

Royal Palm Journal/A Title I School



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Back to School Newsletter!!



Lee County School District

November 3rd, 2022

Important Dates

- October 13th: End of Quarter 1
- October 14th: Professional Duty Day - No School for Students
- October 26th: Early Dismissal - Professional Duty Day
- November 11th: Hurricane Make-Up Day - Full Day for Students and Staff
- November 21st - 25th: Thanksgiving Break
- December 21st- End of Quarter 2 - Early Dismissal Day
- December 22nd - January 6th: 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 2022-23 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

Mrs. Brensinger & Ms. Hawkins
1st and 3rd grade

Hello Royal Palm students and families!

We are so glad to be back on campus and to see everyone's smiling faces. We began the school year with a "Kindness" academic and social skills unit. We learned about story elements, sequenced story events, and wrote about ways to show kindness in school, at home, and in the community. We are working on being kind to ourselves and others throughout the school day. We have learned that saying "good morning" or smiling at others can brighten someone else's day and make us feel good about ourselves. I encourage you to try to perform simple acts of kindness as a family and see what a difference it makes in your lives and the lives of others.

**make
kindness
the norm.** 

We believe that family time is important. This month I also 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!

Mrs. Barnes & Ms. Tindal
3rd grade

Welcome Back 2022-2023 School Year!!

Classroom 141

We are so excited to be back and we are off to a wonderful start.

Our class consists of four vibrant students!

To date we have learned new things about National Parks, monuments, and argumentative text. Science has taught us that all things have matter, and Social Studies explains why it's important to use and know geographical facts. Our student's favorite subject of the day - Math - involves multiplication facts (0 -12) and learning related facts in division.

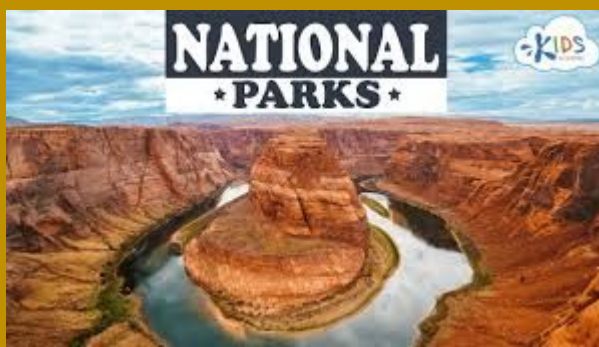
While we are still in the early phrases of school, we have taken Test (1) In the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST), Diagnostic Assessment (1) in i-Ready, Dibels baseline assessment in Oral Reading fluency, and Safer, Smarter Kids Program - quite the busy little bees!!!!

Months like November, and December are very near and we are looking forward to some great art projects and celebratory events. If you have any GRAND ideas or projects you'd like to share, please let us know!!!!!! In the meantime, please remember to review your child's communication folder for their daily point sheets, homework assignments, and/or information specifically pertaining to parents/guardians. Most importantly, please engage in some sort of reading activity with your child for (15 -20) minutes daily.

"Today a Reader, tomorrow a Leader" ~Margaret Fuller

Update:

Since our devastating ordeal with Hurricane Ian and the time off from school, we hope the path to recovery is minimally difficult and, Peace, Love and Comfort is restored soon !!!!!!!!!!!!!



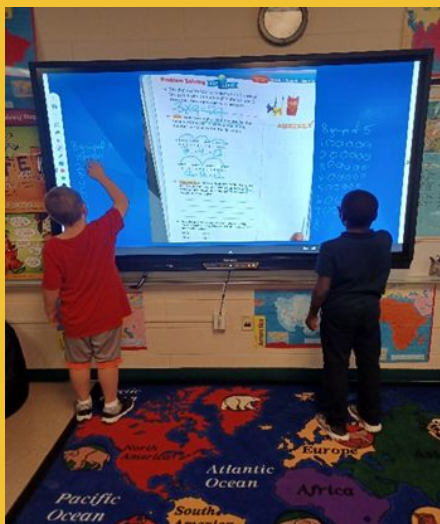


Classroom News

Elementary

Mrs. Wadley-Jackson & Ms. Woodard 3rd Grade

Mrs. Wadley-Jackson and Ms. Woodard's 3rd grade class. Yayyy! A new school year has begun. I would like to welcome my new 3rd grade students to the 2022-2023 school year. We are learning how procedures and rules are important to learn. By learning rules, it helps the flow of the lessons on a smooth path. My students are jumping into their Reading with Wonders book with courage. They are finding it fun to read short stories, answer questions, and learn vocabulary. We are also trying to pick up the pace with fluency. The students are well on their way with using multiplication. They are learning the techniques and strategies on how to solve multiplication by using arrays. In addition, they are learning math vocabulary such as, factors, products and commutative property. Science is the students favorite subject, learning about state of matter, and chemical change excites them. In social studies my students go around the world learning about the seven continents, and their oceans. Let's just say we are off to a good start for 2022-2023 school year.



Ms. Perl & Mrs. Harris 4th grade

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, taking weekly spelling tests, practicing reading orally, as well as improving their handwriting skills.

Spelling Test

Name: _____ Score: ____/10

1 _____	6 _____
2 _____	7 _____
3 _____	8 _____
4 _____	9 _____
5 _____	10 _____

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 about 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.





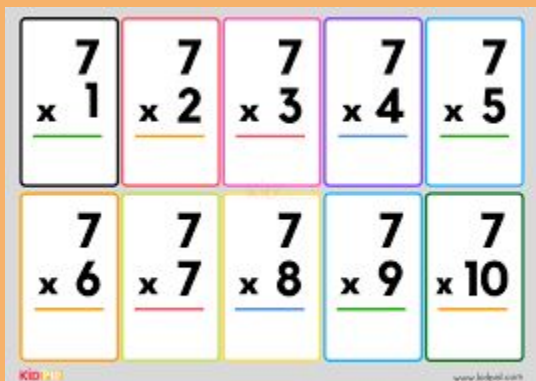
Classroom News Elementary

Mrs. Fisher & Ms. Jerger
5th Grade

Dear Royal Palm Families,

I hope all of you made it through Hurricane Ian! I know it is and was a terrible experience for so many families. My heart goes out to all of you! I have great news about my students. It has been the BEST class I have ever had since I started at Royal Palm in 2015!! My students very rarely argue, they always do their work and are very eager to learn! I am so proud of all of them! Currently as homework I would like all of my families to read with and to your child, and practice multiplications.

Sincerely and Thank You, Ms. Fisher



Mrs. Richardson & Ms. Fetting
5th grade

Hello families and welcome to the 2022-2023 school year! I am happy to introduce my helping teacher, Ms. Fetting, 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
5th Grade

I am pleased to welcome you to the 2022-2023 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 to have an effective year. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Mr. Ramos
P.E.

In our class, we have been working on spatial awareness and low impact high intensity workouts. We also play basketball, flag football, and soccer. 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.





Classroom News

Secondary

Mr. Scheller & Ms. Anderson
6th grade



It's time to grind! It's time to learn and grow! To help your child become a positive and productive citizen, spend real time with them (without electronics) every day. Listen to what they have to say without judgement. Accept your child, leaving no doubt in their mind that you love them. When they do wrong, make sure they know it. It's the behavior that is bad/wrong, not the child. At school, it's a teachers' responsibility to teach them academic skills. In my classroom, students also learn to be victors and not victims. They must be able to learn, work, and develop in modern society so that our community will be better because they are a part of it!

I am proud to announce that our class, and a few others, will be partnering with The Freedom and Virtue Institute as part our dedication to be successful citizens. Students will learn the basics of business - from working, selling, and investing money through real-world experiences. Students will do this through planting money crops (tomatoes, lettuce, collard greens, peas, etc.), tending them, harvesting them, and then selling them. Furthermore, students will receive a share of the crops and money from the sale of the crops, too! Students that successfully progress through the program will be eligible for a monetary reward, as well.

I look forward to partnering with all members of our community, from school staff, parents, and community leaders, to help your child live a happy and successful life.

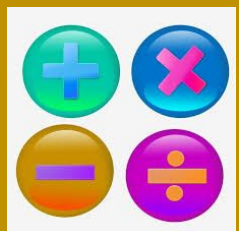
John Scheller, Ed.S.



Mrs. Eddy & Ms. Thornton
grades 6-9

We are very happy to welcome a new student to our classroom this school year! We are super excited to have started another new school year! Our students are adjusting to the new classroom dynamics and are helping our new student learn our classroom schedule and rules. We are continuing to work hard on learning our academics through the Vizzle Next Generation Curriculum.

We continue to complete activities daily to increase our name identification. We also continue our daily practice of identifying 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 continuing to practice spelling words daily to increase our word recognition. We are also continuing to learn 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 basic addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division facts using a basic function calculator. We have started learning about the Rate of Change and Unit Rates in Math. We are learning Atoms and Protons in Science. We are learning about Governments in History. Please make sure you read with your child daily and ask them about their day. They are very proud of their crafts and are eager to share them with you. Thank you for your continued support! We look forward to working with you and your child in the new year!



Mr. Jensen & Mr. Vandavelde
grades K-6

It is good to be back on schedule after I've disrupted everything we know. It has been good to reacquaint with the kids and the parents in the classroom. I am happy to say the routine is almost back to normal. I think we will get through this, and for most of us, hopefully it will be no more than a bad memory. We will all continue to work hard and have fun. Keep the faith, Jeff Jensen



Classroom News

Secondary

Mrs. Morales and Ms. Candelaro 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. Candelaro, is absolutely amazing, and works so well with our students! Ms. Candelaro 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.



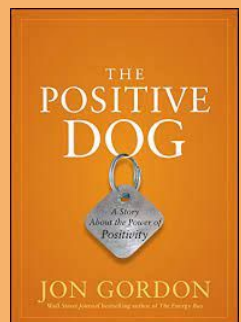
Ms. Brown & Ms. McMillian 6th-8th Science

Dear Students, Parents, and Families, There are some important things you can do to help your child have a growth mindset in science. These things include: recognizing scientific vocabulary, looking for data in everyday life, finding extra practice books, cooking, and educational web sites like Khan Academy. I am thankful to have the privilege of working with and getting to know your child. Happy Fall!

Mr. Weigand 6th-8th Language Arts

The 2022/2023 School Year is off to a great year in language arts. We began the school year reviewing our class rules and expectations which correlate to the Royal Palm School rules. We also went over The Four, which is a system students can use to assist them in their decision making processes.

We began reading a book called The Positive Dog written by Jon Gordon. The main characters in the book are two dogs Matt and Bubba. Matt learns from Bubba why it is important to develop a positive attitude and to share this positivity with others.



Students also have completed their i-Ready Diagnostic Tests and are working diligently on their biweekly i-Ready assignments. Our writing focus for this quarter is on expository essays. Students typically complete writing assignments each Wednesday. We have also focused on grammar in terms of its application to both writing and speech. This will be a focus throughout the remainder of this school year as well. As we move into the second quarter, we will continue to work on writing with an emphasis on argumentative essays and responding to specific prompts. We will also review sentence writing by using the five types of phrases in complete sentences.



Classroom News

Secondary

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

Dear Students, Parents, and Families,
Welcome back to a new 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, practicing our fluency, answer comprehension questions 5 W's and key vocabulary words.
This year all homework is to be completed at home or classroom. Students are responsible for completing 3 to 4 assignments weekly and actively work with their book. They will practice dictionary skills and challenge themselves to read at least 4 books during this school year. Please encourage your child to complete all of their work and to always ask for help if they do not understand the class instructions.

Ms. Kunze 6th-8th Life Social Studies

Welcome to a brand-new school year! This year, 2022-2023 is going to be great! Our students are geared up to learn new things and make their impression on the world. The students and I have spent the first few weeks of school learning about each other and learning the daily routines.

The 6th and 8th graders are studying American History from the first inhabitants to the beginning of the Civil War. They seem very interested and excited to know how America has become so great. They are learning that nothing comes easy and our Independence came with a big price.

The 7th graders are studying Civics and learning to be good citizens. 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 the 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!



Mrs. Jackson and Ms. Hayes 6th-8th Career

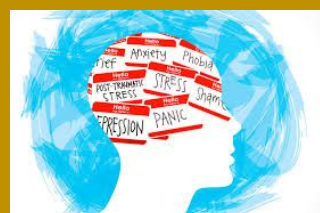
Greeting Royal Palm families. Part of our career class will be focused on understanding the logical structures of the different types of arguments—for instance, arguments that involve statistical generalizations or ones where we reason to the best explanation-- that we frequently employ in the course 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. Kovacs 8th-12th Math

Welcome back twice- once from summer break and again from hurricane Irma. I hope all of you and your families are safe. Once again it is time to focus on academics. Keep up with your assignments, it is easier to keep than catch up. If you don't understand something, ASK.

Ms. Castro Mental Health Provider

Hi, Royal Palm family! My name is Vanessa Castro and I am our school's Licensed Mental Health Professional. As a Licensed Clinical Social Worker, I will be able to assist and support students and their mental health needs through school-based services. I can help families connect to outside mental health services for their student in addition to providing mental health assessments, treatment, and recovery services to students with one or more mental health or co-occurring substance abuse diagnosis. While I would be able to check in with all students, a consent form is needed by a parent for more intensive school-based services. If you have any questions or would like more information, please do not hesitate to reach out to me at VanessaCa@leeschools.net or call me at (239) 337-3511. Let me know if you need more....or less!!!





Classroom News

Secondary

Dr. Moore and Mrs. Miller
High School Life Skills

The 2022-2023 school year is off to a great start in room 316. Our students are working on their academic skills as well as learning to share and take turns in the classroom. Current events are of interest as well. News broadcaster Lester Holt has a web news show just for children and soon our favorite student news program, CNN 10 will resume.

We are also interested in treating each other with respect and courtesy. Social skills are very important as we begin to think and act like responsible adults.

Three students in class are interested in volunteering at an assisted living facility in South Ft.



Lastly, we are sending home point sheets with daily behavior achievement. Please look at these and discuss areas of suggested improvement with your child. Please sign the point sheets and allow them to return them to the class each day. Feel free to contact me by phone 337-3511 or e-mail Briandm@leeschools.net with comments or concerns. I am glad to be a teacher at Royal Palm and happy to have your students in our classroom. Please let me know if I can be of assistance.

Ms. Migdal
9th-12th Career & Credit Retrieval

Hello all, I am Ms. Migdal. 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, 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.



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

Hooray, Fall is here! Hello parents, it's really a pleasure to write this note to remind you how happy I am to be your child's teacher and also a part of this learning community. Our students will be learning a lot during this school year about social studies and social issues regarding our community and our country as a whole. In the social studies class, our students are learning a great deal about world history, and what made the world the way it is today, and how cultures evolve over the lifespan. They are learning about our own culture, and what makes it diversify over the years. They are also learning about how to appreciate our diversity and learn to treasure our country and our democracy. I can go on and on, but my aim is to remind you as parents the importance of keeping your student proactive in learning during this school. You can select some books that the district recommends for children to read or you can try to reach our public library, which offers excellent programs for the children. It has been a pleasure to have you trusting me with your child's education and I hope to do this again, for the next coming years. Yours in education, Ms. Alexandre





Classroom News

Secondary

Mr. Murph
Behavior Support

Nothing will ever be too difficult for you to handle, and this will show in the way you think and the decisions you make. Your knowledge and abilities in life will only grow if you keep your heart and mind open and embrace anything new. Of course, there will be bumps in the road and we all must go through them, but we must be able to handle them to our advantage. You are a champion no matter what challenges you may be facing, so keep your head up and continue moving forward.

Mr. Brown & Ms. Blue
Grades 8-12 Science

High school science would like to welcome students and their parents/guardians back to the 2022 -2023 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!

Warning Signs of Suicide

WARNING SIGNS OF SUICIDE:

The behaviors listed below may be some of the signs that someone is thinking about suicide.

TALKING ABOUT:



- ▷ Wanting to die
- ▷ Great guilt or shame
- ▷ Being a burden to others

FEELING:



- ▷ Empty, hopeless, trapped, or having no reason to live
- ▷ Extremely sad, more anxious, agitated, or full of rage
- ▷ Unbearable emotional or physical pain

CHANGING BEHAVIOR, SUCH AS:



- ▷ Making a plan or researching ways to die
- ▷ Withdrawing from friends, saying goodbye, giving away important items, or making a will
- ▷ Taking dangerous risks such as driving extremely fast
- ▷ Displaying extreme mood swings
- ▷ Eating or sleeping more or less
- ▷ Using drugs or alcohol more often

If these warning signs apply to you or someone you know, get help as soon as possible, particularly if the behavior is new or has increased recently.

988 Suicide & Crisis Lifeline
Call or text **988**
Chat at 988lifeline.org

Crisis Text Line
Text **"HELLO"** to **741741**



nimh.nih.gov/suicideprevention

Ms. Gilmore & Ms. Jarman
Grades 8-12 Reading

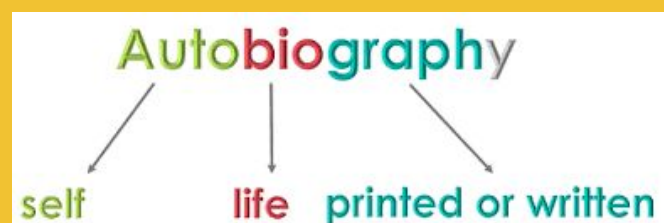
Dear Royal Palm Parents, Guardians and Students:

Welcome back to school! It is a pleasure to be your child's Reading teacher this school year. I am looking forward to meeting you and working with you and your child throughout the school year. If you have any questions or concerns that you would like to talk to me about, I am more than willing to accommodate a time where we can meet. My school email is checked regularly. Please feel free to email me or call me at the school.



Ms. Senat, Ms. Robinson, & Ms. Riley
Grades 8-12 Life Skills

We met some of our families at the start of this year. We hope to meet the rest of our families. This fall, we are learning about autobiographies, Algebraic Functions and Absolute Values, American History, and living things. Behaviors and progress are what we are all about in life skills. We can't wait to see and communicate further with our families. From our classroom to you, Happy Fall !!





Additional News

Mr. Mike Bursztyn
Title 1 Parent Involvement and
Family Engagement

Royal Palm's Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) for 2022-23 was disseminated to parents via multiple methods. A paper copy of the plan was provided to all Royal Palm students to take home. The plan was also provided via a School Messenger communication that included a link to the document, and 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 and look for this plan under "Shortcuts" and under "Annual Title 1 Meeting" information. English and Spanish copies of our Parent and Family Engagement Plan are 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.

Notification to Parents and Stakeholders of the Annual School Public Accountability Report (SPARS): NOTE - Royal Palm does not receive a school grade but does receive what the Florida Department of Education refers to as a School Improvement Rating each year. The most recent rating DOE assigned to Royal Palm is the 2021-22 rating of "Unsatisfactory". Royal Palm will target student achievement, attendance and behavior as part of their School Improvement Plan process. FLDOE has updated our school testing, learning gains and other data categories for the 2021-22 school year. To access Royal Palm's reports and data, please visit our website at roy.leeschools.net, and under the headings "What's Happening" and "Shortcuts" you will find multiple links to School Improvement Ratings, School Grades and SPAR/School information. This information was also provided in English/Spanish to parents last month (October) via the district's School Messenger system (phone call, text and e-mail/e-mail attachments).

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Two parent workshops are scheduled for November. The workshops are "How Meeting Sensory Needs Can Yield Improved Student Academic and Behavioral Learning Outcomes for Your Child". Parents may choose to attend Thursday, November 10th at 9:00 AM, or Tuesday, November 15th at 1:00 PM. Further information will be provided soon via flyer and School Messenger phone/text/e-mail.



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. Mrs. Meltzer & Ms. Cruzado
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Additional News

Mrs. Millins
Behavior Specialist

Happy fall Royal Palm Families! It's been quite a whirlwind so far this year. I hope everyone is safe and recovering from Hurricane Ian. We will be working with the students to get them back on track and back to some normalcy. As always, I will be looking for students who are making good choices! There are many things you can do at home to encourage good choices and positive behaviors such as verbal praise ("I love how you helped your brother tie his shoe."), extra screen time, a treat such as an ice cream cone, a game with a parent or grandparent, or a trip somewhere special like the park. Let's work together to reinforce those positive behaviors we see, and remind our students that choices matter.

MAKE
GOOD
CHOICES

Mr. Kleinmann
School Counselor

Greetings Royal Palm Students and Families, I am so glad to see so many of our students safely return to school in the past few weeks. It is clear that this disaster is not dampening anyone's spirits when we all support one another. As always, parents and guardians are welcome to contact me via colinjk@leeschools.net or via 337-3511 to discuss your student's mental health needs or any resources that may be helpful. Often times students are too shy to request me, or they do not yet self-advocate. Please feel free to reach out to me on their behalf. In addition, I'd like to mention that we have a grab and go food room with non-perishable items. We have loads of socks and shoes for any students in need. All students and their families are welcome to these items if based on need. Together, I have no doubts that we will fully recover and have an excellent remainder of the school year!

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), Endorsement, Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement) and Reading Endorsement, Gloria Fisher—ESOL (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, and Bradley Brown ESE and Science 5-9.

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