

THE TROPIC ISLES STAR

“To be a national role model for academic excellence”



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Welcome Back!!!

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IMPORTANT DATES

Aug. 17th - Pre-K Speech– student’s first day
Aug. 30th - Volunteer Orientation - 8:00 A.M.



Principal’s Pen

A new school year is about to begin And we’re in it together through thick and thin. I’m glad you ‘re at my school, I think we will have fun laughing and learning to get the job done.

Here’s a little poem straight from the heart
To wish you good luck and a really great start.
These kind words are to help you understand
That I will always be there if you ever need a
helping hand!



Important Information: Be In The Know!

Safety and security is our number one concern while students are on our school campus. Here are a few requests that we ask parents to follow to help ensure our students are safe:

1. All visitors must sign in at the front office. Visitors will need to bring a Driver’s License or a government issued ID. We will then scan the your license or ID card through our on-line security system. The system will issue you a visitor sticker if you have been approved to enter the campus. Visitors who are **not** approved, will be denied entry. All visits should be arranged ahead of time. Please schedule an appointment if you need to conference with the teacher or principal.

2. Parents must supply the office specific information on how their child will be departing from school. **We must have a note with specific instructions for ANY change in the way your child goes home (Star Harbor, Car Rider, Parent walk up, Bus, and Walker). Due to Safety reasons, we will no longer be able to accept changes in transportation via telephone.**

If we do not get a note, your child WILL go home their normal way. If a change occurs during the day, and it is a true emergency, you must bring a note, email one to our office staff or fax in a note to our office with a copy of your picture I.D. BEFORE 2:00 P.M. Changes after 2:00 P.M. will not be made.

3. While on campus, please refrain from taking pictures of other children without teacher permission. Due to privacy and security, all students must be given permission to be photographed or video recorded.

4. Any edible items that are brought to school to share with other students should be **STORE BOUGHT AND SEALED**. This will allow us to monitor food allergies when the ingredients are listed on the package. Peanut allergies have increasingly become more common in our children today. Please do not send any snacks. Lunches, or treats to school if peanut or peanut oil is a possible ingredient. Please check with the teacher for known allergies before bringing treats to school.

Friendly Reminders:

Tropic Isles loves to celebrate birthdays. If you plan on sending in birthday treats or visiting the school with treats, you must arrange the time around your child’s class lunch schedule. Birthday treats will only be allowed in the cafeteria this year! As a reminder, **NO SODA OR GUM ALLOWED 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 using the forms MIS 398 or MIS 401. These permission forms are supplied by the school. No over the counter medications (such as aspirin or cough medicine) will be given without a written statement from the doctor.

Please check with your child’s doctor to be sure **all immunizations are up to date. Please submit documentation to our clinic.**

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. Feel free to contact me throughout the school year with any questions or concerns you may have. Looking forward to a healthy and successful school year for all!

~Jill Books R.N.

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.

Diving into Success 2016-2017:
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.

Leader In Me

Tropic Isles is excited to introduce our families to the 7 Habits! They were originally developed in Stephen Covey's best seller *7 Habits of Highly Effective People*. It helps develop 21st century life skills as well as basic skills both parents and business leaders have said they want to see in children.

This month we will be learning Habit 1: Be Proactive (You're In Charge!) When students live Habit 1 they take responsibility for their actions. They take initiative. Students that are proactive take charge of their feelings and actions. They do not blame others. To live Habit 1 at school we have plenty of opportunities for students to have leadership roles and to develop responsibility. Ask your child about BEING PROACTIVE!

Caught On The Web:
PARENT COMMUNICATION

A brown envelope will come home every Friday. It may contain work, notes from the teacher, and the monthly school newsletter. After you remove the contents, please sign the envelope and return it to the school. Your child will also be given a daily "Communications Folder" that will be used for classwork, homework, and weekly notes.

It is important that your child be responsible for taking this folder to and from school daily. There will be NO planner this year! Teachers will be utilizing classroom websites, parentlink, email, and Class Dojo to communicate information regarding the school and your child.

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support as we move more trees in a more nical society!

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.

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 across from the bike racks. 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.

STUDENT LEADER BLOG

Going back to school is an adventure waiting to happen! Some examples of why is; all the learning we can do, meeting a new teacher, and reading! But, the only thing I don't like about school is getting up early in the morning.

About the learning idea,- you can learn division, exponents, and multiplication. Not only math, you can also learn reading, writing, social studies, and lots more. Now onto another idea, meeting a new teacher. You will get to know a new teacher and you may enjoy the new teacher you get! Next, let's think about reading. You can read AR (Accelerated Reader) books from your teacher's library or the school library. Lastly, getting up early. Some kids like to get up early, but some don't. I honestly love waking up early.

So, here you have it! These are my ideas about coming back to school. Have a great year! -Daniela Carmona, 5th Grader

"Education is the most powerful weapon which you can use to change the world" -Nelson Mandela