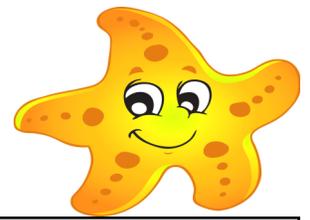


# THE TROPIC ISLES STAR



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## IMPORTANT DATES

Sept. 5th– Labor Day—No school  
Sept. 13th - PTO/SAC Meeting- 6:30 P.M.  
Sept. 15th - FSA Night—3rd Grade– 5:30 P.M.  
Sept. 26th - Bingo with grandparents



## Principal's Pen

DIVING INTO SUCCESS!  
STUDENT EXPECTATION ASSEMBLY



Ask your child how to earn a STAR positive referral?

## Important Information: Be In The Know!

Tropic Isles Elementary is evolving to meet the needs of our ever changing world. Last month the staff worked hard together to revise and update our school's mission statement for the 2016-17 school year. Our new mission statement is as follows; “ Tropic Isles– impacting the world by creating leaders, learners and innovators.”

## A note from the Kindergarten Team

The kindergarten team is looking forward to a wonderful school year! We are busy working on all the letters and sounds in the alphabet. We are also learning to read the words I & am. For math we are busy learning to write, count and recognize the numbers from 0 to 5. Please make sure to turn in all paperwork that was given at the beginning of the year.

## A NOTE FROM THE 4TH GRADE TEAM

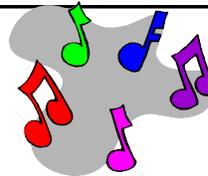
In fourth grade we will be working on multiplication this month. Please have your child practice his/her multiplication nightly. Your child should also be read for 30 minutes every night in order to increase fluency and reading comprehension.

## FALL FUNDRAISER:

**The Emojis are here!!!** If you like cookie dough and Emojis, you are going to love this year's PTO Fall Fundraiser! Tell your friends and family and support Tropic Isles by selling delicious **cookie dough and other items!** Not only will your efforts help raise funds for our school, but this year, your sales will earn your child **Emoji keychains!**

## A NOTE FROM THE MUSIC TEACHER

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



1. Singing Sea Stars permission slips are available now. You must have been a previous member or you were successful at this year's auditions to obtain one.
2. Please return to Mrs. Hamilton by September 9, 2016.
3. Permission slips for Ukulele Club and Junior Sea Stars will be available Friday, Please return by September 9, 2016

## REHEARSALS

- Singing Sea Stars Rehearsal begins September 22 as well as September 29
- Junior Sea Stars Rehearsal begins September 14 as well as September 28
- Ukulele Club begins September 21



## A Note From the First Grade Team

First Grade is excited to announce that we will be using Saxon Phonics and Accelerated Reader (**AR**) this year! *Our goal is to become independent readers and thinkers.*  
~Be on the lookout for information regarding our November field trip to the Broadway Palm Theater.~

## **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.

**REMINDER: PARENT PICK UP IS ON THE BUS RAMP AT 4:00 & 4:15 P.M. SHARP.**

## A NOTE FROM THE SECOND GRADE TEAM

We had a great start to the 2016-2017 school year. Please check your student's folder nightly for homework assignments and any important information. Students have completed the beginning year Reading STAR Assessment and have worked with his/her teacher to make individual goals. Please read every night with your student and ask before, during, and after questions to help with overall comprehension. We are looking forward to a great year!

## Leader In Me

This month we will be learning **Habit 2: Begin with the End in Mind**. *Begin with the End in Mind* means to think about how you would like something to turn out before you get started. Reading a recipe before cooking or looking at a map before leaving on a trip is beginning with the end in mind. For young children, a good example is that of a jigsaw puzzle. Before doing a puzzle, they look at the cover of the box. They start with the end in mind. Ask your child about Habit 2!



## PARENT PORTAL FOR FOCUS

Focus is the software program Lee County uses for purposes of scheduling, attendance and grade reporting. Lee County's *Focus Parent Portal* provides parents/guardians a real-time view of their child's assignments grades, attendance information, as well as current averages in classes. For the protection of your child's confidential information, we have created the following secure procedures for parents/guardians to register for a *Focus Parent Portal* account online.

- ◆ **Your Email address:** The Email address used to create your account should be the one on file at your child's school. Be sure to provide your new/updated email address to your child's school so they can update your emergency contact information in the district's official system of record.
- ◆ **Your child's Student ID**
- ◆ **Your child's Date of Birth**

If you do not have an email account, you can create one for free at [www. gmail.com](http://www.gmail.com).

1. You can access the Focus Parent Portal registration screen at <http://focus.leeschools.net>.
2. Under ATTENTION PARENTS, select "**click here to create a Focus Parent Portal Account**" to open the registration screen for the Focus Parent Portal.



## TROPIC ISLES DISMISSAL AT A GLANCE: Rainy Day

**WALKER:** Parents please remember that you must let the school know how you would like your child to go home in case of heavy rain. In case of lightning, we will then keep the students on campus until the lightning alert has been lifted. If you would like for the student to be brought to our Car Rider line during these weather conditions, please make sure that you let us know your wishes via our Walker/Biker Safety letter that was handed out during Open House.

**PARENT WALK-UP:** In case of heavy rains and/or lightning alerts, our students will be kept indoors and be called out 1 at a time. After 3:10 P.M. our outside drive-thru lane will be closed. Therefore, if you arrive at our campus after 3:10, you will have to pull up behind the Car line, as the students who were not picked up at 3:10 from **Parent Walk Up** will be moved to our **Car rider** section.

**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 be escorted to the front office with your ID.

**BUS DISMISSAL:** During Rainy day dismissal we are only able to load three buses at a time in order to keep the students under the awning. This will cause a small delay in the time that your student will arrive at his/her bus stop. If there will be a major delay, Tropic Isles will send out a parentlink call to let you know how long the delay will be. Thank you for your understanding.

## Five Unwavering Truths About Discipline

1. **Discipline means "to teach"**—it does not mean "to punish." It should be done with love.
2. **Consistency is key.** For discipline to be effective, it must be enforced consistently. In other words, this morning's rules should also apply this afternoon.
3. **Be patient.** No discipline strategy works all the time—but that doesn't mean the strategy isn't working overall.
4. **Children need and want limits.** Effective discipline doesn't stifle kids—it gives them a strong, dependable foundation from which to grow and mature.

**Effective discipline is less about correcting** what your child does wrong and more about celebrating what he does right. The more you praise and reinforce the good things he does, the more he'll want to do the right things.

Helpful  
Tips

## STUDENT LEADER BLOG

Going back to school is awesome! The moment you see your teacher, it's the best thing ever! When you get to work on all the different subjects, it's like a big refresher. One thing that I don't like about starting school is getting up so early. My favorite thing about school is reading AR books because you get to set a goal of AR points. Now, onto a new idea. Art is my favorite subject. I love building, creating and drawing. Mr. Hertzog can teach you all of those cool things. So, there you have it! Those are my ideas for coming back to school. Have an awesome school year!!

-Jordan Rosciti- 5th grader



***"Education is what survives when what has been learned has been forgotten." -B.F.***