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*Back to School
Newsletter!!*



Lee County School District

October 6th, 2023

Important Dates

- October 13th: End of Quarter 1
- October 16th: Professional Duty Day - No School for Students
- October 25th: Full Day for Students
- November 20th - 24th: Thanksgiving Break
- December 21st - Full Day for Students
- December 22nd - Early Dismissal
- December 25th - January 5th: Winter Break
- January 8th Professional Duty Day
- January 9th - Quarter 3 Begins / Students Return to School



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 2023-24 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. Petteys & Ms. Hawkins
1st & 2nd grade

Hello Royal Palm students and families! I am so happy 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. 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 & 4th grade

Welcome Back 2023-2024 school year!!
Classroom 141 - Our class currently consists of some of the Best and Brightest students at Royal Palm! I am excited about all of the learning gains and achievements we will accomplish during this school year.

TEST AND ASSESSMENTS We have completed the following Assessments/Tests
· I-ready Reading/Math
· Florida Assessment of Student Thinking - FAST
· Dibels Baseline Oral Reading Fluency

OUR CLASS WILL BE SPONSORING THE WINTER FIELD TRIP TO THE BROADWAY PALM DINNER THEATRE TO SEE THE PRODUCTION OF MADAGASCAR. MORE DETAILS COMING SOON ABOUT THIS TRIP!!!!!!

Academics: What we are working on in class!!! ELA – Reading Non- Fiction and Argumentative Text and supporting our responses through research and text evidence. Math – Identifying Angles, Multiplication Facts 0 - 12, and working with numbers up to Millions Science – Properties of Matter, and academic related vocabulary. Social Studies – History of Hispanic Heritage (featuring Celia Cruz), People and regions of Florida

Social Emotional Behaviors: We are working to improve behaviors through our character Education Program and through being mindful of applying traits and characteristics of the character word of the month. This month's character word is RESPECT!

This month is Unity Month. Please wear orange on October 18, 2023 to show your support in bullying prevention and increasing school safety.





Classroom News Elementary

Ms. Perl
4th & 5th Grade

Welcome back! 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 been working on place value, rounding numbers, and reviewing multiplication facts. The class has also been learning about the geography of Florida, increasing their vocabulary by using a dictionary, weekly spelling tests, practice reading orally as well as identifying and using the four types of sentences. The students are enjoying our current science unit on flower and plant reproduction which also includes follow up interesting review videos. Please have your child read every day for at least fifteen minutes. Recently, our character education theme was teaching the students how to be more responsible in their personal and school life. I know this year the class will continue to work on their individual educational and socialization goals.



Mrs. Peterson & Ms. Jerger
4th Grade

Dear Royal Palm Families,

It has been a great start to the school year! I have a great group of students this year! I am very excited. We have been busy working on place value, measuring angles, and reviewing addition, subtraction, multiplication and division. In Reading/Language Arts we are increasing our reading fluency and comprehension skills. Some homework for my families would be to work on memorizing their multiplications and read with your child every day. The students have taken their first FAST testing in reading and math. Their scores are recorded in Focus for you to view. Sincerely Best wishes to everyone, Mrs. Peterson/Fisher



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LET'S TALK



Classroom News

Elementary

Mr. Eady & Ms. Harris
4th, 5th, & 6th Grade

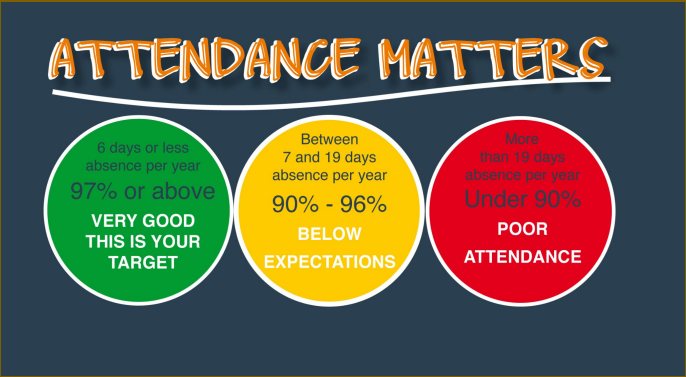
I am pleased to welcome you to the 2023-2024 school year. We look forward to a positive relationship with you to ensure that your child will reach his full potential. Students will need help both from home and from school in order to have an effective year. We are looking forward to a great school year!

Mrs. Andrews
School Social Worker

- What Makes Attending School So Valuable?
- Poor attendance can influence whether children read proficiently by the end of third grade or be held back.
 - By 6th grade, chronic absence becomes a leading indicator that a student will drop out of high school.
 - 9th grade attendance is a better predictor of school dropout than 8th grade test scores.
 - When students improve their attendance rates, they improve their academic prospects and chances for graduation.
 - Students can miss fundamental reading and math skills
 - Students can miss the chance to build a habit of good attendance that will carry them into college and careers.

Who Must Attend School and the Florida State Statutes on Attendance

Every student enrolled in the School District of Lee County is required to attend school every day, unless they have an excused absence.



Mrs. Richardson & Ms. Fetig
6th grade

Congratulations to two of our 6th grade students!! They have moved from self-contained to regular 6th grade. We are so proud of you! Since the start of the year, we have used cause and effect and main idea standards to explore America's journey to independence. Our Read 180 lessons challenge us to have a strong growth mindset, with examples like Michael Jordan and J.K. Rowling. We are learning how to multiply decimals and fractions and we have learned about the layers of the atmosphere, and how the ozone layer protects us from radiation. Our students have used building sets and board games to help improve their social skills.



Mrs. Matheson & Ms. King
6th Grade

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year!!!! This is my fourth year teaching at Royal Palm Exceptional School, however, I have been teaching for 12 years total. 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, who are also the future and also due to my life experiences, I wanted desperately to make a difference and be a positive role model to children who needed me! Ms. King, my educational assistant in our class 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 looking forward to an exciting year filled with learning new things and working on making good choices.



Classroom News

Elementary

Dr. Scheller, Mr. Parks, & Ms. Riley High School Access Points

We are off to a great start! Our class has settled into a learning routine that consists of learning, movement, and an attitude of gratitude. Our learning consists of daily living skills and the development of healthy habits for a more tranquil life. As part of a strong work ethic and daily living, our class is also involved in Royal Palm's Community Garden effort, where students can earn the opportunity to prepare, plant, water, and cultivate produce that they may then take home or sell. All proceeds go to the students, and they may decide to save or spend the money. The garden was a great success last year and the students raised money for themselves, took home and also donated pounds of produce, and developed conscientiousness and an understanding of where food really originates from.

Dr. Scheller

High School/Access Points



Mrs. Eddy, Ms. Thornton, & Ms. Rawson Elementary Life Skills

Greetings students and guardians! We are very happy to welcome new students 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 students learn our classroom schedule and rules. We are continuing to work hard on learning our academics through the modified 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 to calculate using 2-digit and 3-digit numbers. We are learning about humans, animals, and plants in their prospective environments in Science. We are learning about our government 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. Murph Behavior Support Specialist

I hope your summer vacation was enjoyable and restful for you and your family! I sincerely hope that every student will have a wonderful school year. Continue to be cautious, proactive, and respectful to your fellow classmates, teachers and administrators as they certainly deserve it.



Classroom News

Elementary

Mrs. Morales & Ms. Candelaro 6th-8th Math

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 dividing with decimals, 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 completing their homework and turning it in when it is due. 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.

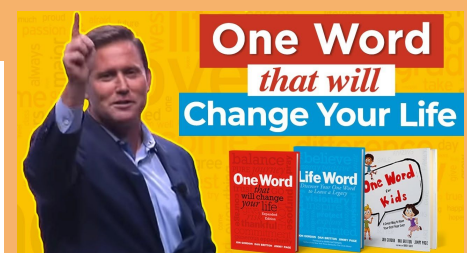


Ms. Brown & McMillian 6th-8th Science

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. Dear Students, Parents, and Families, Sixth-grade students have been learning about the planet Earth. Seventh-grade students have been learning about Cells and the Human body. Eighth-grade students have been learning about Atoms and the Periodic Table. Happy Fall!

Mr. Weigand 6th-8th Language Arts

Welcome Back!! The 2023/2024 School Year has gotten off to a great start in language arts. We started off the year with some introductions and icebreaker activities to get to know one another. During our first full week of classes we went over The One Word Vision presented by Jon Gordon. With The One Word Vision students and I adopted a word that will be our word to focus on throughout the school year. These words have all been posted on different word walls within the classroom. In the upcoming weeks we will complete i-Ready Diagnostic testing and after that i-Ready instruction will take place on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Our writing focus for this quarter will be on narrative essays and stories. For Motivation Mondays we will read and discuss stories that provide a motivational message such as the story "This Is Good." We will also focus on improved sight word vocabulary, parts of speech, and the use of appropriate writing conventions as we progress throughout the course of the year.





Classroom News

Secondary

Wadley-Jackson 6th-8th Reading

Yayyy! A new school year has begun. I would like to welcome my 6,7, and 8 grade middle school students to the 2023-2024 school year. We are learning how procedures and rules are important to learn - by learning rules, it keeps the flow of the lessons on a smooth path. My students are jumping into their reading with their Read 180 program. They are finding it fun to read short stories, answer questions, and learn vocabulary while using technology. We are also trying to pick up the pace with fluency. Let's just say we are off to a good start for 2023-2024 school year.



Dr. Moore 9th-12th Life Skills

Dr. Moore is happy to welcome the life skills students in room 316 back to Royal Palm. Even though we have only been back in session for a few weeks, the students are already learning new things. For example, Jacob has learned many of the state capitals. Our new students are doing well on writing sentences and solving crossword puzzles.

Last spring one of our students climbed our point system's "ladder of success" from Level zero to level seven and is starting out the new school year with continued positive behavior. Another one of our students is taking guitar lessons after school and is also improving his classroom behavior on a daily basis. Ms. Patty Bigelow and her therapy dog Fergus have started visiting our class on a weekly basis, as well.



Ms. Jarman & Ms. Wells 6th-8th Career

In our Career Elective class we began with career exploration. Students identified potential careers that pique their interests. Students learned about skills required to realize their educational and career goals. While exploring various careers, students learned the importance of having soft skills for any career such as self-awareness, ability to communicate well with others, positive attitude, and being friendly and courteous. Students will learn to listen well to others, coming up with ideas to solve a problem, adapt to others, and work well with others.

In Career Elective class, students are creating a monthly budget. Learning how to save money for big purchases in the future. Students know the difference between needs and wants. The budgeting concept helps them calculate expenses, groceries, utilities and discretionary expenses. They are learning to track their expenses, their wants and needs and save for a big purchase in the future.

Mr. Jensen, Mr. Vandeveld, & Ms. Robinson 9th-12th Life Skills

Welcome back! We are looking forward to having an awesome school year. To make this happen please allow your child to use programs at home that will help them practice Reading and Math. It could be in the form of playing educational games. Students learn through play. Academically, our students are learning to comprehend what is read, math symbols, identify U.S. symbols, and differentiating between living and non-living things. Also, we are helping your child to become independent. Allow them to engage in activities around the house. Examples are cleaning up after themselves, sweeping, folding clothes, and preparing a simple meal. We look forward to working with you to help your child function as independently as possible.

Ms. Kunze 6th-8th Social Studies

Welcome back Royal Palm Middle School families! We hope you had a fun and relaxing summer and are adjusting to the back to school schedule. This year 8th grad students will be studying World History beginning with ancient civilizations. The 7th graders will be studying Civics, the rights and duties of citizens. The 6th graders will be learning about the beginnings of America. Topics will include the settlers coming to America, settlers adjusting to their new environments, conflicts they encountered, and setting up the new government. Homework will be given every Monday and due on Friday when we will go over it as a class. Most of the homework will be done in the last 15 minutes of class each day so some students will not have to bring their work home. We are in this together and are available to answer any questions or concerns you may have about your child through the school office, phone or email. We look forward to a productive and fun year of learning.



Classroom News

Secondary



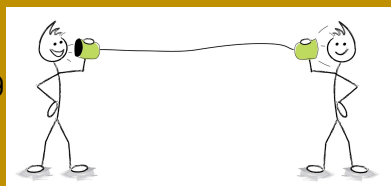
Important Message

Staff, Parents/Guardians, and Students: This notice serves to fulfill annual notification requirements in accordance with Section 763.93 of the Asbestos Emergency Response Act (AHERA). As required under AHERA, Royal Palm must maintain an Asbestos Management Plan (AMP) and keep the AMP on file at the school, and the School Administrative Unit Office. The AMP is available for review during school hours, Monday through Friday. Periodic surveillance of known asbestos in Royal Palm is performed every six months by a designated person to assess the condition of the ACBM. Six-month Assessment Results are maintained and are also available for review in the AMP.

Ms. Gilmore and Ms. Tivis 9-12 Reading

I hope you had a fun, exciting, and enjoyable summer! My name is Ms. Gilmore and your son/daughter is enrolled in my Intensive Reading course for the 2023-24 school year. It is my goal to provide all students with an educationally challenging, yet fun experience in my classroom. Please be sure to check for student point sheets, which are sent home daily. 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 me at (239) 337-3511.

I look forward to working with you this year!



Ms. Gallucci 9th-12th Credit Retrieval

At Royal Palm Exceptional School, we offer a credit retrieval program called Edgenuity. This class was created to assist students with making up credits that they are missing and need toward graduation. This is an independent learning program in which students must be self-motivated to complete the coursework. This is a computer-based program which instructs them and then tests their knowledge in each segment. Teachers are here to assist them, monitor their progress, and provide encouragement.. The goal is to complete each course 100% with a minimum of a 70% grade average to earn credits.. So if your child is missing core credits (English, Math, Science, or History) which are needed for graduation, talk with our school guidance counselor to see if our credit retrieval program is appropriate for them.



Mr. Kovacs and Ms. Woodard 9-12 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 & Ms. Blue 9-12 English

Did you ever think about thinking? Most people think, using words in their head. The more words we know, the more things we can think about. Studies also show that, the greater our vocabulary, the faster our brains can work.

You can help expand your child's vocabulary in some fun ways. Exposing them to different tv shows, movies, and music than they normally listen to, will bring new words to their ears. Trying new hobbies or activities have their own set of words they use. Taking a virtual field trip to a zoo or museum teaches them about the world around them, and also adds more new words. Basically, new experiences tend to bring new vocabulary with them.

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

Greetings Parents and Students!

Welcome to the new school 2023-2024. I am thrilled to be back with you to begin this wonderful journey. After a long summer, I am glad everyone is healthy and safe in our building and ready to tackle this year and thrive through it. Students, I want you to be proactive and positive in your journey to greatness. Many of you students are trying your best to make it a memorable year, for this I am grateful. With that being said, I want to reassure that I, Mrs. Alexandre will do my best to make sure that my students are learning all they can in social studies. Together we will conquer all challenges to make it a wonderful school year. I know you will rise to the challenges. The Koalas will find their path in the wooden alley.



Classroom News

Secondary

Ms. Baez

8th-12th Critical Thinking & Careers

Hello all, I am Ms. Baez. 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. Gadsden and Ms. Hayes
9th-12th Reading

Welcome back! We are very excited for this school year. This will be my first year as the high school Science Teacher. I was previously a Helping Teacher for seven years and I enjoy working in this environment and with the students.

This Fall our students will be studying various Sciences depending on their grade level. The subjects are Biology, Environmental and Physical Science. We will be doing some hands-on activities and virtual labs to get the students more engaged in learning Science. We look forward to an amazing school year! Ms Gadsden/Science Teacher



Ms. Todd & Ms. Anderson
P.E.

It is my pleasure to be your child's new Physical Education Teacher this year. Ms. Anderson is returning as the P.E. Helping Teacher. Please ensure your child brings gym shoes and clothes that allow for movement each day they are scheduled for P.E. class. Physical education class helps develop self-assurance and determination in young people. The goal is to improve each student's personal fitness level, instill healthy habits of regular exercise and movement, and to develop cooperation and teamwork. In P.E., students learn how to share, take turns, and cooperate with classmates to accomplish a common goal. Most importantly, we want them to learn new things and HAVE FUN!!

We look forward to a great school year.
Respectfully,
Andrea Dinninger Todd M.Ed. and Ms. Anderson

Ms. Castro
Mental Health Professional

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!!!



Additional News

Mr. Mike Bursztyn Title 1 Parent Involvement and Family Engagement

Royal Palm's Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) for 2023-2024 was disseminated to parents via multiple methods. A paper copy of the plan was provided to all Royal Palm students to take home on September 15, 2023. The plan was also provided via a School Messenger communication that included a school website link to the document, and as an attachment if we have a current email 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 (FLDOE) refers to as a School Improvement Rating each year. The most recent rating FLDOE assigned to Royal Palm is the 2021-22 rating (data as of November 7, 2022) of "Unsatisfactory". Royal Palm, via the School Improvement Plan (SIP) process, is also identified by the FLDOE for Comprehensive Support and Improvement (CSI). Additional Unified School Improvement Grant (UniSIG) funds have been allocated to target and support Royal Palm's 4 areas of focus - graduation rate, student achievement (behavioral/referrals), student achievement (learning gains), and teacher retention. To access Royal Palm's reports and data, please visit our website at roy.leeschools.net, and under the heading "Shortcuts" you will find multiple links to School Improvement Ratings, School Grades and SPARs/School information. This information has also been provided in English/Spanish to parents via the district's School Messenger system (phone call, text and e-mail/e-mail attachments). In addition, this information was discussed at the September 28, 2023 School Advisory Council (SAC) Meeting.

Parent & Family Engagement



Mrs. Meltzer 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. Ms. Meltzer, Coach/Media Specialist

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Mrs. Millins Behavior Specialist

Hello Royal Palm Families!!!
We are busy getting back into the swing of things!!! Our staff works hard every day teaching the students the expectations and routines. Consistency counts!!!! This applies to home as well. You can work with your children on building routines at home AND teach them what is expected. Make sure your expectations are clear and concise. Most importantly, be consistent with them. Let's work together to help all our students be successful at school and at home!!!



Mr. Kleinmann School Counselor

Greetings Royal Palm Students and Families, 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.

Do you work with a parent or guardian who sometimes uses a student's disability as an excuse for poor behavior? Do you have parents or guardians who wish for consequences to evaporate because their student has mental health issues? Please feel free to view the resources in the link below as it contains helpful information, while instilling accountability.

It is important to also note that disabilities will not excuse violence in a court of law, nor in future employment. It is important that our students and their families understand this. If you have any questions about this information please reach out to me.

<https://www.cdc.gov/ncbddd/disabilityandsafety/aggression.html>

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), Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement), Reading (Endorsement), & Middle Grades General Science 5-9, Ketinna Gadsden, Middle Grades General Science 5-9, Karen Strykiewicz—ESOL (Endorsement), and Wendy Wadley-Jackson—ESOL (Endorsement).

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