

## JANUARY 2019 NEWSLETTER

*Dear Families,  
Welcome to 2019! I hope the New Year will be good to you and your family. We will be working hard to be prepared for the return of your child on January 10<sup>th</sup>. At that point, we will be half way through the school year. Thank you in advance for your continued support of the students, staff, and school. We cannot do such wonderful work without you! Please remember to record your volunteer hours in the binder in the office.*



*This month we will begin to focus on state testing which will happen in the early Spring. All parents are invited to our PTO meeting on January 15<sup>th</sup> @ 6:30 as we discuss the new changes and effects of state testing on your child and the school. We encourage all parents to attend and be informed. Child care will be available for children 3 and above. Our last two weeks of January will be filled with activities for students and families to help celebrate literacy and school choice. The culminating activity is an evening of performances at our local Barnes and Noble book store with a fundraiser for the classrooms. Be sure to come and join in the fun on that evening. Bring your school voucher for any purchases made, we will get a portion of the cost to be used in the school. What a great way to start the New Year!  
Ms. Cheryl Turner  
Principal*

School lunches – Our goal is to have every parent using MyPaymentPlus for lunch orders. This will save time, efforts and be more efficient. If you need your child's school number, contact Eileen for this information. This account stays open for the entire school

West Melbourne PAL bowling league is getting organized. If you want to participate, please see the enclosed flyer for more information.



### Campus Clean-up

Twice a year we spruce up the grounds and the rooms with a little extra work. This is a great way to get those volunteer hours. Bring your cleaning tools or gardening tools to help us from 8-11 on Saturday, January 19<sup>th</sup>. If you are able to donate bags of mulch or plants, that is also appreciated.

### National School Choice Week

Tuesday, Jan 22-Friday Jan 25<sup>th</sup> is a time we celebrate our school choice! We will hold open house and tours daily for both schools. If you are interested in joining our tours, please call Shelly at CDAY or Eileen at EHCS. New families are invited to visit and tour as well. We will be accepting new applications for the 2019-20 school year at this time. PLEASE make sure you have re-enroll your child to hold your spot for the upcoming school year. We are beginning to plan now and will be inviting new families to join us in February.

## Literacy Week - January 28<sup>th</sup> to February 1<sup>st</sup>

Each day we will gather at 9:00 for one classroom to share their vision of Literacy Week. Our BIG event is on Thursday evening, with a performance and fundraiser at Barnes and Noble. Share the voucher with families and friends and they can help support our school. We will receive a portion of all proceeds in the store and at the cafe if they show the voucher. If you would like to have dinner there, please complete the order form and turn in money ahead of time. We will have our own Manatee Mist special drink available that evening. See the attached flyers for more information.

Monday – Grades 1 & 2 room 8 will begin the day. STOP, DROP, and READ – all classes will read for 20 minutes as we work all work to reach our goal of 2000 minutes!

Tuesday – Grades 1 & 2 room 7 will begin the day. Book swap in the classroom. Give a book, take a book.


Wednesday – Grades 5 & 6 will begin the day. Add details to your uniform from your favorite book. Book bags will go home for Preschool at Country Day for Children

Thursday – Grade K will lead the day. Guest readers invited into the classrooms to read a favorite book. Evening performance by grades K-6 and fundraiser at Barnes and Noble.

Friday- SPIRIT DAY led by grades 3 & 4. Dress in cozy PJs or lounge ware to snuggle up to a good book. Bring a pair of shoes for any outdoor activities.

Grades 3-6 Should be putting finishing touches on Science Fair. I am looking for a few qualified judges to help with the school fair. Contact Ms. Turner if you are able to help. The date is Wednesday, Feb 6<sup>th</sup> 8:30 -12:00.

Yearbooks are being put together. Send pictures to Lina lbelmona@yahoo.com Look for information on putting an advertisement in the book. I am looking for one highly organized volunteer to help with getting information to Lina. Our presale will be available soon.

 On January 22<sup>nd</sup>, Tuesday, grades 1 & 2 will attend a field trip to the King Center to watch a show and then have a picnic lunch together. Chaperones must be Registered Volunteers and willing to chaperone a group. This activity will focus on our Earth and be part of their study in science.

**NO school on Monday, January 21<sup>st</sup> in observance of Dr. Martin Luther King. Take time to do something with your family to promote a peaceful and accepting world.**



*Class Pictures on January 16<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday*

*We will take our group picture on this day, please make every effort to be present. This is a full uniform dress day. Students are to wear collared shirts in navy or light blue with dark blue or khaki bottoms. Please no colorful undershirts or leggings. We have a set uniform to let the students focus on school, not attire. Please refer to our handbook for specifics on dress. Thank you for helping us with choices for your children. We allow a dress down day on Friday for students to wear their "fun" outfits. Save the "flair" for those days. Research shows students perform better when they adhere to a set uniform.*