

CAMBRIDGE ELEMENTARY MAGNET SCHOOL *of Arts and Science*

News and Information from Cambridge Elementary Magnet School of Arts and Science in Cocoa, Florida JANUARY 2015

*MISSION: To inspire and empower lifelong learning.
VISION: A model community of excellence and success.*

2015-2016 Magnet Student/Choice Applications and Renewal!

Parents must access the ELECTRONIC application at: www.schoolchoice.brevardschools.org or on the Cambridge Elementary School's web site: <http://www.edline.net>.

All Magnet Applications are FREE but must be completed online.

Need Help? Please Join Mrs. Stephens and Ms. Marines on January 26th during Parent Conference Night from 5:00pm—7:00pm in the Cambridge Computer Lab RM 79.

Due date and deadline for applications is February 6, 2015 by 11:59a.m.

...321 Countdown to
Saturday ASP is HERE
for grades 3rd—6th!
Blast Off
with Extra Support!

6 Saturdays: 9:00 am– 12:00pm

January 24, 31

February 7, 14, 21, 28

Activities related to:

Success Maker Computer Lab
Reading, Math, Writing, and Science
Florida Standards Support and Games

***Free Pizza Lunch
Provided Each Saturday!***

STUDENT SURVEY GRADES 4-6

All Brevard Public School students in grades 4-12 will be taking an anonymous computer-based survey during January. The survey questions were developed by Brevard County educators and focus on curriculum, instruction, bullying, and school safety. The survey is completely anonymous and there is no personally identifiable information in the survey. If you have questions or wish to see a copy of the survey, please contact Cambridge's front office. The results of this survey will help us better serve all BPS students.

Cambridge Calendar

- Jan. 12th: Report Cards Issued
- Jan. 14th: Success Celebration (K-1) 8:30am
Early Dismissal 1:30pm
Domino's Fundraiser Night 4-8pm
- Jan. 15th: Success Celebration (2-3) 8:30am
SAC meeting 5:00pm
- Jan. 16th: Success Celebration (4-6) 8:30am
- Jan. 19th: **No School—Holiday for All
Martin Luther King Jr.**
- Jan. 24th: Saturday ASP Grades 3-6th
9:00am—12:00pm
- Jan. 26th: Parent/Teacher Conference Night
5:00pm—7:00pm
- Jan. 28th: **Early Dismissal 1:30pm**
- Jan. 30th: Cougar of the Month Breakfast
8:30am in the Media Center
- Jan. 31st: Saturday ASP Grades 3-6th
9:00am—12:00pm
- Feb. 4th: Domino's Fundraiser Night 4-8pm
- Feb. 7th: Saturday ASP Grades 3-6th
9:00am-12:00pm
- Feb. 10th: Homework/Assessment & 6th grade
Parent Night 5:30pm—6:30pm
- Feb. 11th: **Early Dismissal 1:30pm**
- Feb. 12th: Interim Reports Issued 1st-6th
SAC meeting 5:00pm

Legislative Outreach Plan

SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY - 2015 LEGISLATIVE PLATFORM

The School Board of Brevard County, along with the citizens we represent, offer to Florida Legislators the following recommendations as they enter the 2015 legislative session. Attached are recommended changes to statutory language that could support and strengthen public education in Florida while striking the right balance between state and local control of educational programming and accountability decisions.

1. REVISE LEGISLATION TO CREATE A THOUGHTFUL, QUALITY, AND SUSTAINABLE ASSESSMENT AND ACCOUNTABILITY SYSTEM IN FLORIDA.

Multiple years of changes to state tests, proficiency cut scores, and testing rules have wrought confusion and disillusionment in school districts and in the communities they serve. The community at-large has simply lost faith in Florida's accountability plan. The current legislated path, not supported by thoughtful analyses of assessment outcomes or by adequate DOE support in the development of legislatively required statewide assessments, will accentuate this confusion and bring challenges in the court of public opinion and the courts themselves. It also takes more local control from School Boards. We strongly recommend the following:

- Make the first year of administering the new state assessment a field test year providing data that allows Florida to move forward in a thoughtful manner. Accordingly, hold in abeyance the calculation of school grades, student retention and remediation decisions and educator evaluation designations based on student assessment results.
- While measured student performance should be a component of teacher evaluation, 50% should not be anchored on the results of one test. Legislate that the DOE work with school districts to strike an appropriate, research-based balance between valid and reliable state assessment results, local measures of student achievement and local evaluation of professional practice.
- Allow local School Boards to determine placement, retention, remediation and grading decisions for students based on a multi-metric approach to determining proficiency.

2. CREATE A STABLE AND ADEQUATE SOURCE OF FUNDING FOR PUBLIC SCHOOLS.

During the recession, state support of public schools declined. While operating budgets were cut, capital funding declined even more significantly. We strongly recommend the following:

- Establish a dedicated funding source for PECO to assist K-12 school districts.
- Re-evaluate the FTE shift to virtual providers and dual enrollment tuition.
- Develop a capital supplement to districts that are well below the average state property value per student amount due to significant tracts of land utilized for federal installations (Analysis and recommended methodology is attached).
- Fully fund legislatively mandated educational technology hardware and infrastructure.



Legislative Priorities
Informing and Mobilizing Stakeholders

Facilitated by each area board member, BPS will host five legislative outreach forums to communicate the School Board of Brevard County's recommendations to Florida Legislators as they enter the 2015 legislative session!

Community members are invited to attend the scheduled forums below, where they will be provided with an overview of the recommendations and given the opportunity to ask questions.

District 1—Misty Belford

1/13/2015 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
at Astronaut High Auditorium

District 2—John Craig

1/13/2015 from 6:30pm-8:00pm
at Merritt Island High Auditorium

District 3—Amy Knessy

1/15/2015 from 6:30pm—8:00pm
At Satellite High Auditorium

District 4—Karen Henderson

1/12/2015 from 6:30pm—8:00pm
At Viera High Auditorium

District 5—Andy Ziefler

1/12/2015 from 6:30pm—8:00pm
At Bayside High Auditorium

For more information, please contact the
Department of Community Relations
at 321-633-1000 ext. 796

<http://tinyurl.com/qg4wrrm>

THE SCHOOL BOARD OF BREVARD COUNTY (FLORIDA)

3215 TOBACCO USE

The School Board of Brevard County (Board) recognizes that the use of tobacco products is a health, safety, and environmental hazard for students, employees, parents, visitors, and school facilities. The School Board believes that the use or possession of tobacco products on school grounds, in school buildings and facilities, on school property or at school-related or school-sponsored events is detrimental to the health and safety of students, employees, and visitors.

Smoking and other uses of tobacco products pose a significant contributor to overall health status, medical issues, and premature death. Thus, the purpose of this policy is to establish that the Brevard Public Schools District (District) maintains a tobacco-free environment, to provide for notification to the District employees, students and the public; and to provide an effective date of the policy.

No student, employee, volunteer, vendor, contractor, or school visitor is permitted to use or have in possession tobacco products of any kind, electronic cigarettes, or any other tobacco or smoking related product at any time in, on, or during the following:

- a. any building, facility, or vehicle owned, leased, or rented by the District;
- b. any school grounds and property, including all schools, district offices, athletic fields, practice fields, playgrounds, parking lots, administrative offices, maintenance, transportation areas, etc., owned, leased, rented, or chartered by the District; and/or;
- c. at any off-campus, district, or school-sponsored event.

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Menu

January 2015

January 13: Squash Zucchini

January 14: Sliced Grapefruit

January 15: Cauliflower Florets

January 20: Banana

January 21: Baby Carrots

January 22: Granny Smith Apple

January 27: Radishes

January 28: Cubed Cantaloupe

January 29: Celery Sticks



TITLE 1 CORNER

Check out our [school website](http://doeweb-prd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/year1314/schl1314.cfm?dist_number=5) for important information and to access the New SPAR link:

The FDOE has approved our district **Title I Parental Involvement Plan!** Families can review this plan on our school website:

Learn about Florida's New Tests through the FSA Portal

Have you heard? Florida has a new test. It's the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Want to learn more? The FSA Portal has a wealth of information available for students and parents.

For example, by going to www.fsassessments.org and clicking on the Students and Parents link, you can access the FSA Training Tests. Students and parents may read through the Training Test Guide to learn how to take computer-based tests. The Guide explains and demonstrates the online tools students may use as they take the test. Students and parents can take selected tests to get a feel for the kinds of questions and answer formats that will be on spring tests. Answer keys are available.

Under the Student and Parent Resources button, you can find very specific information about each FSA test – English Language Arts (ELA), the Writing component of the ELA, Math, and End-of Course exams. Item specifications and test design summaries define the content and format of the test for each grade level and subject. The portal is updated regularly, so visit it often!

Fresh Fruit & Vegetable Nutrition Facts January 2015

• Squash Zucchini

Zucchini is a great source of Manganese, a mineral that plays an important role in bone formation!

Zucchini is usually dark green, but can also be light green, yellow, multi-colored, or striped

• Grapefruit

The United States is the world's largest grower of grapefruit!

Grapefruit grow on trees just like oranges, lemons and limes!

Grapefruit trees grow from 30-50 feet tall!

• Cauliflower

Cauliflower is a good source of Choline. Choline is a B vitamin that plays a role in Brain Development. Cauliflower is an important source of dietary fiber to help keep your digestive tract healthy!

• Bananas

Bananas don't grow on trees. They're actually a giant herb. Each bunch of bananas can be called a "hand of bananas" and each banana can be thought of as a finger.

• Baby Carrots

Most baby-cut carrots are made from large carrots that have been peeled and trimmed. Carrots were originally purple, white and yellow.

• Granny Smith Apples

Granny Smith apples are loaded with antioxidants! Antioxidants help protect your body from heart disease, diabetes and stroke.

They're low in fat and high in vitamins!

• Radish

Radishes have a high water content and lots of vitamin C, phosphorus and zinc. Radishes are a nourishing food for our tissues and can keep our bodies hydrated and our skin looking fresh and healthy!

• Cantaloupe

Cantaloupe can also be referred to as "muskmelon", low in calories and fat, and rich in numerous health promoting vitamin and mineral, such a Vitamins A & C!

• Celery Sticks

Celery has few calories, but is a great source of Vitamin C, Vitamin A, Iron and Calcium. It can be enjoyed year round!

Character Corner

*Our Focus Trait for the Month of
January is Perseverance*

Perseverance is completing a task even when it becomes boring, difficult, or discouraging.

WAYS YOU CAN SHOW PERSEVERANCE:

1. **When you are near the end of a race & struggling to finish, find a burst of energy to cross the finish line.**
2. **Study and work hard to improve your grades.**
3. **Always finish what you start. Do not give up when things get tough.**
4. **Try something again, even if you failed the first time. Remember you had to learn to walk before you could run!**