

# Royal Palm Journal/A Title I School

## Summer Break!!

Lee County School District

May 28, 2019

### Important Dates

**May 28th, 29th, & 30th** Early Dismissal Days

**May 30th** End of Fourth Quarter & Last Day of School for Students

**May 31st** Professional Duty Day

**August 12th** First Day of 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

We are quickly approaching the end of the school year. We are all hopeful that the remainder of the school year is a productive, safe, and successful one for our students. Parents, please keep encouraging them at home to stay focused and remain constant with regard to their behaviors. Making good choices is what we emphasize at Royal Palm and if we work together all of our students can be successful. Have a great summer and we will see you next school year.

Robert Moretti  
Principal  
Royal Palm School



**Mrs. Wilson**      Assistant Principal

Dear Parent/Guardian,

As the 2018-2019 school year comes to a close, I would like to take this opportunity to thank each of you for your support over this past school year. It takes a team, and together we made great things happen this past school year for our students! It's amazing to me how quickly time goes by. I would like to wish each of you a safe and happy summer break, and I look forward to continuing to work with you next school year.

Latoria Wilson  
Assistant Principal

# Classroom News

## Elementary

**Ms. Fisher and Ms. Jackson**

**Kindergarten & 1st grades**

Dear Royal Palm Families, It's that time of year! School is almost out for the summer! I have enjoyed working with each and every one of my K-1st graders. They have worked hard and accomplished great feats in the process. I hope all families have a great summer and spend quality time reading with your child! That is what makes memories that last a lifetime! I will miss all of you, and look forward to seeing you in August. What I have always told my 2 sons while they were growing up, "Be safe and have fun!". Sincerely, Ms. Fisher



**Ms. Brensinger and Ms. Hawkins**

**1st & 2nd grades**

The 2018-2019 school year has quickly come to an end. It has been a pleasure to work with your students and see the progress they have made this school year. We hope you have a wonderful summer break! However, a nonacademic summer can lead to summer learning loss. I encourage you to set aside 30-60 minutes daily to work on academic skills. Some suggestions are: allow students to read for pleasure, keep a summer journal, visit the library, research vacation destinations, practice math facts, calculate back to school costs, visit academic websites, and talk about everything! See you in August! Ms. Brensinger and Ms. Princess

**Mrs. Winiarz, Ms. Howell and Ms. Hayes**

**2nd & 3rd grades**

As the school year comes to a close, we ask that you continue to work with your child daily on the new skills that they have learned throughout this school year. Please read to them or listen to them read to you. Have your child practice their math facts on the way to different places while in the car. If you have a computer at home or the library they can get on Compass Learning and complete some lessons or continue playing Prodigy Math. This program has automatically generated a learning path based on your child's reading and math ability. The students have come so far both socially and academically and we are so proud of them!

**Mrs. Eddy and Ms. Davis**

**3rd grade**

Our students have completed a lot of work this school year, while working hard to improve their academic skills. The class enjoyed a visit from both Santa and TC the Minnesota Twins mascot. They also liked learning about keeping your teeth healthy and strong. Our class' participation in the annual science fair and increased our knowledge and teamwork abilities. Academically, students showed improvement with reading comprehension during our daily read alouds, and increased awareness in number sense and value. As always, our school year has flown by. I want to wish my students and their families a great summer! Please encourage your children to read, stay connected to current events and practice math facts with them. Stay happy and healthy! Mrs. Eddy



**Ms. Jackson and Ms. Anderson**

**3rd grade**

Hooray! We are almost done! This past school year has been a challenging year. My students' have learned so much academically in all of their subjects. The students worked so hard. They DIBELed their way with fluency. They STARed in Reading and Math. They FSAed all the way to the end. Yay! Summer time is here, let's keep on that course over the summer; READ, WRITE, and do MATH. I know they will try, remembering all that they learned. Thank you, my wonderful students, for showing that you can do it.



**Ms. Rios and Ms. Schley**

**3rd grade**

Dear Parents and Students, during the month of May we learned about action verbs, linking verbs, contractions, consonant digraphs and multiplication facts. During summer time, please have your child read to you. It would be great if your child can work from home in Compass Learning ([compass.leeschools.net](http://compass.leeschools.net)). Another online resource is: BrainPopJr. ([jr.brainpop.com](http://jr.brainpop.com)). There are a lot of fun "games" available for the students! Thank you for your support and everything you do for your child! Have a great summer!

**Mrs. Barnes, Ms. Tindal and Ms. Harris**

**3rd & 4th grades**

We made it to the finish line!!!!!! Summer break will soon be here, and fiscal year 2018-2019 will soon be over. The students have worked hard and are looking forward to a time of rest and relaxation with family and friends. To date we have worked diligently on academics and behaviors. For this quarter, Language has focused on main ideas and details, Grammar, Story Elements and Presentation skills, in addition to strategies to improve the student's ability to process and understand information. In Math we continued to work toward mastering multiplication facts (1 – 12), and individual Math deficits. Social Studies involve learning about different cultures and how they have shaped Florida's history, and the Reconstruction Period. Science has been all about Matter! Lastly, we have completed our required assessments (STAR Reading and Math, Dibels, Formative Assessments and FSA 2019). Reading tips! Remember to set aside a time nightly (15 – 20 minutes) to work on reading skills by having your child read to you, or you reading to your child!! Be SAFE and enjoy your summer! Use lots of sun screen!



**Mrs. Richardson and Ms. Walker**

**5th grade**

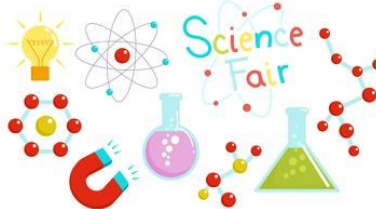
This school year has been dynamic and challenging for our 4th and 5th grade class. We have learned over 200 new spelling and vocabulary words, read stories about inventors, space travel, music and fictional adventures. We learned about place value, long division, decimals, fractions, graphing and measurements. We also learned about the solar system, matter, and the laws of motion. Our Science project this year was on water cycle. We made tornado bottles, rainbow clouds and walking rainbows. In social studies we learned about exploration, the native Americans, and colonial times. I wish all of you all a wonderful and safe summer!

**Ms. Perl and Ms. Fetting**

**5th grade**

Our 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders got a lot of work done this school year. They worked hard on improving their academic skills. The class enjoyed our field trip to see the Nutcracker, and had fun with Santa and with the mascot from the Minnesota Twins. We participated in the annual science fair and they learned about teamwork.

Academically, there was a lot of improvement with their reading skills, math facts, elements of writing and knowledge of our solar system. Each month we worked on character education to help the students self improve. As always, our school year went very quickly. I want to wish my students and their families a great summer. Please encourage your children to read, stay connected to current events and practice math facts over the summer. Stay healthy and happy.



**Mr. Eady and Ms. Farmer**

**5th & 6th grades**

Throughout the year there has been academic improvements. My students have increased their STAR scores and as well as their academic grades. Although behavior is a challenge our kids faced daily, they tried their best to keep their behavior under control. I am very proud of my students. Enjoy your summer.



# Classroom News

## Secondary

**Mrs. Gilmore and Ms. Woodard** **6th grade**

As the school year comes to a close, our minds and hearts are filled to the brim. It’s been a great year! It was a great pleasure to have your kiddos in my classroom this year. We have laughed, learned, studied and enriched one another’s lives throughout the school year. Your child (ren) should be proud of their progress! Please continue to work with your students this summer: read to them, have them count the change in the change jar, help them to make choices and order when you are out to eat, encourage good social skills with eye contact and slow and clear speech. Our community offers so many learning opportunities and I encourage you to use them. Best wishes to our graduating fifth graders, whom I will miss greatly—please come back and visit. Everyone have a safe and happy summer break. Until next school year, here’s wishing you love, laughter and learning.



**Mrs. Kiesinger-Morales and Ms. Candelaro** **6th-8thMath**

Extra, Extra, Read All About It!! Dear Students, Parents, and Families, Wow, what a year! To better state that- what a GREAT year! We have covered a lot of material and participated in many fun and exciting projects. We started to develop skills needed for the next grade level in the area

of math. We have made many new friends along the way too. As your child moves to their next grade level, there are some very important things you can do to help them succeed. Engage in meaningful conversations with your child everyday. Take time (if only a few minutes a day) to really listen to what they have to say. Ask questions, make predictions, make life to text connections as you read. Practice those math facts as a way to really be ready for the next grade level math. Help your child develop a sense of working and solving problems independently. Talk about ways and start practicing getting and staying organized. Encourage your child to write often! Writing stories, letters, journal entries, etc. are great ways to get thoughts organized and put onto paper. These little things will lead to big successes in going into the next school year. Again, thank you for a wonderful year. Have a fantastic summer and see you in the fall semester!

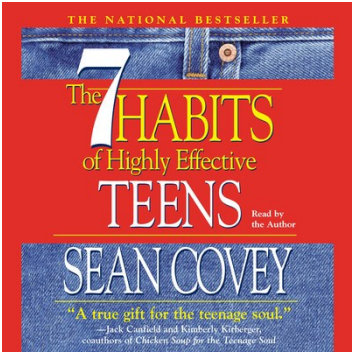
**Ms. Kunze and Mr. Buckley 6th-8th Social Studies**

Wow this year seems to have flown by. The middle school students worked hard preparing for their lessons and tests. They deserve a break as well as the staff. Everyone have a great summer! See you in August rested and relaxed and ready for a new adventure.



**Mr. Weigand and Ms. Robinson 6th-8th Language Arts**

“Time flies when you are having fun.”, is an old saying that is very popular. As I reflect back on the 2018-2019 school year, time flew by and it was a fun year! In the last quarter, students are continuing to review the mechanics of writing as well as English grammar. Each Monday we read a section of the book the 7 Habits of Highly Effective Teens by Sean R. Covey. Through this book we have covered topics like being proactive and “having an end game in mind.” There was also an incentive book report the students completed during their daily assignments. The students who completed this book report earned the incentive of a free lunch from Rib City. In the final weeks of school the students worked on going over resume writing and how to construct a cover letter.



As we embark on summer vacation, it is important for students to continue to reinforce skills they have learned. Scholastic Summer Reading Challenge is a FREE online and mobile summer reading program where kids can log their reading minutes and earn virtual prizes. Students can go to [scholastic.com/summer](https://www.scholastic.com/summer) to sign up.



We wish you an enjoyable summer vacation. We look forward to seeing the students in August.

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

Greetings from the middle school science department. Reading is a fundamental part of science. To help your child become a better scientist, read scientific articles with them and watch shows about science. Expose your children to articles in science from Readworks and Newsela to increase their vocabulary. Both have apps for phones and are online. In addition, all students have access to Compass Learning. They have access to this at home as well ([compass.leeschools.net](https://compass.leeschools.net)). ~ Miss Brown MS Science Teacher



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

We want to wish all of you a safe and restful summer break. It has been a delight getting to know your child this year and watching them grow into the people they are today. To my students, remember you can become anything you want, as long as you do your best. I wish you all the luck and success in your future.



# Classroom News High School

**Dr. Moore, Ms. Lader & Ms. Thornton 9th-12th Life Skills**

We have learned lot this year about reading and are getting better at solving math problems. Almost all of the students know the 50 State Song.

Dr. Moore wants us to spend some time at the library this summer and keep trying our best. Ms. Thornton helped us with all of our paperwork.

Ms. Lader has taught the class how to make art with Perla Beads. Our students are very creative.



The older boys are looking for jobs and might be working by the end of the summer. This has been a great school year. Our new therapy dog is named Fergus. The students from room 316 want to wish everyone a safe and interesting summer vacation.

**Mr. Krachenfels**

**8th-12th Science**

Congratulations to the parents/guardians as well as the students who are graduating or exiting Royal Palm Exceptional this year! We would also like to congratulate all of our students who did exceptionally well on the new computerized interactive Environmental, Earth & Space , and Physical Science curriculums that were introduced this year.



Especially since these courses used no textbooks, only Chromebooks in order to help students make a smooth transition to those schools whom no longer use textbooks. In the first of these courses, Environmental science, students were able to comprehend as well as master complex scientific concepts involving biomes, population interactions, and population trends. Next in the Earth & Space science course, students were able to comprehend as well as master complex scientific concepts involving identifying Earth’s five spheres, describing the rock cycle, identifying characteristics of the atmosphere, describing the composition and structure of the atmosphere, and explaining how the atmosphere protects life and insulates the planet. Lastly, in our 8th grade Physical Science curriculum students were able to comprehend as well as master complex scientific concepts involving identifying differences in mixtures and solutions, characteristics of acids and bases, and differentiate between physical and chemical changes. Additionally High school science looks forward to our students keeping up the good work throughout the coming 2019 - 2020 school year!

**Mr. Ramos and Ms. Tivis**

**8th-12th Financial Literacy**

**& High School Careers**

I hope everyone has a great summer. This school year in our class, we worked on teaching our students how to apply for a job, write in cursive, how to get an apartment, debit and credit cards, etc.

We have also learned how to interview for a job and how to make change. We would like to see our students work on using cash to pay for items, whether it’s clothes or food,



and understand how much change they should get back. We look forward to hearing how many of our students applied for, and/or got, jobs over the summer.

**Mr. Padilla, Ms. Jerger, and Ms. Hawkins 9th-12th Life Skills**

Welcome to our end of school year 2019! Our Life Skills Class received three new students for this quarter. We are proud to place in practice “The Zones of Regulation” program offered by the school district to help students to control their daily behavior in the classroom. The students in our room have learned about fractions, telling time, answering “Wh” questions, reading and answering comprehension questions, synonyms, antonyms, weekly spelling and practicing ten sight words every day. In addition, our students are participating in ULS lessons supporting their Daily Living and Life Skills. Sincerely, our Life Skills Class would like to wish every single student the best end of school year and a happy summer.

**Ms. Senat, Mrs. Robinson, Mrs. Hayes, Mrs. Hernandez 9th-12th Life Skills**

HIP HIP HORRAY, WE ARE NEAR THE LAST DAY! One way parents can utilize the local library system. Parents can have students identify local signs as they go about in the community. 10 minutes a day spent reading to your student will increase their reading skills and comprehension. From all of us from Life Skills 313 Have a safe summer!!

**Mr. Kovacs and Mr. Green**

**8th-12th Math**

It is hard to believe that this school year is almost history. We have covered many topics, including solving basic algebraic equations both mathematically and graphically, a little geometry and of course Fraction Friday. I want to wish all of you a wonderful summer break and I will see you back here next school year.

**Ms. Alexandre and Ms. Sneed**

**8th-12th Social Studies**

Yippee!!! It is summer time again. Hello parents, it is really a pleasure to write this note to remind you how happy I am to be your child’s teacher and a part of this learning community. Our students have learned a lot throughout the school year.. For example, they have learned about social studies and social issues regarding our community and our country as a whole. In our social studies class, my students have learned a great deal about world history, what made the world the way it is today, and how cultures have evolved over life spans. They have learned about their own culture and the diversity we have experienced over the years. They also learned about how to appreciate our differences and learned to treasure our country and our democracy. I can go on and on, but my aim is to remind you as a parent the importance of keeping your child proactive in learning over the summer. You can select some books that are recommended by the district for the children to read or you can try to reach out to our public libraries, which offer excellent summer program 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 year. Have a wonderful summer vacation, and hope to see you soon. Yours in education, Ms. Saint-Cyr Alexandre

**Ms. Strykiewicz and Ms. Blue**

**8th-12th English**

I have enjoyed getting to know the students in my first year at Royal Palm! We spent time working on improving their writing skills and exploring great literature. Although the school year is now over, it does not mean that the learning has to stop. I hope students will take some time over the summer to learn or experience something new. As a Language Arts teacher, of course I hope they will take some time to read a good book. I look forward to working with the students again next fall.

**Ms. Rosier and Ms. Williams**

**8th-12th Reading**

We all know that reading broadens our world and it is something that should be done daily, however, to really increase our knowledge and understanding of the material that we read, we need to increase our reading stamina or the time we spend reading. So, while you are enjoying your summer break, here are 3 ways to increase your reading stamina: 1. Choose books that you find interesting or want to know more about, make sure you can read them independently. 2 Set reading goals that you can reasonably accomplish. If you started reading for 20 minutes a day, start adding an extra 10-15 minutes. 3 most importantly, celebrate your progress! You will begin to see your comprehension increase, as well as your ability to stay focused on the reading.



**Mr. “G” and Mr. Murph** **P.E.**  
Wow! It is hard to believe that another school year has ended. Where did the time go? As this school year draws to a close Coach Murph and myself would like to thank the students, staff, and parents for another great year. We had a lot of fun this year and feel as though we saw great progress in sport skill development, fitness and sportsmanship. In the 4th quarter, we implemented a few new activities. As we head into the summer months, we will be looking for ways to make the physical education program at Royal Palm even better. An area of continued emphasis is fitness. We encourage students to be active during the summer months. According to the American Heart Association sixty minutes of moderate to vigorous activity is encouraged daily for children and adolescents. This physical activity will help them to control weight, reduce blood pressure, and gain greater self-esteem and confidence. Physical activity can be increased by reducing sedentary time which occurs by watching television, playing video games, and talking on the phone. Activities such as walking, bike riding, basketball, jogging, and swimming can help students to stay active and fit. We wish everybody a safe and happy summer. We look forward to continued progress in the 2019/202 School Year.



**Mr. Mike Bursztny Title 1 Parent Involvement and Family Engagement**  
Much appreciation and thanks if you attended one or more of Royal Palm’s parent workshops, student activities and events, and/or SAC Meetings throughout the 2018-2019 school year. These included our Open House and Annual Title 1 Meeting; Pastries with Parents; Science Fair; Christmas with Community Partners and Santa; and a number of parent workshops including Increasing Your Child’s Achievement, PBS Kids Math and Nutrition, Social Media’s Impact on Academic Performance, and Supporting Social Skills. . It is VERY important that you are involved in your child’s education. Your child will do better academically and behaviorally if you regularly communicate with the school staff and attend school events, and my goal and my job is to encourage more parent involvement at Royal Palm. When you hear my voice on a School Messenger telephone call, or receive an email or text from me about an upcoming school and parent activity, please respond and do all that you can to attend some of our workshops and events. I look forward to working with you during the 2019-2020 school year, but for now, please have a relaxing and safe summer! Thank you.

**Mrs. Cioffi School Counselor**  
The last four weeks of school were very busy! There were multiple state assessments in reading and math. FSA Reading for grades 4-10 took place on May 1 and 2. FSA Math took place on May 7 and 8. Science for grades 5 and 8 took place on May 9 and 10. Civics EOC took place on May 14. Algebra, US History, Biology and PERT testing for our high school students were all in the first three weeks of May. Middle and high school students that are in need of credits have the option of credit retrieval over the summer. We have several online options. Please contact the school counselor, Ms. Cioffi, at 239-337-3511 for more information.



**Mrs. Stephens** **6-8 Art**  
Congratulations to our Middle School students who were recognized with blue ribbons at the Alliance of the Arts Spring Show!



**Mrs. Meltzer & Ms. Cruzado Reading Coach/Media Specialist**  
While summer is a time to rest and relax, it’s also a good time to keep up and build your child’s skills by reading. A lot of the computer programs they use in school will be available to them at home over the summer. You can check these out at Launchpad.leeschools.net using their username and password. Once again the Lee County Library is offering a summer reading program with prizes. For more information: <http://www.leegov.com/library/summer-reading-program> Here’s another fun way to encourage reading:

**B I N G O**

READ ON THE COUCH	READ IN YOUR P.J.S	READ TO A SIBLING	READ LAYING DOWN	READ WITH A TREAT
READ STANDING UP	READ IN YOUR YARD	READ OUT LOUD	READ WITH A WHISPER	READ TO YOUR MOM
READ IN THE KITCHEN	READ TO A PET	READ WITH A SNACK	READ IN THE TUB	READ ON THE PORCH
READ ON THE STAIRS	READ IN A CHAIR	READ IN A BED	READ DOWN- STAIRS	READ WITH A DRINK
READ IN A FAVORITE SPOT	READ UP- STAIRS	READ IN A FORT	READ UNDER A TREE	READ WEARING SUNGLASSES

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 Barnes—ESOL (Endorsement), Lorna Baez Hernandez—ESOL (Endorsement) , Roderick Eady—ESOL (Endorsement), Gloria Fisher—ESOL (Endorsement), LaToya Gilmore—Elementary Education k6 and 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, and Kevin Weigand—ESOL (Endorsement) , Ashley Brown—Science 5-9, and Lisa Rosier—ESE, Science 5-9, and Reading