

# Royal Palm Journal/A Title I School

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## Back to School Newsletter!!



Lee County School District

September 30th, 2021

## Important Dates

October 14th: End of Quarter 1

October 15th: Professional Duty Day - No School for Students

November 11th: Veterans Day - No School

November 22nd - 26th: Thanksgiving Break

December 17th - Early Dismissal Day

December 20th - December 31st: Winter Break



## Royal Palm Mission

To work in partnerships with students, family and the community to ensure that each student acquires the knowledge, skills and core values necessary to achieve personal success and enrich the community.



## Mr. Moretti | Principal

I would like to take a moment to welcome our new students and their families to our school. Additionally, I believe it is important to acknowledge our returning students and their parents. We are all looking forward to a successful year. The faculty, staff and I are excited about the upcoming school year and we have already been working to create an environment that gives every student the opportunity to be successful. A substantial amount of time will be devoted to ensuring high standards of academic learning which is essential to the development of our students. Royal Palm is proud of the challenging curriculum and caring environment we provide in which our students can learn, and I will work with our staff to build on our past successes. This staff is dedicated to ensuring a safe environment where our students can learn, and every person is respected and protected.

**Robert Moretti - Principal Royal Palm School**

## Mrs. Wilson Assistant Principal

Welcome to the 2021-22 school year! I am honored to continue to serve you in the Assistant Principal role and look forward to continuing my work with Mr. Moretti, as well as the rest of our staff, in our efforts to do whatever it takes to advance the achievement of all students on our campus. Working together, I am confident that we will continue to provide our students with a truly rigorous and enriching school experience. Royal Palm is a special and unique community of which I am proud to be a part of. I am confident that our school will continue to be a place where our students can learn and grow both academically and socially. If there is anything I can assist you with, please let me know.

**Latoria Wilson - Assistant Principal Royal Palm School**



# Classroom News Elementary

Ms. Fisher, Ms. Brensinger & Ms. P. Hawkins  
2nd grade

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Our class has been working on getting to know each other and adjusting to our classroom routine. We began the school year working on our social skills and learning about good choices to make in the classroom and on the school campus. We learned about story elements, sequenced story events, and wrote about ways to make good choices in school, at home, and in the community. Together, we established our classroom rules and we are off to a great start! We believe that family time is important. This month I encourage you to make reading a part of your family time! Here are some tips for integrating reading into daily family activities: Read bedtime stories, play a board game, visit the library, read a recipe and cook together, create a comfy reading space in your home, and put children in charge of reading the grocery list at the store. We are looking forward to a great school year!

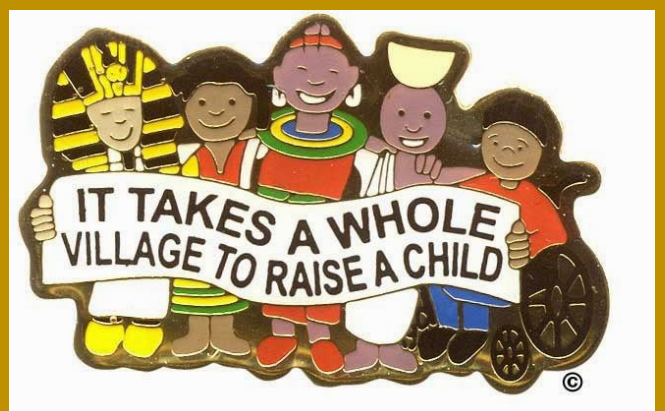


Ms. Matheson and Ms. P. Hawkins  
2nd grade

Welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! Although many things have changed during this very long pandemic, our love, care, concern, dedication as well as our desire to teach our students has NOT changed. This is my second year teaching at Royal Palm Exceptional School, and I ABSOLUTELY LOVE IT! I received my Post- Baccalaureate Specialty degree in Mild/Moderate Special Education from Cal State, Dominguez Hills (right outside of Los Angeles, CA). I chose this course of study because of my passion for helping others in need, my desire to educate and inform this country's youth, as well as, due to my life experiences. I desperately want to make a difference and be a positive role model to children who need me!

Ms. Porshae has been at Royal Palm for a total of 4 years and she has been a HUGE help to me! We collaborate and work together as a TEAM! Like the old adage says; "It takes a village to raise a child", I wholeheartedly believe in this saying and my classroom is conducted in this manner. We collaborate, work together and support each other 100%. We are very lucky to have her in our "village".

My goal this year is to increase each student's reading proficiency to grade level or as close to grade level as possible. We are currently working on sight words; reading them outloud, writing each word on flashcards to review them daily, as well as, looking for them in various forms of print and pointing each word out. After reading stories we have been asking who, what, when, where, why and how questions to help us better understand what we are reading. We are also currently working on identifying and understanding nouns and verbs. For writing, we are practicing our letter formations as well as learning how to form a coherent sentence using capital letters to start and punctuation to end. In math, we are working on developing number sense (an overall understanding of numbers), what they represent, and how to use them!





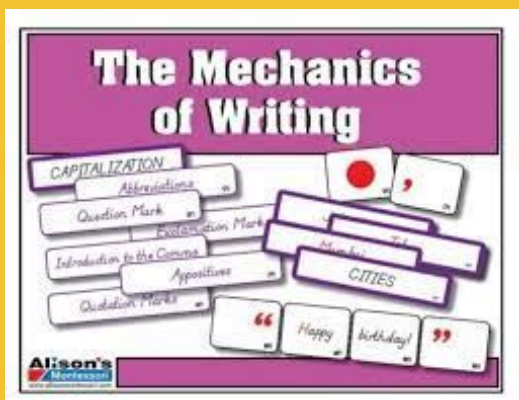


# Classroom News

## Elementary

Ms. Robinson and Ms. Harris  
4th Grade

Welcome back! We hope you all had an awesome summer! The start of this school year is about continuing to learn and improve on previous academic skills. In our class your child will participate in learning how to follow class rules, fundamentals of reading, mechanics of writing, solving math problems, what a scientist does, about our great state of Florida, and how to act appropriately (social skills). So please encourage your child to complete the homework sent home, read as much as possible and remain respectful to others, to ensure a successful year of learning. My helping teacher and I are looking forward to working with your child. Let's have an incredible school year!



Mrs. Eddy, Ms. Riley, and Ms. Thornton  
Elementary Life Skills: 3rd, 5th, & 6th grades

We are so thrilled to be back in our classroom to learn this school year! We are very excited that Mrs. Thornton and Ms. Riley are part of our classroom another school year. Yippee! Our students are learning our schedule at school and diligently practicing our classroom and school rules. We are also reviewing bus safety to guide appropriate behaviors going to and from school. We continue to work very hard to wear our masks properly and wash our hands continuously throughout the day. We continue to keep track of our materials and toys, since we cannot share items at this time.

We work on activities to practice name identification. Our daily journal helps us practice the day of the week, the day and month of the year, the current weather, and identifying feelings, likes, needs, wants, and wishes. We are learning new vocabulary words weekly to increase our comprehension. Our daily read alouds are paired with crafts to demonstrate the meaning of the story. We have been working on identifying positive and negative integers, using a number line to aid us, and determining ratios of part-to-part and part-to-whole. We are currently learning about documents that impacted the beginning of our government in America in relation to democracy. Please make time to read with your child daily and ask them about their day. They are so proud of their crafts and are happy to share them with you. Thank you for your continued support!

Mrs. Eddy, Mrs. Thornton, and Ms. Riley





# Classroom News

## Elementary

### Ms. Wadley-Jackson and Ms. Anderson 3rd Grade

We welcome our students to another fantastic 2021-2022 new school year. We will be learning many new lessons like math, working with place value, addition & subtraction, rounding numbers to the nearest tens and hundreds, as well as identity property and commutative property. In the weeks to come the students will work their way into challenging multiplication, and I know they can do it.

Moving right into science, our students have been learning all about the states of matter, involving solids, liquids, and gas and let's not forget mass. They were also excited to learn a song about the three states of matter. They are preparing themselves for the upcoming science lessons which they will be discovering the art of energy and motion as they are excited and ready.



In social studies the students for the past few weeks have been learning about the regions of the United States, and Canada, the continents and the oceans of the world. In addition, our students have also been discussing how to interact properly with their classmates and family members. They have been learning many strategies on how to be productive in their young lives, and how to make good choices in school and at home.



### Mr. Bechler and Ms. Fetting 4th grade

Welcome back to a new school year. One of the things that we concentrate on is improving our student's reading skills. Last year we had them work in Read 44, which is a computer-based program. At the beginning of the year they take a diagnostic to determine the level they start at. Lessons are then delivered at that level. This year, in addition to Read 44, the students will also be using IReady. For this they also take a diagnostics in both reading and math and then the program delivers lessons at their levels. We also work on phonics and sight words. I am very optimistic that our students will improve their reading ability by the end of this school year. One thing we suggest to parents is that they try to read with their child daily. I cannot emphasize the value of this mutual reading experience. Students whose parents read with their child progress with reading at a significantly faster rate. I would like to take this opportunity to inform parents that have computers at home that their student can use Read 44 and iReady at home by going to the URL: [launchpad.leeschools.net](http://launchpad.leeschools.net)

### Mrs. Barnes, Ms. Tindal, & Ms. Hayes 3rd Grade

Welcome back to the new school year! Our class has 4 amazing students who are motivated toward learning new things. Currently the Covid-variant mandates that we continue to wear our masks, practice appropriate hand sanitizing, and socially distance ourselves to keep each other safe and healthy. It has been a challenge, but we are looking forward to better days in the future.

We have finished our iReady diagnostic assessments, became acclimated to the class procedures and routines, and Quarter (1) Interim grades are complete. The students are working in the Reading Street Program learning about Thick and Thin questions, and character descriptions. Since this is the month of Patriot's Day, (September), we are learning about important facts concerning the 9/11 terrorist attacks on our country, and the significance of this event, accompanied by geographical locations of the US, Canada, Mexico, and the Caribbean. In science it is all about matter. Math has consisted of learning to use rounding and compatible numbers to find solutions.

All of the students are currently working on their individual behavioral goals, and being mindful to use appropriate class behaviors when interacting with others. We have established the Class' Birthday Club and our first celebration will be at the end of this month. Reading tips! Remember to set aside a time every day to work on reading skills! (15 – 20 minutes) by having your child read to you, or you reading to your child!!



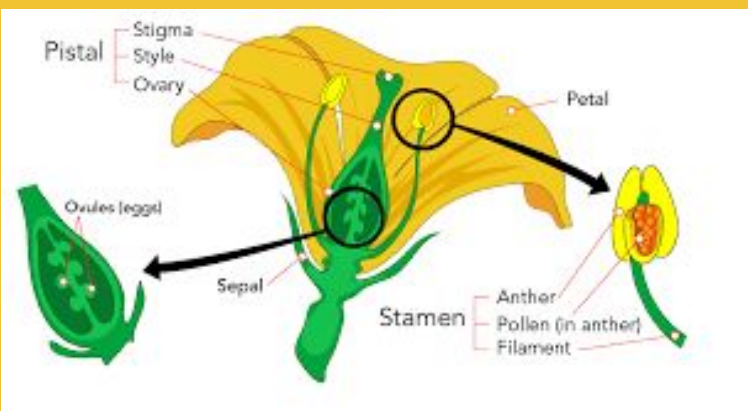


# Classroom News

## Elementary

### Ms. Perl and Ms. Howell 4th grade

I am pleased to announce my new Educational Assistant, Ms. Howell, who will be assisting me and working with our pupils in various ways. Our students have shown a lot of excitement and interest in their school work since the beginning of this academic year. In math, we have begun to work on place value and reviewing addition and subtraction facts to get them thinking about math again. The class has also been increasing their vocabulary by using a dictionary, weekly spelling tests, practice reading orally as well as improving their handwriting skills. In addition, the students do a daily journal entry/writing prompt which helps them with their writing and grammar skills. The students are beginning to work on our current science unit on flower and plant reproduction which will include follow up interesting review videos. The upcoming social studies unit will have the class learning about the geography of Florida and labeling the important geographical places in our state.



Our monthly social skill unit is on acceptance where we discuss the importance of respecting one another and realizing each person is important, and offers interesting and wonderful ideas to our class. Please have your child read every day for at least fifteen minutes. We are very excited to work with your child and I know this year the class will continue to work on their individual educational and socialization goals.



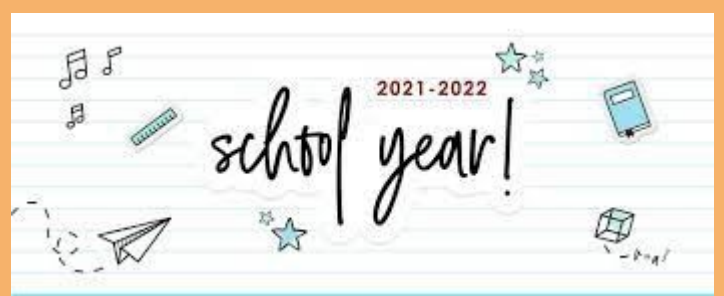
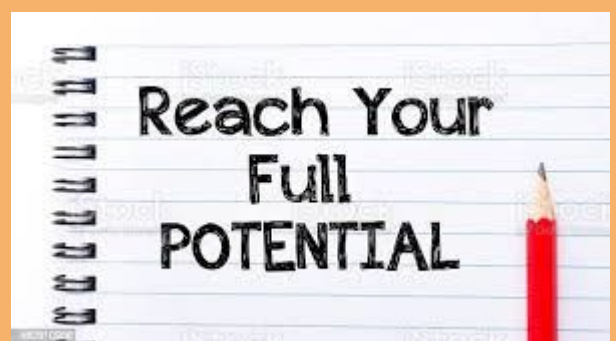
### Mrs. Richardson and Ms. Candelaro 5th grade

Hello families and welcome to the 2021-2022 school year! I am happy to introduce my new helping teacher, Ms. Candelaro, who will be assisting me in working with our students. Our students have shown a lot of enthusiasm toward their school work since the beginning of this school year. Please have your child read every day for at least fifteen minutes. I know this year the class will continue to work on their individual educational and socialization goals.



### Mr. Eady and Ms. Farmer 4th and 5th grades

Mr. Eady and Ms. Farmer are pleased to welcome you to the 2021-2022 school year. We look forward to a positive relationship with you to ensure that your child will reach his full potential. Students will need help both from home and from school in order have an effective year. We are looking forward to a great school year!





# Classroom News

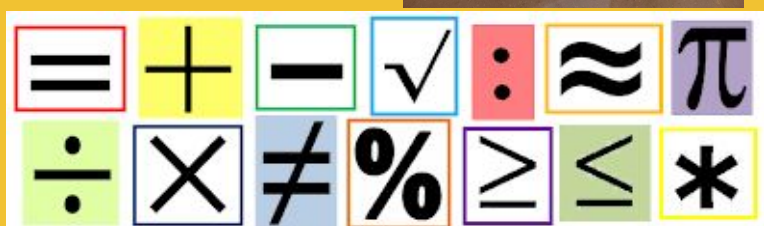
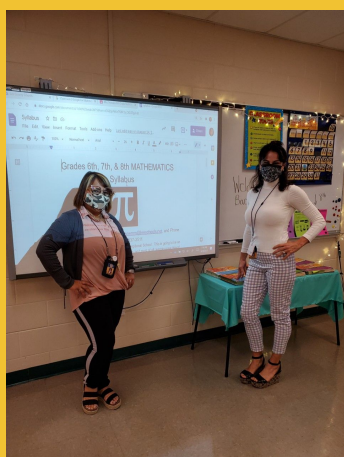
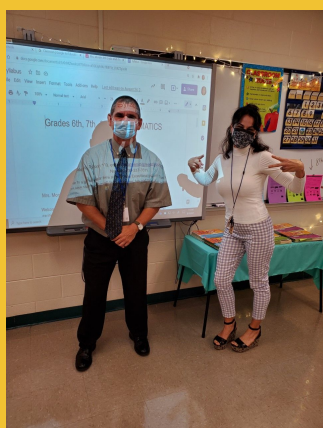
## Secondary

**Mrs. Morales and Ms. Robinson**  
6th-8th Math and Credit Retrieval

Dear Students, Parents, and Families, wow, what a great start to this new school year! I have really enjoyed working with my math students and getting to know them! My teacher assistant Ms. Robinson, is absolutely amazing, and works so well with our students! Ms. Robinson is without a doubt, my "backbone" in this classroom.

In 6th grade we are learning all about adding and subtracting fractions with different denominators, in 7th grade we are learning all about proportional relationships, and in Pre Algebra, we are learning about negative exponents and scientific notation. All homework can be found stapled to your child's point sheet. Students are responsible for frequently checking their math in Google Classroom to see what announcements and classwork assignments have been posted.

The students all know how to access their Google Classroom. If your child does not complete their homework and/or classwork assignments, their grades will significantly drop. Please encourage and remind your child of this process. I am thankful to have the privilege of working with and getting to know your child. If you have any questions or concerns, the best way to reach me is by email, [suzannemm@leeschools.net](mailto:suzannemm@leeschools.net).



**Mr. Delva and Mr. Buckley**  
9th-12th Science

High school science would like to welcome students and their parents/guardians back to the 2021 -2022 school year here at Royal Palm Exceptional. As we head into this school year, we would like for you as parents to please take a moment to reflect on the influence that you as parents have on our students and how important you are to their education. We in high school science also welcome any input that you as parents/guardians may have regarding your child's education. We are looking forward to an amazing year!



**Mr. Weigand**  
6th-8th Language Arts

It is great to be back to start the 2021/2022 School Year. The First Quarter has gotten off to a great start, Students began the year with a review of concepts we have previously covered that pertain to spelling, sentence writing, and word endings. We also examined the distinction between connotation and denotation. We discussed how connotations have a strong application to everyday conversations. We began reading The Energy Bus by Jon Gordon and will continue to read from this book two times per week throughout the first quarter. Students will also be doing I-Ready lessons twice per week upon completion of their diagnostic assessments. In addition we will be writing informative essays. With respect to essay writing, emphasis will be placed on utilizing proper writing conventions, as well as organizing the essays into a coherent format. As I have taught them previously students will be continually reminded of the importance of self-editing their work. We will also participate in educational games on Friday to reinforce concepts covered throughout the week.

I look forward to a great school year. I am excited about the opportunity to work with each student to help them actualize their gifts.

**Ms. Brown and Ms. McMillian**  
6th-8th Science

Dear Students, Parents, and Families, There are some very important things you can do to help your child succeed in science. These things include: recognizing scientific vocabulary in everyday events, solving puzzles, looking for extra practice books, cooking, always having a growth mindset, and educational web sites like Khan Academy. I am thankful to have the privilege of working with your child!





# Classroom News

## Secondary

**Ms. Baez and Ms. Briscoe**  
**6th-8th Reading**

**Ms. Jackson and Ms. Woodard**  
**6th-8th Career**

Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

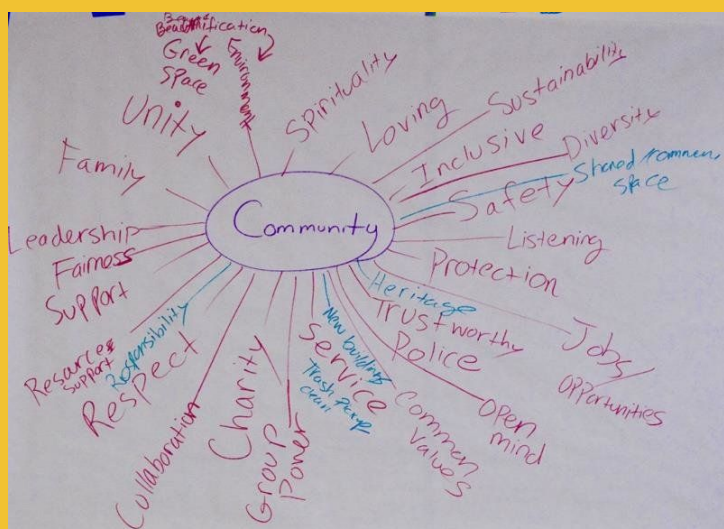
Welcome back to a new, different and exciting school year. We have really enjoyed working with our reading students for the past few weeks and getting to know them! During this school year we will work with System 44 and Read 180 for our reading programs. Through these programs our students will be learning how to identify the author's purpose to better understand the text, answer comprehension questions and key vocabulary words.

This year all homework is to be completed at home or in the classroom. Students are responsible for completing 4 to 6 assignments weekly. These assignments will be completed online as well as in their reading books. The students all know how to access these websites by themselves. Please encourage your child to complete all of their work and to always ask for help if they do not understand the class instructions.



**Dr. Moore and Ms. Miller**  
**9th-12th Life Skills**

It is great to be learning again in Room 316. We are writing every morning using a "word web". Our topic is in the center and words relating to it surround the web. The students picked up on this concept right away. We are also counting money and telling time on an analog clock. Family members can help by allowing the students to practice these skills at home and in the community. Have a super year!



Greeting Royal Palm families. Part of our career class will be focused on understanding the logical structures of the different types of arguments—for instance, arguments that involve statistical generalizations or ones where we reason to the best explanation-- that we frequently employ in the course of everyday life. We will cover common missteps that people often make in everyday reasoning, including missteps that people make in making judgments based on probability, so that you will be able to better recognize these when you see them and to avoid making them yourselves. We will look at some principles of probability and how these might be used in making good judgments in situations of uncertainty where risks need to be calculated as best as possible. Like I said, this is just part of what we will be learning. I will keep you updated throughout this school year as we move into new critical thinking and career aspects.



**Mr. Jensen, Mr. Vandeveld, & Ms. Hernández**  
**8th-12th Life Skills**

Hello, and welcome to another great year in Life Skills. We are going some great things this year! In addition to making academic progress we are learning to do the things that will help get everyone make their daily lives easier. This year we have added basic cooking and laundry skills. We are going to continue great things and make it to the next level.

**Ms. Senat, Ms. Lader, & Ms. Jerger**  
**9th-12th Life Skills**

School is officially back in session! Welcome back families! This year, every month we will focus on a specific topic. For September we learned all about the United States government. Students were able to learn about the leaders of our country, including the rights of American citizens. We are continuing with point sheets. On the point sheets you will see your child's levels. We have upcoming Individualized Education Plans (IEPs) meetings scheduled. If your child has an upcoming IEP meeting, you will be notified. We look forward to working with you!





# Classroom News

## Secondary

### Ms. Kunze and Ms. Gigi 6th-8th Social Studies

I am very excited to be in the Royal Palm building this year. I hope we can stay safe and healthy. The students and I have spent the first few weeks of school learning about each other and learning the daily routines. Many thanks to my teacher assistant, Ms. Gigi, who has helped me with this. Ms. Gigi has a great rapport with all the students and is a big help in the classroom.

The 6th and 8th graders are studying American History from the first inhabitants to the beginning of the Civil War. We will be learning about the relationships between the British, French, Spanish, and Dutch and their struggle for colonization of North America. Students will study the ways that economic, political, cultural, and religious competition between the Atlantic powers shaped early colonial America.

This is an important year for the seventh graders. In May they will take the 7th grade end of year civics exam. Civics is the study of the rights and duties of citizenship. We will work all year learning about the origins & purposes of government, law, and the American political system. The 7th graders will also learn and identify legal means of becoming a United States citizen while evaluating the obligations citizens have to obey laws, pay taxes, defend the nation, and serve on juries.

Your child's success in behavior and academics is my goal as I know this is your goal too. If we work together it will be a great year! I am always available by phone or email and expect you to contact me with any concerns and I will do the same. Here's to a great year!

### Ms. Canciani 9th-12th Credit Retrieval

Greetings from: Ms. Canciani's (Ms. C) classroom!

I am super excited to be at Royal Palm and hope to meet you soon! Credit Retrieval is either to earn credit, or it can be initial credit for a new course needed to meet high school graduation requirements. Students will learn the concepts at a pace that is beneficial to their mastery of the subject with our guidance and support.



### Mr. Kovacs and Ms. Blue 8-12 Math

Welcome back. We are already more than half way through the first quarter. Math is an important subject. It teaches you to think logically, categorize things, and see how things are related which will help you succeed in anything you do. This is a common goal no matter which math class you're in. I am looking forward to a successful academic year for you and your students. Please students remember, if you do not understand something or have a question, please just ask me. I am looking forward to an excellent year!

### Ms. Strykiewicz 8-12 English

Take some time to unplug. Do you ever have an electronics free time as a family? There is nothing wrong with electronics - technology is super helpful. Technology in the classroom can make a lesson more exciting, and all sorts of knowledge is at the tips of our fingertips. I also know how hard it is to compete for the attention of our students in class with technology. I'm sure communication and family connections are tricky when everyone has a device in front of their face. Maybe start with a phone free Friday dinner or game night.

I realize this has nothing to do with language arts class. In my language arts classes though, I know how distracted students can be by their devices, and how it impacts their learning and socialization. I also know how they benefit from family support and communication. Maybe while you are unplugging as a family, you could even read a book together. Just a thought.

### Ms. Alexandre and Ms. Sneed 8th-12th Social Studies

Greeting Parents and Students!!!

This school year is the second time we come back to school wondering about what we need to do to keep us going strong. I am glad everyone is healthy and safe in our building. However, we must remain very vigilant to fight the spread of this virus. For those of us who have been hit very hard by this virus, you are in our thoughts and prayers. I hope we keep on fighting to remain healthy and safe in such unprecedented circumstances. With that being said, I want to reassure you that I, Mrs. Alexandre will do my best to make sure that our students are learning all they can in social studies. Together we will conquer this virus, and we will return to our normal soon. In the meantime keep yourselves and your loved ones safe. I am looking forward to a great school year!





# Classroom News

## Secondary

### Mr. Maxwell and Ms. Newell 8th-12th Critical Thinking & Careers

Hello all, I am Mr. Maxwell. I am teaching one of the Careers elective classes here at Royal Palm Exceptional School. So far, this class has been working on self-actualization affirmations and coping skills, while learning what a resume looks like, writing a resume and follow-up after an interview. We are also exploring individual students' future careers, i.e., if a student wants to go to trucking school. I help that particular student look up different trucking schools in FL. Together we will research a specific trucking school or two; to find out what is expected, how long it takes until you get your trucking license, what it costs, and if there are scholarship programs offered, and what the beginning salary looks like.

I want my students to know something about what to expect when they graduate and find themselves looking for employment. I am truly enjoying working with these students, they make me laugh and I find that they are very inquisitive. I am located in room #118, stop by and say hello anytime.

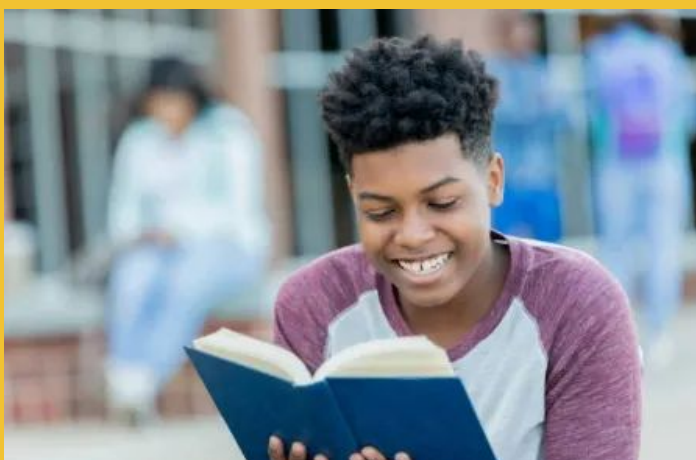
### Mr. Ramos and Coach Murph P.E.

I hope everyone enjoyed their summer break. In our class, we are working on spatial awareness and low impact high intensity workout videos (Quarantined/Rainy Day PE). The students have shown an interest in being out of the classroom for a while as well as being able to have fun in the sun. Please remind your students to drink water during activities and to use hand sanitizer after using shared equipment. Remind them to stay 6 ft apart and practice social distancing when possible so that we can keep these COVID numbers down.



### Ms. Gilmore and Ms. Lader 8th-12th Reading

My name is Ms. Gilmore and your son/daughter is enrolled in my class for the 2021-2022 school year. I hope you had a fun, exciting and enjoyable summer! It is my goal to provide all students with an educationally challenging, yet fun, experience in my classroom. Please be sure to check for daily student point sheets, which are sent home by Ms. Lader, our Teacher Assistant. We want you to know that one of our most important goals this year is to keep the lines of communication open with you. Please don't hesitate to contact Ms. Sneed or myself at (239) 337-3511. We are looking forward to working with you this year!



### Ms. Castro School Social Worker

Hello, Royal Palm family! My name is Ms. Castro, and I am the School Social Worker at Royal Palm. I am so happy to be here for my fifth school year and my third being here full-time! As your School Social Worker, I work with students and families closely in regards to mental health, attendance, resources, and many other things. Attendance is extremely important. A student cannot succeed if they are not actively participating in their academics. A very important component of moving up levels is achieving that perfect 40 on a point sheet and you cannot earn a 40 if you are not in school! Please reach out to me if you ever have issues with attendance. It is also super important to communicate with the school in case your student is going to miss a day due to illness, travel, etc. You can always call me at (239) 337-3511 or email me at [VanessaCa@leeschools.net](mailto:VanessaCa@leeschools.net) if you have any questions or issues at all. I look forward to a great school year with you and your student!





# Additional News

## Mr. Mike Bursztyn Title 1 Parent Involvement and Family Engagement

### School Improvement Plan

Parents, SAC members, and community members are invited to participate in the development of Royal Palm's School Improvement Plan (SIP). If you have any feedback, comments or suggestions please contact Assistant Principal Mrs. Tori Wilson or Principal Rob Moretti at 337-3511. You were invited to attend a Zoom meeting specific to the SIP on Wednesday September 22, 2021 at 1:00 PM. In addition, the SIP plan will be part of the agenda for the Royal Palm SAC meeting on Wednesday, September 29, 2021 at 1:00 PM. School Messenger notices were/will be sent to you regarding these meetings.

### Title 1

As one of 45 Title 1 Schools in Lee County, Royal Palm Exceptional Center receives additional funds for the purpose of improving student academic and behavioral achievement via teacher training, hiring additional staff (helping teachers, social worker, parent involvement teacher), purchasing instructional materials and supplies, offering parent workshops and parenting materials/resources, and supporting and increasing parent and family involvement. Like all Title 1 schools, Royal Palm has a Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP). Our draft 2021-22 Royal Palm plan was discussed and reviewed last Spring as part of a "Zoom" meeting to obtain input and feedback, and it was part of the agenda during this year's Annual Title 1 Meeting via Zoom on August 31st. During these meetings, parents, SAC members and staff had the opportunity to provide input in the areas of defining activities that build capacity for strong parental involvement, staff training, and discretionary activities that relate to student achievement. Throughout the 2021-22 school year we will have numerous school activities and workshops that you should attend. Naturally, due to COVID-19, there have been adjustments to how these activities will occur, with more emphasis on access via Zoom on-line communication, Google Forms, postings on our school website, and School Messenger phone calls, texts, and e-mails. I am working with Donna DJerf, District ESE Department Parent Liaison to present a parent workshop in October, and specific information will be communicated to you soon.

### Parent and Family Engagement Plan 2021-2022

Royal Palm's Parent and Family Engagement Plan for 2021-22 is in the process of being disseminated to parents via multiple methods.. A paper copy of the plan will be provided to all Royal Palm students to take home. The plan will also be provided via a School Messenger communication that will include a link to the document, or as an attachment if we have a current e-mail address for you. In addition, parents can go to Royal Palm's school website [roy.leeschools.net](http://roy.leeschools.net) and look for this plan under "Shortcuts". A copy of our Parent and Family Engagement Plan is also available to read in our front office. A copy will be made for you upon request. Please take the time to review our Parent and Family Engagement Plan. Thank you.

## Mrs. Meltzer and Ms. Cruzado Reading Coach/Media Specialist

Welcome back! This is going to be a great year with a lot of fun things planned! Make sure to follow us on Twitter at @RoyalPalmES.

To help your child become a better reader, read with them every day for at least 10 minutes. This could be you reading to them, or listening to them read to you (even when you're in the car). There are a lot of fun learning games available to all students online. They can access these from home at [Launchpad.leeschools.net](http://Launchpad.leeschools.net).

Mrs. Meltzer & Ms. Cruzado

Reading Coach/Media Specialist



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# Additional News

## Mrs. Millins Behavior Specialist

Welcome back to Royal Palm!!!! We are back in school and that means we need to get back to routines. Routines are so important to set into place with our students. These routines need to be set at school AND at home. Some of these routines include waking up at the same time every day, getting ready for school (taking a shower, brushing teeth, getting dressed), arriving to school on time and being prepared with homework and signed point sheet in hand. The mood of our student's day begins at home. Let's work together to make sure we are teaching our students to be respectful, be responsible and be safe!

Daily	Weekly	Monthly
1. One Load of Laundry	1. Clean up the outside toys	1. Porch
2. Kitchen Dishes	2. Clean floors	2. Baseboards
3. Sweep	3. Restock bathrooms	3. Blinds
4. Make Beds	4. Empty Garbage	4. Ceiling Fans
5. One Load of		5. Smoke Alarms

## Mr. Kleinmann School Counselor

Hello Royal Palm students, parents and guardians. The 21-22 School Year is in full-swing and it's important to continually practice self-care. Self-care is extremely important in order to have a successful school year. Please consider trying the following:

1. Stay hydrated and encourage your student to drink plenty of water.
2. Get plenty of sleep. If you or your student are spending the day sleepy, then consider reviewing some 'Sleep Hygiene' techniques. Examples include; limit bright lights/screens after sundown, do not eat after 7PM, listen to calming music, have a caffeine-free tea and exercise earlier on in the day.
3. Look after your teeth, skin, hair and nails. Grooming can be nearly free and prevents many health problems. Not to mention it's a self-confidence booster!
4. Take deep breaths. Americans are known for taking short, shallow breaths. Take some deeper ones to send oxygen to your brain and let off steam.
5. Give yourself 15 minutes of quiet every day, if possible. Reflect on all the small negative things that do not matter and let them melt away with every breath.

# Out-of-Field Teachers

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 coursework 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 coursework and/or testing. Out of Field and Not Highly Qualified (NHQ) —ESOL (Endorsement), Essie Barnes—ESOL (Endorsement), David Bechler—ESOL (Endorsement) and Reading Endorsement, Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement) and Reading Endorsement, Gloria Fisher—ESOL (Endorsement) and Reading Endorsement, LaToya Gilmore— ESOL (Endorsement), Bethy Senat—ESOL (Endorsement), Karen Strykiewicz—ESOL (Endorsement), Wendy Wadley—ESOL (Endorsement), Jennifer Jackson--ESOL (Endorsement), Sarah Matheson—ESOL Endorsement and Reading Endorsement, Ms. Richardson and Ms. Brensinger Reading Endorsement, Mr. Delva—Science 5-9 and ESE, and Mr. Maxwell—ESE