution.

Our radiant readers will be practicing skills such as tracking the development of an argument, identifying claims, evidence, and reasoning, as well as comparing primary and secondary sources related to the same topic.

In science students are learning more about the universe and all the many objects located in it. This unit is called Earth, Space, and Time, and it will give students a greater understanding of how small we really are in the big scheme of things. Students will also receive information about the Science Fair project so they can start brainstorming ideas.

In math our students will be diving into the fascinating world of patterns and data representation. Our students will be learning how to represent patterns and data on the coordinate plane. This unit will provide students with a solid foundation in understanding how patterns can be visualized and analyzed using a coordinate plane. They will learn how to plot points, draw lines, and interpret data. This is a crucial skill in mathematics that has wide applications in various fields such as physics, engineering, computer science, and more.

We are thrilled to announce that our fifth-grade classes will be embarking on their first field trip of the year! We will be visiting the IRSC Planetarium, a place where the mysteries of the universe come alive. This educational journey will provide our students with a unique opportunity to explore the wonders of the cosmos, learn about celestial bodies, and understand the vastness of our universe. It's an experience that aligns perfectly with our science curriculum and one that promises to be both educational and fun. More details regarding the date, time, and other logistics will be shared soon. Thank you for your continued support in making these educational experiences possible for our students.



The PBIS team is selling Smencils Pencils to raise money for PBIS activities and events.

SMENCILS are only \$1.00 each and come in many different smells and styles. We will be selling the classic scents which may include Jelly Donut, Orange Soda, Strawberry Cheesecake, Rainbow Sherbet, Chocolate Milkshake, Blue Slushie, Pineapple Swirl, Bubble Gum, Watermelon, Black Cherry, while supplies last.

\* Smencils will be sold only during students' scheduled Media Resource Time.



**November 2023**

**Positive Behavioral Interventions & Supports (PBIS)!!!**

At Bayshore we believe through rewarding positive student behavior, we help every child be successful. We are excited to see our students following PBIS expectations across the school campus. Students have been doing an amazing job following café and hallway expectations.

Our next PBIS event is scheduled for Friday, November 17<sup>th</sup>. Students will be able to purchase a frozen treat for 10 Jazzy Cash.



Our highlighted PBIS school wide expectation this month is WORK.

**CLASSROOM**

- Work quietly
- Obey directions
- Raise hand
- Keep hands and feet to self

You can learn more about PBIS expectations by discussing the expectations with your child(ren) at home by asking about what they've done to earn Jazzy Cash, and how they use it at school.

**Picture Retake Day**



Picture retake day will be Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup> for Bayshore Elementary. Only new students, students who were absent, or if you are not satisfied with their original pictures, will take pictures this day. If you are not satisfied with the original picture, the parent must return the package to the photographer on retake day.

All school picture proceeds will be used for staff incentives and activities.

**PTO**

This was our 5<sup>th</sup> year doing our Boo Grams Fundraiser and we did so great. The kids loved getting their Boo Grams! Thank you to everyone who helped support our Boo Gram Fundraiser.

Our next PTO meeting will be November 14<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m. Looking forward to all great things ahead!



National Epilepsy Awareness Month in November is an annual event that teaches people about epilepsy's causes and symptoms.



We are excited to announce Bayshore's 1<sup>st</sup> Annual

**Winn Dixie Math Night!**

This will be held on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup> Please join us for a Math Scavenger Hunt! Bayshore will have a table outside from 4:30 PM-6:30 PM. All students who participate will receive an Out of Dress Code Pass and a cookie!!! Have family fun while practicing those real-life Math Skills! We look forward to seeing our families there!

**School Advisory Council (SAC)**

The SAC committee met on October 11, 2023. We held this meeting in person and through Teams for those who can't attend. We discussed Title 1 Night, approved Kindergarten book list, Fall family survey, and Read to Succeed (partnership with Big Apple pizza).

If you would like to become a member of SAC, join us at our next meeting on November 14, 2023. You can attend our meetings in person or on Teams. Reach out to Mrs. Reynolds with any questions at [kelly.reynolds@stlucieschools.org](mailto:kelly.reynolds@stlucieschools.org).

We would love to have you!

Please visit our school website for up-to-date and valuable information, such as links to transportation, Skyward Family Access, the St. Lucie meal application, and much more: <http://schools.stlucie.k12.fl.us/bay>

**Yearbooks**

Yearbooks will be available to order online only at [www.leonards.com](http://www.leonards.com). Price is based on order date.

- \$20 until 11/30/2023
- \$25 12/1/23— Until sold out

A limited number of yearbooks have been ordered and may not be available later, so please reserve your copy today.