



The Dolphin Digest



Ocean Breeze Elementary

~Where all students are challenged to do their personal best~

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Dear Parents and Families,

We hope to see you on Saturday at the Satellite Beach Recreation Center parking lot for a PTO sponsored event; the SurfBreeze Car Show. This is a joint fundraiser between the PTO's of both Ocean Breeze and Sur-side Elementary Schools. Members of local car clubs will be displaying their automobiles and competing for prizes. There is no cost for visitors who are welcome to come and enjoy the cars, food and other activities. This fundraiser is specifically supporting technology needs at the school related to a new cafeteria sound system.

We have had a series of incidents that have occurred on the school campus during the weekends that could best be described as "mischief." Unfortunately, last week-end, added to the incidents was the theft of a basketball backboard. As a result, we will be removing those on Friday; no weekend basketball. I have informed the Indian Harbour Beach Police Department of the incidents. As you know, our campus is open and available for community use on the weekends. Please consider accompanying your children if they are on the campus during evenings or weekends.

Our next PTO General Membership Meeting will be on Tuesday, Feb. 21 at 1:30 in our Technology Lab. We will be presenting information about Edline, our web-based grade reporting and communication tool used to assist parents. We hope you will join us. If you have not yet registered for Edline, you can receive your login information from the front office.

Sincerely,



Laurie Hering
Principal

 **President's Day/Student Holiday**
Monday, February 20, 2012

Dolphin Cove will be open. Students must be preregistered to attend.

Important Dates



February 18	Surf Breeze Car Show
February 20	President's Day/Student Holiday
February 21	PTO Meeting 1:30 pm
February 22	Banking Day
February 22	Pappagallo's Night
February 24	Author Visit
February 25	Elementary Music Festival
February 28-29	FCAT Writes-Fourth Grade Only



Parent and Teacher Conference Night

Please contact your child's teacher to schedule an appointment for our Parent and Teacher Conference Night which will be held on **February 29, 2012** from 5-7 pm. This evening is set aside so parents have the opportunity to find out the progress of their child.

New Parent Survey for all BPS Parents

Parents are invited to participate in the NEW Brevard Public Schools parent survey. The survey will be available in English and Spanish to all parents on **February 6th - February 29th**.

Parents can access this survey on line at: <http://Parentsurvey.brevardschools.org>

If you are unable to complete this online survey from home, feel free to visit your school to complete it electronically. Paper copies are also available upon request from your school.

By completing this survey you will help us serve each of our students at Ocean Breeze Elementary with excellence. And don't forget to complete the pink slip your child came home with this week to earn a free Freezie Friday pop.



Visiting Author

We are pleased to announce that author, Michael Patrick O'Neill, will be visiting our school on **February 24**. He is the author and award-winning photographer of seven books about ocean life. He has a passion for marine animals and habitats, and we are very excited to have him share his experience with our students. Our PTO is sponsoring this inspirational reading program for our students.



FCAT Schedules

As you begin making appointments for your child in February and April, please try to avoid the following FCAT testing dates:

- February 28-29** Fourth Grade
- April 16-19** Third through Fifth Grade
- April 16-20** Sixth Grade
- April 24-25** Fifth Grade

Students may not be checked out of school if they are in a testing session, and every effort should be made to be in class on time so they do not have to wait until a make-up session to complete the FCAT. Thank you for assisting us in this matter.



Important Parent Information

Parents, please make sure if your daytime phone number or cell phone numbers change that you stop in the office and update your contact information. It is important that the school and clinic has current phone numbers in case of a concern with your child. Thank you.



Banking Days

Join us for Banking Day Wednesday mornings from 7:30 am - 8:00 am by the Fish Wall. Students can open a savings account and watch their money grow as they make deposits each Wednesday morning!



PTO Ice Cream Social and Class Basket Event

March 8th
5:00 pm to 7:15 pm



Free Ice Cream Sundaes for everyone!

Enjoy the kindergarten, first grade and second grade classes as they perform on stage!

One of our PTO's most popular events, the Ice Cream Social and Class Basket Event, will be held on Thursday, March 8th. There will be 27 baskets on display in the Media Center. We expect an exciting and diverse assortment of interest area baskets, and values that make them worth your time to see.

Tickets will be available for advance purchase with checks made payable to Ocean Breeze PTO. Envelopes will be sent home next Friday with more information. Tickets will also be available the day of the event.

Pre-Sale Ticket Savings:

- Dolphin Deal ~ 12 tickets/1 teacher ticket = \$20**
- Deluxe Dolphin Deal ~ 33 tickets/2 teacher tickets = \$50**
- Single Tickets & 50/50 Giveaway = \$2 per ticket**

This is a favorite PTO fundraiser for students, parents and teachers, and we hope to see everyone there. Thank you to everyone who is contributing to this event!



Every Friday is Spirit Day!

Wear your Ocean Breeze t-shirt or BLUE!

Surf Breeze 1st Annual Car Show

Saturday, February 18th
9:00am~2:00pm
Satellite Beach
Recreation Center

No Cost For Visitors



Hosted by the Surfside and Ocean Breeze PTO's



Relay For Life

American Cancer Society

If you know someone who has cancer or is a cancer survivor, we would love to invite them to relay for life.

April 14th, 2012, at Satellite High School, the survivor luncheon is very moving and inspirational. After the free luncheon all cancer survivors walk the first lap of relay and everyone cheers and claps.

Please contact Mrs. Pitman, pitman.dana@brevardschools.org or call 779-2040 ext. 48028