

# Royal Palm Journal / A Title I School



## Winter News!!!!

Lee County School District

January 29th, 2019

### Important Dates

- February 18th** President's Day—Holiday School Closed
- February 19th** Teacher In-Service Day – no school for students
- March 10th** Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 14th** End of Quarter 3
- March 15th** Professional Duty Day – no school for students



### Information for Parents

- January 31, 2019 at 11:00 AM** - PBS Kids Parent Workshop (parents of students in PreK-1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> grades)
- February 14, 2019 at 3:00 PM** – SAC Meeting
- February 26, 2019** – Parent Workshop (**elementary**) at **8:30 AM** – Supporting Social Skills for Success at School
- February 28, 2019** – Parent Workshop (**elementary**) at **2:00 PM** – Supporting Social Skills for Success at School at School

### Royal Palm Mission

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

### Mr. Moretti      Principal

I hope you had a relaxing and enjoyable holiday. At Royal Palm, we have spent many hours creating, planning, and practicing for an emergency that may take place while your children are at school. Our number one priority is the safety of our students and staff. Each month we take valuable time to practice and prepare for code red, fire and tornado drills. In the event of an emergency at school that requires you to pick up your children, you will receive a phone call from School Messenger informing you about the emergency and giving you appropriate directions. This is why it is so important to update your emergency information with the school. If you have moved or changed your contact number please contact the school with that information. Thank for helping us ensure your children's safety at school.

Robert V. Moretti, Principal



### Annual School Public Accountability Report (SPAR)

It is a requirement for Royal Palm Exceptional Center, and all district schools, to share various SPAR data with you, including school specific information about racial and ethnic groups, female/male composition, graduation/dropout rates, student academic performance on state assessments, and teacher/staff data. The Florida State Department of Education data currently available relates to the 2016-17 school year. To access this data, please go to the Royal Palm School website at <http://roy.leeschools.net>

Under "Shortcuts" select "Annual School Public Accountability Report", select "2016-17 Reporting Requirements", select "LEE" from the dropdown, click "Continue", and select "ROYAL PALM EXCEPTIONAL SCHOOL CENTER" from the dropdown, select "View This School's Report". If you have any questions about this report, please contact the school at 337-3511.

**Fake Threats, Real Consequences**

The School District of Lee County and its partners in law enforcement are sending a message to students; fake threats have real consequences. Students that threaten violence against their school, can and will be arrested. The “Fake Threat, Real Consequences” webpage can be found here.

[https://www.leeschools.net/our\\_district/departments/operations/security/fake\\_threats\\_real\\_consequences](https://www.leeschools.net/our_district/departments/operations/security/fake_threats_real_consequences)

**Annual School Report Card**

It is a requirement for Royal Palm Exceptional Center, and all district schools, to share information regarding the annual report card. Royal Palm is classified as a center school, and has chosen to receive a “Florida School Improvement Rating” instead of a school grade. The most recent Florida Department of Education (FLDOE) data regarding our school improvement rating is for school year 2017-18. The rating is primarily based upon English Language Arts and Mathematics learning gains. Although the current rating is “Unsatisfactory”, Royal Palm administration and staff have implemented numerous programs and action plans to create improvement. These include an afterschool tutoring program during semester 1, use of Title 1 funds to hire additional instructional and support staff to offer a credit retrieval program (currently 8 students in 16 different classes/credits) infused into the day program secondary class rotation, an enhanced school wide Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports (PBIS) program designed to improve student academic and behavioral/social achievement, bi-weekly student-school counselor credit review meetings, focus on increasing parent involvement to improve student academic and behavioral outcomes, on-site district support (school/classroom “learning walks” and related feedback), teacher training on questioning techniques and depth of knowledge, and a planned teacher workshop on high yield strategies (examples are students identifying similarities and differences, teachers using cooperative learning and providing quality specific feedback to students). To access information regarding the Florida School Grades and School Improvement Ratings, please go to the Florida Department of Education website



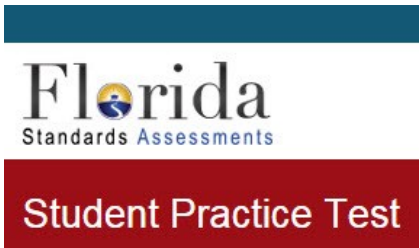
<http://www.fldoe.org/accountability/accountability-reporting/school-grades/> Information about school grades may also be accessed via the Royal Palm School website at <http://roy.leeschools.net> Look under “Shortcuts” and select “Annual School Report Card”. This will take you to the Florida DOE website where all Florida district school grades and school improvement rating data is available.

**\*\*Notes from the School Counselor\*\***

Parents and teachers have access to FSA practice tests online. These are great practice that mimic the real tests. Please feel free to visit the site below for practice tests:

<https://fsassessments.org/students-and-families/practice-tests/>

More information will be sent home as we get closer to testing.



**Royal Palm Art Pride**

Congratulations 5<sup>th</sup> grader Ryan M. who created TAG Art and was selected as an Award of Distinction winner to represent Royal Palm School. Award distinction plates will be on display at all Lee County Service offices and may be purchased at [www.leeschoolfoundation.org](http://www.leeschoolfoundation.org) or [www.leetc.com](http://www.leetc.com) All proceeds from the sale benefit art programs in Lee County schools. Ryan will be recognized at a special awards ceremony at Lee County Public Education Center on



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**

Out of Field and Not Highly Qualified (NHQ) Essie Barnes—ESOL (Endorsement), Lorna Baez Hernandez—ESOL (Endorsement), Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement), Gloria Fisher—ESOL (Endorsement), LaToya Gilmore—Elementary Education k-6 and ESOL (Endorsement), Jennifer Lee—ESOL (Endorsement), Elyse Perl—ESOL (Endorsement), Suze Saint-Cry Alexandre—ESOL (Endorsement), Bethy Senat—ESOL (Endorsement), Alfreda Richardson—ESOL (Endorsement) Candida Rios—ESOL (Endorsement), Karen Strykiewicz—ESOL (Endorsement) and English 6-12, Kevin Weigand—ESOL (Endorsement), Ashley Brown—Science 5-9 and Lisa Rosier—ESE, Science 5-9 and Reading