

# Royal Palm Journal

## Winter Update!!!!

Lee County School District

January 31, 2017

### Important Dates

**February 8th** Picture Retake Day  
& Big Rig Books

**February 20th** No School - President's Day

**February 21st** No School - Teacher Inservice Day

**March 12th** Daylight Savings Time Begins

**March 16th** End of Quarter 3

**March 12th** Professional Duty

**April 10th-17th** Spring Break

Day – No School for Students

**April 10th-17th** Spring Break



### Pasta for Pennies

The "Pasta for Pennies" fundraiser just ended and the school raised \$145.00 for the Lymphoma and Leukemia Society. The class with the most pennies donated was Ms. Brown's class with a whopping \$54.00! Great job koalas!

### Royal Palm Mission

Provide an opportunity for each student to be involved in a well-planned, structured program that is best suited to meet each individual's needs. Areas of attention are behavior, communication, socialization and academics. The ultimate objective is to assist students in the successful return to their geographical school.

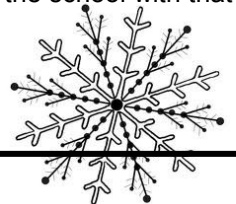


### Mr. Moretti Principal

At Royal Palm, we have spent many hours creating, planning, and practicing for an emergency that may take place while your children are at school. Our number one priority is the safety of our students and staff. Each month we take valuable time to practice and prepare for code red, fire and tornado drills.

In the event of an emergency at school that requires you to pick up your children, you will receive a phone call from parent link informing you about the emergency and giving you appropriate directions. This is why it is so important to update your emergency information with the school. If you have moved or changed your contact number please contact the school with that information. Thank for helping us ensure your children's safety at school.

Robert V. Moretti, Principal



### Ms. Duncan Assistant Principal

Happy February! It's hard to believe we are already four weeks into the third quarter. Students have come back from winter break ready to work hard and learn new information. Included in this newsletter is a list of important dates, including upcoming test dates. You can help your student prepare for test days by:

- Making sure your child is at school every day to get the information they will need to be successful in his/her classes and on tests.
- Encourage your child to read books and magazines at home.
- Providing lots of encouragement to your child. Children who feel good about themselves will be less anxious about making a mistake
- Make sure your child gets a good night's sleep on school nights, and the night before a test. Students that are rested are ready to learn and more likely to be successful. You can find additional tips provided by the U.S. Department of Education at: <https://www.2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/succeed/part9.html>

Thank you for your support!

Jessica Duncan, Assistant Principal

# Important Testing Dates



## February

February 1st, 2017—Infrastructure Trial

February 27th, 2017—Grades 8-10 CBT (Computer Based Testing)—FSA

February 28th, 2017—Grades 4-7 PBT (Paper Base Testing)—FSA

## March

March 1st-3rd, 2017—FSA ELA Writing, Make Ups, and FSA

March 6th-24th, 2017—FSA

March 27th-28th, 2017—Grade 3 (PBT), FSA, FSA ELA, and Reading


## April

April 18th-19th, 2017 — FSA ELA Reading Grades 4-10 (CBT)

April 25th-26th, 2017 — FSA Math Grades 3-8 (CBT)

## May

May 1st, 2017 — STAR Reading & Math

May 2nd, 2017 — FSA, ALG 1,  Geometry (EOCs), NGSSS (Next Generation Sunshine State Standards), Biology, Civics, US History (EOCs) - (CBT)

May 3rd, 2017 — FSA, ALG 1, Geometry (EOCs), NGSSS, Science & Grades 5 & 8 (PBT)

May 4th, 2017 — NGSSS Science, Grade 5 (PBT)

May 8th-May 26th, 2017 — STAR



Royal Palm is excited to welcome back Big Rig Books again this year! They will be visiting our campus on Wednesday, February 1<sup>st</sup> and March 22<sup>nd</sup>. Their mission is: "Big Rig Books is a mobile literacy outreach initiative focused on fostering recreational reading beyond the classroom by encouraging reading and providing books for children and families in economically challenged, underserved communities and underperforming schools." When they visit a school, every student is able to pick a book at their reading level to add to their own personal library! For more information,

visit <http://bigrigbooks.org/>.

**The Norm Project is a district prevention initiative. Part of what they do is conduct a poster contest. The winners' art work is then made into posters to use throughout the district. Flyers will be sent home with your child. Students can draw their design on regular computer paper. Entries are due by March 16th. Please have your child bring their entry to their teacher. Thanks, Mrs. Cioffi**

According to Florida Statute 1012.42, we must notify parents of students who are being taught by out-of-field teachers. A teacher is out-of-field until the coverage/endorsement for a class that he or she is teaching is issued by the state of Florida. In addition, the certification and/or endorsement must appear on his or her teacher certificate. Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in a least one area and are qualified to teach, but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. Please contact the school, 239.337.3511, if you need further clarification. The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing course work and/or testing.

### **Out of Field**

Essie Barns—ESOL (Endorsement), Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement), Gloria Fisher—ESOL (Endorsement), Alfreda Richardson—ESOL (Endorsement), Bethy Senat—ESOL (Endorsement), Kevin Weigand—ESOL (Endorsement), J.D. Hebner—English 6-12, and Davis Rivas— ESE K-12