

Royal Palm Journal/A Title I School

Fall Edition

Lee County School District

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Important Dates

Picture Day October 25th

Last Day of First Quarter October 13th

Teacher Duty Day-No School for Students October 16th

1st Report Card October 27th



Principal's Message

I hope this finds you and your family safe and in good health. Southwest Florida was hit hard by Irma, but we are resilient and will overcome this and come back stronger than ever! 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. Sincerely, Robert Moretti, Principal

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.

Assistant Principal's Message

Welcome back to the 2017-2018 school year!

I would like to take this time to introduce myself, Mrs. Latoria Wilson, to you as the new Assistant Principal of Royal Palm. Many of you already know me as I have been working here for the last 14 years. I was a classroom teacher and the high school department head for 9 years and then became the Parent Liaison for the 4 years following. For those of you who may not know me please feel free to stop by and say hello. I look forward to a great school year and many more to come. As with previous school years, we will focus on helping our students achieve their academic and behavior goals to ensure success. We appreciate your support and will provide ours to you as well.

FEMA ASSISTANCE AVAILABLE TO LEE COUNTY RESIDENTS IMPACTED BY HURRICANE IRMA

Florida residents with losses due to Hurricane Irma in nine Florida counties are now eligible for Federal Disaster Assistance from the Federal Emergency Management Agency, or FEMA.

Impacted residents from Lee County as well as Charlotte, Collier, Hillsborough, Manatee, Miami-Dade, Monroe, Pinellas or Sarasota Counties can go to DisasterAssistance.Gov to register today.

If unable to register online, or through the FEMA App. please call 800-621-FEMA (3362)



FEMA

Classroom News

Elementary

Ms. Petit-Frere and Ms. Jackson Pre-K, K, and 1st grades

A big welcome back to all our students and their families. We hope everyone came out alright throughout the events of this month as best as they could. We are glad to be back in the classroom. It seems so long ago that it was just a regular day at school, but we have done a lot so far in quarter 1. I commend my class for getting through so much of the required testing earlier in the school year. Their results were surprisingly positive and helpful for pacing their learning goals for the rest of the school year. We are definitely happy to see our students learn the classroom routines, the schedule, and expectations. Many green days have been coming home! The classwork this year is already a bit different and more rigorous for some of our students, but they all are meeting the challenges! The students are doing excellent with the new Reading program: Countdown (in the mornings, on the smartboard)! Please keep up the good work!

Ms. Winiarz and Ms. Hawkins 1st & 2nd grades

Hurray for our First and Second Graders! We have 1 first grader and 5 second graders. We stay busy, busy, busy. Our first grader in math is mastering addition! We have been able to use that information while playing some fun learning games. In Language Arts we will be learning about nouns. My Second graders in math are learning about place value (ones, tens, hundreds), writing numbers in three different ways, (ex. 45, forty-five, and 40+5) and adding and subtracting 10 to any given number. In Language Arts we are learning about subjects. We are practicing our goals to get along with each other and express our feelings in a positive way.. Ms. Hawkins and I are enjoying seeing our students grow physically, academically and socially, every day. Bar Graphs, etc. This is just the beginning of what will be a terrific and outstanding year at Royal Palm.

Ms. Nedelman and Ms. Walker 1st & 2nd grades

Dear Parents and Families, Ms. Walker and I are excited to be back at school with a class full of first and second grade students. This year we are focusing on learning the classroom expectations as well academics. The students favorite story so far this quarter is the Kissing Hand. The students have completed many craft activities. They enjoy morning circle where they get to learn the days of the week and the months of the year. In addition they get to interact with each other by singing educational songs. The students enjoy to paint and learn using hands on learning lessons.

It is important to remember that learning doesn't just happen at school. In fact, the most important teacher in your child's life is **YOU!** Spend quality time with your child each day as you help him/her with homework and read together. It is also important for us to work together as a team to ensure a successful year. The best way to do that is by keeping in touch! I am looking forward to working with you to make this a great year for your child! Please, feel free to contact me at any time.

Ms. Bidwell, Ms. Thornton, ad Ms. Hayes 2nd grade

Welcome back, to all my students and staff! This year I am looking forward to making learning fun and having each one of my student's minds engaged in fun filled hands on lesson. Ms. Thornton and I believe that reading is the key to success in our children's education. We are approaching The Really Great Reading method, with intent for all our students to succeed. We are so proud of the students that have exited our classroom and wish them much success in their new schools. Pier Plowman quoted "Patience is a virtue", we understand with patience and an open heart any child can succeed.

Ms. Torres and Ms. Anderson

2nd & 3rd grades

Welcome back! We are excited for this school year. We are ready for Reading and Math! We have been exploring Science by planting seeds and watching them grow. For Art we have been working with clay and wood frames. During social skills we work on manners, things that worry us and bullies. We hope to learn so much more!

Ms. Rios and Ms. Harris

3rd grade

Dear Parents and Students, welcome to a new school year 2017-2018! Learning is fun and reading is important! Please read to your child every day for at least for 10 minutes. This will help your child become a better reader. If you have a computer at home or the library, they can get on Compass Learning and complete some lessons. This year during language arts/reading we will be learning about: short vowels, syllables VC/CV, plurals – s, -es, -ies, compound words, subjects and Predicates, and base words, and endings – ed, -ing, -er, -est. During math time we will be working with: frequency table, tally table, picture graphs, and

Ms. Fisher and Ms. Briscoe

3rd & 4th grades

Dear Royal Palm Families, we have had a great start to our school year! The students are working hard and making good progress not only on their academic skills, but also on their positive behaviors and attitudes with peers. They have been making good choices and certainly enjoy the rewards at the end of the day and the week. Check out the Lee County School District web site that shows your child's Academic Plan. It shows where and what your child is doing throughout the school year, along with skill building examples. It's a great tool to follow your child's learning and things they will be learning. I hope everyone is safe after Irma!!

Ms. Barnes and Ms. Tindall

4th grade

This school year 2017 – 2018 has started off like a world wind in more ways than one. Our class is currently comprised of (5) students, (4) boys and (1) girl. We have completed all of our mandatory testing and we are moving forward in improving academics and behaviors. In ELA we have been working on Literary Elements (character, setting, and plot), weekly vocabulary, (multiple meaning words), and fluency rates. In math we are unlocking patterns, comparing and ordering numbers, and learning place value up to hundred thousand. In social studies we are locating and labeling cultural features on a map/ interpreting political and physical maps/ cardinal and intermediate directions. In science we are discussing the process of germination of a bean and corn seed. As we return back to school from Hurricane Irma, Mrs. Tindal and I hope that everyone is safe and making the necessary adjustments.

Ms. Perl and Ms. Midget

4th & 5th grades

Welcome Back Students and Staff!! I am so delighted to join the Royal Palm Family. I was born and raised in New Jersey and loving living in sunny Florida. This school year is going to be a great one, full of hands on activities. Parents, the more your child reads, the more knowledge they will obtain. Ms. Midget and I are looking forward to having a rewarding school year. We are truly thrilled to educate your child. I am always available to talk to as parent and teacher. Together, we will make a wonderful team to bring out the best in your child. This year will be filled with developing great relationships and a love of education.

Ms. Richardson and Ms. Williams

5th grade

Hello Royal Palm Families. In math, we have been learning place values, rounding numbers and exponents. Our story of the week is: Satchel Paige, it's about an African American baseball player in the 1940s. We are using his story to answer the essential question: How do we face personnel challenges? We've learned the difference between facts and opinions, how to write compound and complex sentences. In Science we are learning how animals protect themselves. In Social Studies we are practicing how to use maps in our class and how to work hard and earn PAWs to purchase things (in class and at the school store). This is an important lesson as it teaches us the value of hard work.

Classroom News

Middle School

Ms. Florit and Ms. Sneed

5th & 6th grades

Dear Parents, on behalf of Mrs. Sneed and me, we are happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you and your student to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be a successful class, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject

As part of our literacy program this year in our class we are introducing a new program called Language Live. Throughout this course your child will not only have instructional time in a small group setting, but will also have the ability to master skills learned on a computer based comprehension portion. Our goal with the use of this new program, is to give each student the ability to work at his or her own pace and specify to us the individuals particular skills that need to be targeted and may need extra time spent on. I look forward to working with both you and your child throughout this school year.

Sincerely, Mrs. Florit & Mrs. Sneed



Mr. Eady and Ms. Farmer

6th Grade

On behalf of the staff at Royal Palm School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2017-18 school year! This year 6th grade students will be using a new program called Language Live. This program blends personalized, online learning with teacher directed instruction to empower struggling learners to close the learning gap between themselves and their peers.

My class is responsible for providing the school news. Every Friday my students go live in the student news room where they give the school body important announcements, weather, sports, and the lunch menu. The students also announce student, staff, and teacher of the week.

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If you have any questions please feel free to contact me at:

Email: roderickge@leeschools.net

Phone: 239-337-3511

Thanks, Mr. Eady

Ms. Lee and Ms. Lader

6th-8th Career

Hello Royal Palm Parents and families, So far this has been a great year. We have learned about colleges and the differences between a community college, a technical school, and a university. We learned about social security numbers and the importance of them. We also discussed credit scores and how it effects our future. This year we have more guest speakers planned. If you or anyone you know would be willing to speak to our classes about a career, please let me know. I hope everyone was safe during Irma. Sincerely, Ms. Lee & Ms. Lader

Ms. Kunze and Mr. Buckley

6th-8th Social Studies

Welcome back to a new school year. Middle school social studies has had a good start to the new school year. The 6th graders began their journey to the Ancient Civilizations where they will learn about how people learned to survive tens of thousands of years ago and the development of human societies. This is an important year for the seventh graders. In May they will take the 7th grade End of year exam which is all about American History and Government. We will work all year learning about the origins & purposes of government, law, and the American political system. The 8th graders will be studying American History from the beginning to the Civil War. We have begun with learning the relationships between the British, French, Spanish, and Dutch in 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. All grades will have homework at least 3 nights a week. Tests are given at the end of each chapter. After the tests are graded they are returned to the student so he/she can make corrections and improve the grade. The final grade is recorded after they make the corrections so they have the opportunity to get a good grade on the report card. Your child's success 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. Kiesinger-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 Mrs. Candelaro (Mrs. C.), is absolutely amazing, and works so well with our students! Mrs. C., is without a doubt, my "backbone" in this classroom. In 6th grade we are learning prime factorization, in 7th grade we are learning how to interpret and answer statistical questions, and in 8th grade we are learning how to solve multistep ratio and percent problems. This year, all homework can be found on our Google Classroom. Students are responsible for frequently checking our Google Classroom to see what homework and classwork assignments have been posted. The students all know how to access their Google Classroom. If you do not have online access, students are able to complete these assignments, at designated times, during the school day. 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 and getting to know your child. If you have any question or concerns, the best way to reach me is by email,

suzannemm@leeschools.net .

Sincerely , Mrs. Kiesinger-Morales & Ms. C.



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Classroom

Mr. Weigand and Mrs. Lemos**6th-8th Language Arts**

The 2017/2018 school year is off to a great start. We are working with the students on positive mindset training to start the school year. We are doing this by discussing our daily "Quote For The Day," as well as showing and discussing various You Tube Clips which focus on motivation. We have begun reading a book called The Code which we will be reading throughout the course of the first quarter. Students seem to be enjoying this book as it has generated some great discussions. Students also are given assignments from the book, such as definitions, sentences, and reflection questions. In the coming weeks students will be working on an assignment in which they write down their personal belief system. We will also be working on essays, grammar, and punctuation as we progress through the quarter and throughout the year. We look forward to a great year. Please feel free to contact us with any questions/concerns you may have.

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

Dear Students, Parents, and Families,

Welcome Back! It has been a very exciting beginning of the school year! I have really enjoyed working with my students and getting to know them this year! I also have helping teacher, Ms. McMillian who is absolutely amazing helping students with social skills. In all the grades, the students are learning about the scientific method. Later in the quarter, each grade is moving on to new and exciting units about science. In 6th grade, they will be learning about energy in the earth systems. In 7th grade, they will be learning about how all types of waves and energy work. In 8th grade, the students will be learning about matter.

Students are responsible for completing their own interactive science notebook with labs, vocabulary and worksheet homework, and their Science Fusion workbook lessons.

There are also some very important things you can do to help your child succeed in science. These things include: recognizing scientific vocabulary in everyday events, form a close relationship with your child's teacher(s), see what's in your local stores for extra practice books, cooking, always have a positive science attitude, science vocabulary and fact flashcards/exposure and educational web sites. I am thankful to have the privilege of working and getting to know your child.

Ms. Miller and Mrs. Walker**6th-8th Reading**

My name is Phyllis Miller and I am the new Middle School Reading teacher. I am so excited to be at Royal Palm and look forward to helping our students learn to read better. We will be using the Language Live! Curriculum this year and part of it will be on-line using Chromebooks and the other part will be completed in students individual books. The students will be reading about a variety of topics and it is my plan to expand these topics to hands on activities when that is possible. I want to make reading a fun class. I will also be doing my best to collaborate with other teachers so that cross curriculum learning can also take place. I welcome any ideas you may have. Please feel free to contact me at the school and I will return your call. This is going to be an awesome year!

Classroom News

High School

Dr. Moore, Mr. Cummings, and Ms. Hawkins 9th-12th Life Skills

Welcome back to school from the staff and students in our Life Skills room. I am thankful to have the majority of parents and caregivers actively involved in our class. It is important to celebrate the small accomplishments along the way. Our point and level system is a good way to communicate these gains. Please sign the point sheet nightly and discuss any behavioral challenges that are noted with the student.

Success is much like a 3 legged stool- one leg the student, another the family, and the third leg the school. If any of the three legs wobble the stool wobbles. Communication keeps our students on track. If you have any concerns or questions please do not hesitate to call me, 337-3511.

Mr. Krachenfels and Ms. Blue**8th-12th Science**

Welcome back everyone! Glad to see everyone made it through hurricane Irma. We know there was a lot of damage around Lee County due to the hurricane, and that most of the damages have been, or are still being repaired. Currently our students have been studying the planets, distances in terms of light years, Florida oceans and how they relate to the weather, as well as the environment and our impact on it. Each of our students has been doing really well on these subjects and we look forward to their continued success. Additionally Ms. Blue and myself will be scheduling a couple of field trips this school year. At the present time we are planning on going to the Henry Ford Estate and taking the Marine Science tour which involves a boat tour from the estate to the Gulf of Mexico and back. We also would appreciate hearing from any parents, or students as to where they think we should go on our other class field trip!

**Mr. Ramos and Ms. Tivis****8th-12th Critical Thinking**

Greeting Royal Palm families. Part of our critical thinking 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 aspects.

Ms. Baez and Ms. Schley**8th-12th Reading & Spanish**

Hello Parents and Students! In 8th and 9th grade we are learning to identify the plot, describe the setting, and the characters in a short story. In 10th, 11th and 12th grade, we are learning to identify the author's purpose and how it helps us better understand the article. In Spanish the students are learning the Spanish alphabet as well as basic Spanish vocabulary. This year all homework is to be completed at home. Additionally, we have a new teacher assistant, Ms. Schley who we call Ms. G., who works so well with our students!

Mr. Hebner and Ms. Henderson**8-12 English**

Hi to Parents,

We were enjoying a wonderful start to the school year in English class before the hurricane interrupted our lives. This year we had all new curriculum materials ready to go from day 1 of school. In English, we began Close Reader workbooks at each academic level. This Close Reader approach requires that we read and re-read each story to better understand the intent of the author. This has required most students to adjust their expectations for quickly completing their classwork. Please let me know if your student needs any additional help as we start academics again. Sincerely, JD Hebner BA; Med. S.Ed.

Mr. Kovacs and Mr. Green**8-12 Math**

This year is really moving along. We have already reached the first interim. My helping teacher, Mr. Green, and I will be helping students with the various math classes. Critically important are the algebra classes. Algebra is the backbone of math, the language of math. If you learn algebra during your freshman year, it will make the rest of your math classes that much easier. You will not have to learn algebra and geometry at the same time.



Ms. Alexandre and Ms. Thomas **9th-12th Social Studies**

Welcome back students!!! This year the students will be embark on new journey in my class. They will learn about the diverse subjects of social studies. My world history students will be taking a journey around the world and discover many old civilizations and learn about how many places transformed over the centuries. They will learn also about world evolution and how things have been modernized. In U.S history, the students will examine the formation of our government and learn about make the United States the oldest democratic nation. Let us hope to have a great year, despite the fact that hurricane Irma had distracted us for two weeks. Let's make a year! Ms. Alexandre & Ms. Thomas



Shandra Backens-Teacher Leader **7th-12th Credit Retrieval**

Math is needed for nearly every job, purchase, contractual agreement, and of course, income. Taking the time to teach your child that math is used every day and several times a day is a good start to helping them stay motivated as they get older and the problems become more complex. Mention to your child when you are using math when spending or paying bills so they can see its importance. Remember, too, that when your child is solving more complex math problems, it is not always about getting the right answer, but about being able to preserve and not give up when times are tough.

Mrs. Stephens **K-12 Art**

High School Art classes have been starting with the students drawing with pencils in their sketchbooks. By starting each class with a sketchbook activity the student's creativity often sparks which leads to a more successful art class. The sketchbooks are also a fantastic way to calmly transition into class and also view the student's growth throughout the quarter.



After the sketchbook activity the students choose to participate in a small group, teacher directed mini-lesson, followed by choice centers. Every project has been based on the seven elements of art; line, shape, color, texture, form, value and space. High, Middle and Elementary have all worked to create a beautiful, koala bulletin board with pastels, colored pencils, and dot paints. All classes (students only) continue to design "the perfect koala" for our Royal Palm shirts. I can't wait to see our amazing shirts!

Fifth grade students in Mr. Eady's, Ms. Richardson's and Ms. Florit's classes are working on Lee County Tag Art. They are creating designs for a front-end license plate that can be purchased by friends and family. We will select 5 finalists to represent our school. Good luck kids!

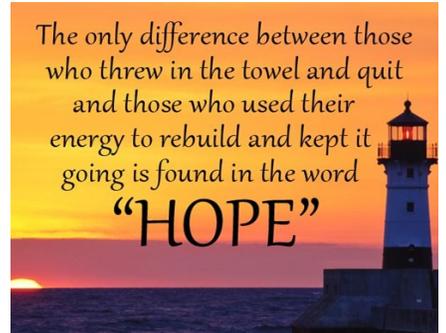
Ms. Meltzer **Reading Coach**

Welcome back! To help your child become a better reader, read with them every day for at least 10 minutes. That could be you reading to them, or listening to them read to you (even when you're in the car). Expose your children to both fiction (make believe) and non-fiction (real) books. In addition all students have access to Compass Learning. A "learning path" is automatically generated based on your child's reading ability. They have access to this at home as well (compass.leeschools.net). Another great online resource is FloridaStudents.org. There are fun "games" available for students of all grades! Mrs. Meltzer Reading Coach/ Media Specialist



Mr. Rivas, Ms. Senat, Ms. Christian, Ms. Hawkins, & Ms. Mitchel
9th-12th Life Skills

Dear Parents and Students, This has been a challenging and historic September in Fort Myers, before, during, and after Hurricane Irma! We want to give you a big welcome back to school. We will have a day to share some of the experiences that we lived during this extreme weather event. We also want you to know that we are going to continue learning about life skills, language arts, addition, subtraction, science, history, geometry, and much more. In these difficult times (no power, no phones, no internet, environmental damage, and displacement,) etc., we hope everyone is safe! .The school is like family. Hang in there everyone, never give up, things will always get better.



Coach. Cochrane and Mr. Murph **Physical Education**

We have been having great times in Physical Education for the beginning of the 2017-2018 school year until we were so rudely interrupted by the storm. But now that it's gone, we can look forward to getting back to football, dodgeball, soccer, the playground, bikes, obstacle courses, volleyball, tetherball and a few surprises which are coming thanks to Mr. Moretti, Ms. Cioffi and Ms. Felton. So get ready to be active and improve fitness as we finish out our first quarter on October the 13th!



Mr. Mike Bursztyn**Parent Involvement**

Royal Palm Exceptional Center School is one of 46 Title 1 Schools in our district, meaning it receives additional funds for the purpose of improving student academic and behavioral achievement via teacher training, the hiring of additional staff, purchasing instructional materials and supplies, and supporting parent and family involvement. Royal Palm has a Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) that will be discussed and reviewed at our SAC Meeting on Thursday, September 28th at 2:45. You are invited to attend that meeting and 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 year we will have numerous activities and workshops that we will want you to attend. The more you are involved, the more your child will succeed, so let's work together to achieve positive academic, social and behavioral outcomes for all students at Royal Palm School.

Mr. Daly**Parent Liaison**

We are working very hard to improve parent involvement at Royal Palm. We are always looking for volunteers to assist at the school. We are also bringing organizations out to the school to assist parents in understanding the IEP, behavior management, and online safety. We are working with the Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program with our elementary students to introduce them to things they may not have tried before. If you have any questions, need assistance, or would like to volunteer at the school please do not hesitate to contact me.



FOOD DRIVE: It's that time of year again! The Salvation Army's 2016 Canned Food Drive begins on Monday, September 25th and runs through Friday, September 29. You can send in the following items with your child to school.: Cans: meat, tuna fish, Spam, beans, soup, fruit, vegetables, pasta meals, tomatoes; boxes: rice, pasta, potato flakes, plastic jars: peanut butter, jelly, pasta sauces; bags: rice, beans, or any canned or boxed goods you find in your home food pantry. Please, for safety reasons, no glass containers. Do not send food past expiration date. For more information or assistance, please contact your child's teacher. Together we can fight hunger in our community.



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**Mr. Cioffi****Behavior Specialist**

I am Mr. Cioffi, the school behavior specialist. I am present in most classrooms on a daily basis. My goal is to help motivate positive behavior. I distribute paws to the teachers and I run the new school store. I am happy to announce that the store has a new location in a room off of the stage. I painted it this summer and set it up like a real store. There are lots of neat incentives for students to work for. I am excited to reward all the great positive behaviors that I see on a daily basis.

**Mrs. Cioffi****School Counselor**

A Note From Your School Counselor

The counseling office welcomes you back to Royal Palm for another exciting year. Students are all placed in courses and we have hit the ground running. Testing has already started and most students have already taken the STAR reading and STAR math initial placement tests. The kindergarten students have taken FLKRS. Please feel free to contact the school counselor, Mrs. Cioffi, with any questions or concerns. I look forward to another great year!

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

Out of Field and Not Highly Qualified (NHQ)

Essie Barns—ESOL (Endorsement), Jennifer Bidwell—ESOL (Endorsement) & NHQ Elementary Education K-6, Nichol Florit—ESOL (Endorsement), Elementary Education K-6, and NHQ, Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement), Gloria Fisher—ESOL (Endorsement), James Hebner—English 6-12 and NHQ, Elyse Perl— Elementary Education K-6 and NHQ, Alfreda Richardson—ESOL (Endorsement), Candida Rios—ESOL (Endorsement), David Rivas-Rodriguez—ESOL (Endorsement), Suze Saint-Cry Alexandre—ESOL (Endorsement), Bethy Senat—ESOL (Endorsement), Evelyn Torres—Elementary Education k-6 and NHQ

