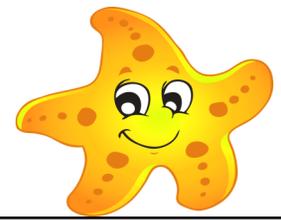


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IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 4th– Labor Day– No School
Sept. 5th– PTO/SAC Meeting– 6:30 P.M.
Volunteer Orientation - 6:00 P.M.
Sept. 14th - Watch Dog kickoff– 6:00-7:00 P.M.
Sept. 19th -Curriculum Night - 4:00-5:00 P.M. and 5:30-6:30 P.M.
Sept. 21st– Rosh Hashanah– No School
Oct. 3rd– Fall Picture Day



Student Leader Blog

During Labor Day, my family usually just rests. Sometimes, we do chores to help my mom and dad because we want to make them feel like it's their Labor Day, too. We also do some fun things, such as fish, go swimming, or go out and look around our neighborhood. We try to relax as much as possible to get rid of stress and responsibilities that's always on our mind. In conclusion, my family and I look forward to Labor Day because we have a very quiet, soothing day where we spend quality time together. That's my Labor Day.

Blog!

By: Haylie Hughes - Mrs. Matos' class

WHAT DOES THAT MEAN????

SLC –Student Led Conference- Parents and students conference to discuss student goals and achievements.



PTO/SAC Meeting- Meeting between the School Advisory Council and the Parent -Teacher Organization (open to all parents) held once a month to review school information and assist in making school related decisions.



PNO– Parent Night Out- This is a night where your children will stay after school for different activities to give our parents some free time after work. This is a paid activity–prices will vary.



You are Invited to Curriculum Night!

Who: Grades K-5

What:

- Learn about your child's curriculum and expectations
- Learn about how to help your child at home
- Parent question & answer session
- Learn about classroom volunteer opportunities
- FREE drinks and light refreshments

When: Tuesday, September 19th
4:00-5:00 P.M. & 5:30-6:30 P.M.

Where: Tropic Isles Classrooms

*Childcare for school-aged children will be provided in the school Media Center . If you will be coming to the 4:00 session and want your student to remain at school, you **must** provide a note that morning. Students without a note cannot remain at school.*



A Note From Your School Nurse

As we begin the school year, please be sure to have your **child's emergency card filled out completely and turned in** as well as any updated medical information that may need to be on file at the school. The proper documentation and permission forms can be obtained from the clinic.

Schools are only allowed to provide medication to students if proper documentation has been provided. These permission forms are supplied by the school and must be filled out by a Physician. No over the counter medications (such as aspirin or cough medicine) will be given without a written statement from the doctor.

Prevention is the key to keeping your child healthy. We would like to see your child in school learning and participating in all of our school activities every day. However, in the event your child is ill or has a fever, please keep him/her home and seek medical advice. Looking forward to a healthy and successful school year for all!

Peanut Allergy Alert

The Lee County School Nurses, in conjunction with each school's safety committee, strive to see that all children have a safe environment in which to learn. A medical condition that has become increasingly worrisome is the “dreaded” peanut allergy. We have more students enrolling each year with this problem. The symptoms range from a simple rash to anaphylactic shock, which includes hives, swelling and respiratory distress. Most students are affected by ingesting peanuts or peanut oil. However, some students can have a life threatening reaction just from smelling peanut butter from another student's sandwich. We have emergency medication in the clinic to help protect these students. We need your help to see that all our student remain safe. Please **DO NOT** send any snacks, lunches or classroom treats to school if peanuts or peanut oil is a possible ingredient. When in doubt, please play it safe. We want all our Tropic Isles students to feel safe at school. If you have any questions, please call the school clinic at 995-4704. Thank you for your assistance, - Jill Books, R.N.

Diving into Success 2017-18:

ABSENCES

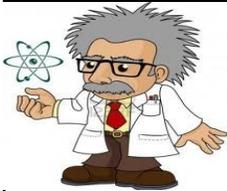
The School District of Lee County recognizes the importance of school attendance and the crucial role it plays in student success.

Research shows that poor attendance in the first month of school can predict trends for the entire year. With that said, parents, please remember that the only legitimate excuses for being absent are: illness, death of a family member, religious holidays of the child's own religion, a subpoena by a law enforcement agency, or other justifiable reason approved by the principal.

A written excuse should be sent to the school the first day the child returns to school. Not sending a written excuse will result in an unexcused absence and the possibility of a visit by the school social worker. Also, early sign-outs and tardies will be entered as unexcused. Once a doctor's note is provided, the attendance will be changed.

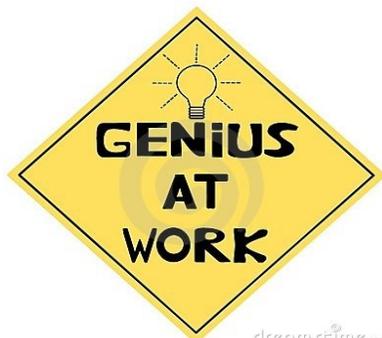
Habit 8: Find Your Voice

One way to discover your voice is to ask yourself what excites you? What are you passionate about? Students can join the many clubs we have at school to practice Habit 8. Along with finding your voice, the 8th Habit encourages you to help others find their voice.



#What is Your Genius Student Clubs

Tropic Isles is excited to announce that on September 11th students will attend their first meeting in student clubs. All students will participate for 30 minutes 1 time per month in the student club of their choice. Students selected their club choice in August. Teachers have sponsored clubs based on their voice. Ask your child what their genius is!



TROPIC ISLES DISMISSAL AT A GLANCE:

WALKER: If a student lives within a 2 mile radius they may be designated as a walker. Walkers will be dismissed from the gate adjacent to the bus ramp and escorted to the crossing guards at Poinsettia Dr and Orange Grove Blvd. If you designate your child as a walker, please note that once they are escorted to the crossing guards, T. I, is no longer responsible or liable for the student. If you are not there to pick up your child, it is assumed that your child is capable of walking on his/her own. Parents please remember that you must let the school know how you would like the child to go home in case of heavy rain by filling out the walker/biker form provided by T.I.

PARENT WALK-UP: If you wish to pick up your child at the Parent walk up section you will need to have a **Parent Walk up sign**. Please park in the rear parking lot and proceed to the grassy area near the gate located at the end of our main driveway. A staff member will check the Parent walk-up sign and call the student to the gate.

CAR RIDER: Cars will form a line. Parents will stay in their cars and show their car rider tag. Your student will be called and given a spot #. Student will then be escorted to the car by a staff member. Anyone picking up without a tag will need to park and proceed to the front office with your ID.

STAR HARBOR

The Tropic Isles Star Harbor Program is a fee-based program that provides supervision of our student population from Pre-Kindergarten through fifth grade. The program is staffed by Tropic Isles employees. The fees are \$20 per student, per week for the morning only, \$40 per student, per week for afternoon only and \$50 for both morning and afternoon. There is a family enrollment fee of \$30 per school year. There will be an extra charge for late pick-up.

Our hours are 6:30-8:30 A.M. for the morning program and dismissal to 5:55 P.M. for the afternoon. STAR HARBOR IS NOT OFFERED ON NON-SCHOOL DAYS. Activities include homework/tutorial assistance, computers, arts and crafts, language arts/reading activities, physical games, and enrichment classes.

****If you need to reach the Star Harbor program, you may reach them between the hours of 6:30 to 8:15 A.M. and in the afternoons from 3:45 until 5:55 P.M.

Florida Statute 1012.42 recognizes that teachers at times must be assigned duties in a class outside the field in which the teacher is certified. The following teachers at Tropic Isles are certified, but may be assigned one or more classes outside their areas of certification and are required to take appropriate steps to comply with the statutory regulation:

Luz Malave Lopez- ESE
Barbara Matos- Gifted Education

The following teachers are engaged in training to add English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) to their certificates:

Denise Cramer- ESOL
Tiffany Danielson- ESOL
Jenna Dunlop- ESOL
Rose Flecha- ESOL
Krystle Fred- ESOL
Luz Malave Lopez- ESOL
Barbara Matos- ESOL
Kyle Schmidt- ESOL