

# THE TROPIC ISLES STAR



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## IMPORTANT DATES

Oct. 3– Rosh Hashanah - No school  
Oct. 7– Fall Festival - 5:00-8:00 P.M.  
Oct. 11 - Fall Individual Pictures  
Oct. 17– Professional Duty Day– No School  
Oct. 20– Student– Led Conferences - Book Fair Begins  
Oct. 25– Student –Led Conferences



## Principal's Pen STAR AWARDS

Our Star Awards are a celebration of our students doing the right thing. Ask your student about our Star Awards. Has your child earned one yet?



## Important Information: Be In The Know! Red Ribbon Week

The Red Ribbon Campaign was started when drug traffickers in Mexico City murdered agent Kiki Camarena in 1985. This began the continuing tradition of displaying Red Ribbons as a symbol of intolerance towards the use of drugs. The mission of the Red Ribbon week is to present a unified and visible commitment towards the creation of a Drug Free America. October is also Safe Schools Month and it is Bully Prevention Month as well. Many schools tie Red Ribbon Week in with Bullying Prevention too.

## SAVE THE DATE!

Our Annual Vocabulary Parade is on its way! You are invited to be an honored guest at our Vocabulary Parade! So, Mark your calendars!



Soon each student will select a word that will become a costume. From A to Z, students will consider the entire dictionary as possible wardrobe choices. A suggested word list will be sent home to help your child plan his/her costume. Your child will be asked for their selected word, a definition and a sketch of their costume. Thank you for helping us make vocabulary instruction into a Parade of Words!

**Date: Oct. 21st, 2016**

**Time: 9:30 A.M.**

**Where: Tropic Isles Elementary school campus**

## News From the Fourth Grade Team

Fourth grade is selling Leader in Me School T-shirts! This will help support our grade for field trips and classroom supplies. The shirts currently being sold are pink, navy blue, and black. Youth sizes are \$10 and adult sizes are being sold for \$12. Help support the Fourth Grade Team! ☺

## A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

It's a great year to be at Tropic Isles, especially for music. Here are the upcoming activities:

### **REHEARSALS**

- \* **Singing Sea Stars – October 6, 13, 27**  
**No Rehearsal October 20 – Student Led Conferences**
- \* **Junior Sea Stars – October 12, 26**
- \* **Ukulele Club – October 5, 19**



### **IMPORTANT!!!!**

It is extremely important, parents that you pick your child up **ON TIME**. Consistent late pick up will result in your child not remaining a part of these groups. Thank you for your understanding.

**Fall Fest** **News from PTO**  
PTO is happy to announce our Annual Fall Festival, and we will like to invite you to come and have a great and fun afternoon with Family and Friends on **OCTOBER 7th, 2016 from 5:30-8:00.**

We will have bounce house, obstacle course, cotton candy, pizza, refreshments, popcorn and all types of fun activities for you and your family/friends. \*\*If you have any questions or want to volunteer please contact Yesy Greene **239-201-0282**

## STUDENT LEADER BLOG

We're in the second month of school. Oh boy, it's fun here! I just moved here and it's amazing. I love the way its set up for the kids to enjoy the year. I love P.E. and Engineering and the way lunch is set up. Mrs. Adams and Mrs. Rendon are doing a fabulous job! It's fantastic in fifth grade. Oh, and just so you know, Tropic Isles is the best school not just in Lee County, but the whole entire U.S.A. When I came here on the first day of school I was shivering because of how nervous I was, but I met new friends and it went way better than I expected it to go. I give all my thanks to my teacher Mrs. Burch. Have a great year!

Denis Schmidt - 5<sup>th</sup> Grader

## A Note From the First Grade Team

Students should be practicing **High Frequency Words** and **Math Facts** each night. There is a sight word booklet for each student, and the students will be working at their own pace. When they are ready to move to the next level, it is their responsibility to let their teacher know.

We will be going to **Broadway Palm** on **November 4th**, more information will come home soon.

\*\*Get ready for the **TIE Vocabulary Parade** on **Oct. 21st**. We will be sending home a list of ideas soon!

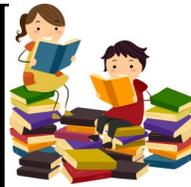
## Media Center News

### **BOOKS AHOY!**

Come to our BOOKANEER Book Fair where books are “Treasured” October 20<sup>th</sup> through October 26<sup>th</sup>. In fact, why not help work it? Parents can easily sign up for a volunteer position by contacting Yecksenia (Jessie) Greene 239-201-0282.

Becoming a good reader takes practice. Kids are happy to practice the things they love and our Book Fair is the perfect place for them to find and choose the books they want to read. Just watch your kids get “Hooked” on Books.

*Woe to spy wit' ye eye ye before I sail out! That's pirate talk for: Hope to see you soon!*



## SUNSHINE STATE READER NEWS

We are so excited to announce some new changes we will be introducing to the Sunshine State Reader program this year! This program is for students in **Grades 3-5** and has two main components: the **Book Battle Competition** and the **Sunshine State Sleepover** event.

Presentations were made in all 3-5 classrooms to get TIE students excited to READ MORE! When your intermediate child reads all 15 of this year's Sunshine State books, he/she will be eligible to try out for the Book Battle team in late January/early February 2017. This team will attend a district-level competition known as the Battle of the Books in mid-May 2017.

In addition to this opportunity, students who read 10 Sunshine State books (3<sup>rd</sup> grade), 11 SS books (4<sup>th</sup> grade), and 12 SS books (5<sup>th</sup> grade) and pass the AR tests for each with an 80% or higher are eligible to attend the **Sunshine State Sleepover** event to be held here at school beginning on the evening of **May 12, 2017** and lasting until Saturday morning, **May 13<sup>th</sup>**. More information about this exciting event will be forthcoming as the year progresses. For now, please continue to encourage your child to read every day!

## Leader In Me

**Habit #3: Put First Things First** means to decide what is most important and take care of that first. Learning to think of which things are most important and taking care of them first allows children (and adults) to be less stressed. Modeling this behavior is one of the best ways to teach children.

1. Create a list of things your child needs to accomplish throughout a week. With your child, rank the tasks in importance. Then rewrite the list in the order of importance. Use a planner or calendar to schedule time so that the important things are done first.

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:

Janelle Babinski- Autism  
Britt Monroe - Gifted Education

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

Jennifer Bruhn- ESOL  
Stacie Dively- ESOL  
Charles Dubois- ESOL  
Jenna Dunlop- ESOL  
Katherine Enright- ESOL  
Rose Flecha- ESOL  
Barbara Matos- ESOL  
Jenny O'Neill- ESOL  
Tonya Paeno- ESOL

## Help Your Child Study

There's no one best way to study. Some children need absolute peace and quiet so that they can concentrate. Others can work with music playing in the background. Let your child experiment to find out what works best for him.

No one can study effectively with the TV on. Eyes need to focus on what they're reading. Brains need to be paying attention to what's on the page—not what's on the screen. So when it's time for studying, turn off the TV. Here are a few more things you can do:

- **Eliminate distractions.** That means, in addition to no TV, no computer games, no phone calls, no visits from friends and no interruptions from you.
- **Work on your own projects nearby** as your child does his homework. You can pay bills, write letters or read a book. You'll send a message to your child that you think homework time is important.
- **Offer advice if your child needs help**, but resist the impulse to do his homework for him. It won't help him learn the material and it won't help his teacher understand where he is having trouble.
- **Challenge your child to a game of Beat the Clock** if he dawdles while doing homework. If he's taking an hour to complete an assignment his teacher says should only take 15 minutes, set the timer for 20 minutes. Challenge your child to finish before the timer goes off.

## RED RIBBON WEEK

Here is a list of activities that your school will be doing to honor Red Ribbon Week beginning October 24th, 2016:

**Monday**– Sock it to Drugs! - Wear silly socks



**Tuesday** - Superhero Day– You have the power to be Bully Free!



**Wednesday** - Wear Red– Celebrate Red Ribbon Week



**Thursday** - Hats off to a safe school! - Hat day



**Friday** - Team up against Drugs– Team Jersey Day



## NEWS FROM THIRD GRADE

We are buzzing like bees here in the 3rd grade! We are looking forward to this month's activities, such as the Fall Festival. The 3rd grade team would love for all families and friends to join us for a wonderful night of fun, activities, games, food and more!! Please remind your student to continue reading each night their AR and/or Sunshine state books. Basic Math facts such as addition and subtraction need to be practiced so that the student will thrive in 3rd grade math! Daily homework should be completed each night and returned to the student's homeroom teacher. Homework not only teaches your student to work independently, but also improves thinking and memory skills. We look forward to a great month!

*“Be a light, not a judge, Be a model, not a critic.” - Stephen Covey*