Mission Statement

We, the Manatee Bay
Elementary School Community,
pledge to provide a quality education
that focuses on high expectations
and achievement for all stakeholders
in a safe and supportive learning
environment.

Vision Statement

The vision of Manatee Bay Elementary is to be a community of lifelong learners who value quality and integrity as we strive to create a nurturing environment in which children will develop self-esteem and respect for themselves and others.

January

and Science
1/29 Jump Rope for Heart

1/11-15 Melting Pot Week
1/13-14 KG Field Trip—Tradewinds Farms
1/18 No School
1/18-22 No Name Calling Week
1/28 Report Cards Issued
1/28 3rd Grade Museum of Discovery

Manatee Bay Elementary School

Manatee Bay Messenger



Principal's Message

Happy New Year to ALL!!!

We truly hope you enjoyed a safe, restful and wonderful Winter Break. Whatever holiday you celebrated, we hope it was a special one.

As you know our theme this year is Manatee Bay Elementary: Where Superheroes are Made, and we are so proud of the work our super heroes have done in 2015. To begin with, our giving back was amazing. We gave hundreds of books to children from another school, provided over 40 boxes of food for local families, and our toy drive generated over 71 bags of toys to be delivered to local families near Croissant Park Elementary area. Thank you for being a super hero to many. We are also SUPER proud of the results of last year's FSA scores. Manatee Bay data was tied for the highest among the best and brightest schools in Broward that we benchmark with...WOW!!!! We are a proud A+ school! 3rd Grade had the highest Reading and Math, 4th was the highest in Math, and 5th was the highest in Science! And we are currently first in the Nation for First in Math.

As you know success like this DOESN'T JUST HAPPEN! It takes the commitment and dedication of our teachers and staff, hard work and perseverance from our students and unyielding support from you, our Manatee Bay Families.

- Forging forward to a new year, here are few tips for continued success:
 - ♦ Help your child to be responsible and make homework a positive experience
 - Provide choices on what they can do first
 - ♦ Be available but do not hover
 - Help by asking those open ended questions that lead to problem solving
 - "What do you think you can do differently?"
 - "Why do you think this was so successful?"
 - Allow them to fail and learn from mistakes
 - Set limits and consistently follow them
- Help your child set and achieve attainable goals
 - ♦ State the goal. "My goal is to learn my Civil War dates and terms by February." She should write her goal down and post it where she'll see it.
 - Plan how to meet the goal. "I will make flash cards and study them for 15 minutes every night. I will ask Mom to quiz me on Fridays."
 - ♦ Talk about the goal with others. Your child should tell her teacher what she plans to do. This strengthens her commitment to the goal.
 - ♦ Follow each step in the plan. If problems arise, she can brainstorm solutions with you. For example, if she's too tired after homework time to review flash cards, perhaps she could study them over breakfast, instead.

- Motivate and celebrate. Encourage your child to take pride in each step she takes toward her goal. She could say, for example, "I'm proud I studied my Civil War facts today. I'm going to do it tomorrow, too." When she achieves her goal, celebrate that her efforts paid off!
- Plan for success. A new year means it's time for a new family calendar.
 - Write it all on the calendar posted in a central location in your home, a family calendar is great for:
 - Scheduling family time. Show your children that time together is important enough to write on the calendar.
 - Keeping track of family schedules. Use a different color for each person.
 - Planning homework time. Each week, look at the calendar with your child. Discuss her schedule and how she plans to use her time to complete assignments.
- Bring your children to school on time each day
 - Research shows that consistent and on time attendance leads to schools success.

Please continue to stay involved with upcoming activities from our website and e-mail messages. Thanks for all you do in your partnership. Happy New Year! We love you, and look forward to a SUPER successful 2016.

Sincerely,

Heather Hedman-DeVaughn and Marie Dominique Price-Dumervil



STEaM News

Our Rocket Day was rained out! However, we did get together to build the rockets. Mr. Allison and Ms, Washington had a great launch day while the rest of us are waiting until after the break to launch ours! In February we are going to start meeting to build Mousetrap Cars! This should be an exciting addition to our STEaM program.

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Visit our website for important information and links to team web pages at www.manateebayelementary.net

jjjFeliz Año para todos!!!

Deseamos sinceramente que hayan disfrutado de unas vacaciones invernales seguras, tranquilas y maravillosas. Cualquiera que sea su celebración, esperamos haya sido muy especial.

Como hemos mencionado anteriormente, el tema de este año escolar es: !Escuela Primaria "Manatee Bay", donde se forjan los superhéroes! Y es por eso que nos encontramos muy orgullosos del trabajo que nuestros súper héroes han hecho desde el 2015. Para comenzar, fue increíble la donación por parte de "Manatee Bay" de cientos de libros para los niños de otra escuela. Familias locales fueron dotadas con 40 cajas de alimentos; y con nuestra colecta de juguetes se generaron más de 71 bolsas de juguetes para ser entregados a familias de la zona cerca de "Croissant Park Elementary". Queremos darle a usted las gracias por ser un superhéroe para muchos. También estamos súper orgullosos de los resultados de las puntuaciones de la evaluación "FSA" del año pasado. Los resultados establecen que "Manatee Bay" se encuentra dentro de los peldaños más altos de los estándares educativos y entre las mejores y más brillantes escuelas de Broward, ... ¡¡¡WOW !!!! Y actualmente somos por primera vez en la Nación los Primeros en Matemáticas.

Como ustedes sabrán: ¡Logar un éxito como este no ocurre por casualidad! Se necesita el compromiso y la dedicación de nuestros maestros; y de todo nuestro personal; el trabajo duro y la perseverancia de nuestros estudiantes; además del apoyo inquebrantable de usted y de todas las familias que forman parte de "Manatee Bay".

¡Para el 2016 esperamos lo mejor! Aquí hay algunos consejos para mantener el éxito:

- Ayude a su hijo a ser responsable y hacer de la tarea una experiencia positiva.
 - Proporcionar opciones de lo que pueden hacer primero
 - Estar disponible, pero no se ciernen
 - Ayúdelos haciendo ese tipo de preguntas abiertas que conducen a la resolución de los problemas.
 - ¿No crees qué se puede hacer de otra manera?"
 - ¿Por qué crees que esto tuvo tanto éxito?"
 - Permitir que fallen y aprender de los errores
 - Establecer límites y constantemente seguirlas
- Ayude a su hijo a establecer y alcanzar metas realistas:
 - Del estado de la meta. "Mi objetivo es aprender las fechas de la Guerra Civil y sus términos para febrero". Se deberá escribir esa meta y colocarla donde su hijo la vea.
 - Hacer un plan de cómo cumplir condicho objetivo. "Voy a hacer fichas nemotécnicas para estudiarlas cada noche, durante 15 minutos. Pediré mamá que me realice preguntas sobre el tema todos los viernes".
 - Hable acerca de la meta con los demás. Su hijo deberá decirle a su maestra lo que planea hacer. Esto fortalece su compromiso con el objetivo.
 - Siga cada paso establecido en el plan. Si surge algún problema; el estudiante con su ayuda puede generar soluciones. Por ejemplo, si está demasiado cansado después de hora de la tarea para las fichas; tal vez el estudiante podría estudiarlas durante el desayuno.
 - Motivar y celebrar. Anime a su hijo a sentirse orgulloso de cada paso que da hacia su objetivo. El estudiante podría decir, por ejemplo, "Estoy orgulloso porque estudié los hechos de la Guerra Civil. Voy a hacerlo mañana, también. "Cuando ella logra su objetivo, celebrar que jsus esfuerzos valieron la pena!
- Plan para el éxito. Un nuevo año significa que es hora para una nueva agenda en la familia.
 - escribirlo todo en el calendario publicado en un lugar central en su hogar, un calendario familiar es ideal para :
 - Planificar el tiempo en familia. Enseñe a sus hijos de que el tiempo juntos es de suma importancia, por lo que debe ser incluido en el calendario.
 - Hacer un seguimiento de los horarios de la familia. Utilice un color diferente para cada persona
 - El tiempo de preparación de Planificación. Cada semana, mire el calendario con su hijo. Analice su hora-

- Lleve a sus hijos a la escuela a tiempo cada día
- Los estudios demuestran que ser consistente y puntuales con la asistencia al colegio, conlleva el éxito escolar.

Por favor queremos que continúe envuelto con la escuela en las próximas actividades, las que serán publicadas, por medio de mensajes publicados en nuestra página web y enviados a través del correo electrónico. Gracias por su colaboración. ¡Feliz Año Nuevo! ¡¡¡¡"Manatee Bay" los aprecia y espera para USTED el mayor de los éxito en el 2016!!!

Sinceramente,

Heather Hedman-DeVaughn and Marie Dominique Price-Dumervil



Kindergarten

December has been a very busy month for Kindergarten. We have learned about other cultures and compared their traditions to celebrations in the United States. We have also began to apply adding and subtracting numbers to ten to real world situations. We wrapped up the month with our Winter Wonderland Celebration by creating symbols of the different holidays.

Looking forward to our field trip to Tradewinds Farm and our pet safety program sponsored by the Humane Society of Broward County next month!!!!!!

First Grade

Welcome back and Happy New Year!!! The New Year marks the first half of the school year already gone and the second half yet to come. First grade will be starting the New Year with chapter 6 in math and continuing unit 3 in reading. Ensure your child starts off the New Year strong by getting them to school on time, having them read AR books or any other book daily, and completing I-Ready lessons at home. On January 25th-29th we will be celebrating literacy week. Each day will have a theme related to literacy.

Monday: Kick off with a great book! Kids wear a favorite jersey. Tuesday: Hunting for a good book! Kids dress in camouflage. Wednesday: Be a super reader! Kids wear a superhero shirt. Thursday: Chill out with a good book! Kids wear winter clothes and accessories.

Friday: Get into the spirit of reading by popping into a good book!

Kids will wear spirit shirts and eat popcorn if the school meets the AR school goal of 2,000 books read and passed!

NonDiscrimination

The School Board of Broward County, Florida, prohibits any policy or procedure which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender identity, gender expression, national origin, marital status, race, religion, sex or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.

Reasonable Accommodation Statement

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the Americans with Disabilities Act Amendments Act of 2008 (ADAAA), may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.

Evaluation Inpu

Per state statute, parents have the right to be provided input into the annual performance assessment of their child's teachers and administrators. To provide such input regarding any Manatee Bay employee, please address your comments in writing to Mrs. Heather Hedman DeVaughn, Principal. To provide such input regarding your principal's evaluation, please address your comments in writing to, Dr. Mark Strauss, at the Office of School Performance and Accountability.

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2nd Grade

Happy New Year from Second Grade!

We are finishing our studies about weather in Science and Native Americans in Social Studies.

Second grade went on a fantastic field trip to the Museum of Discovery and Science this month. We learned about the Hubble Space

Telescope in the IMAX Theater and enjoyed an exciting live demonstration on States of Matter!



















Student Council

Pennies for Patients in support of the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society is the next Student Council Fundraiser. It will take place from January 19th to the 29th. Each student will receive their own small collection box and each teacher will receive the large white collection box (after winter break). The large white collection box is the box that stays in the classroom and the children can dump their change into that box. The large white collection boxes are the only boxes that will be collected. This year we are in a competition with Country Isles Elementary and Everglades Elementary. They seem to think they can raise more than we do, but Manatee Bay has always been the Weston school to raise the most money. Let's keep that going!

The first place prize for the class to raise the most money will win a lunch from Olive Garden provided by the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. The second place prize will be a popsicle party. Students will also be able to provide a donation in the morning the week of January 25th in the main hallway. We will have penny cut outs from the society where they can write their name on and it will go on a sign to spell out Leukemia. Thanks for your support.



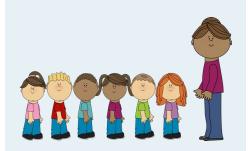
Guidance

ATTENDANCE COUNTS

As we all know, attendance counts. Beginning in 2016, we will be taking a more proactive stance in order to make sure our Manatee Bay students are in school every day. School Board policy 5.5 states that every child who has attained the age of six years old is required to attend school every day.

Non-attendance for instructional activities is established by tardiness, early sign-outs, or absences for any part of the school day. If a student has accumulated 30 hours of absence during a marking period, you will be notified that your child has developed a pattern of non-attendance. Should your child be noted as one who has developed such a pattern, the school may r equire a doctor's note for further absences to be excused.

Please remember that nonattendance includes tardies, early sign-outs and absences. Please help us to educate your child by making sure that they are in school every day!



School Advisory Council

We held our monthly School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting on December 15th in the media center. School grades were recently released and Manatee Bay has received an A again this year. The SAC committee formulated proposals that will be voted on by the staff in January. These proposals explain how the state bonus money will be utilized. This meeting we focused on the Standard 3: Teaching and Assessing for Learning: The system's curriculum, instructional design, and assessment practices guide and ensure teacher effectiveness and student learning across all grades and courses. This standard has seven indicators. Our next SAC meeting will be Tuesday, January 12th at 2:15 PM in the media center. We hope that you will consider joining us.

3rd Grade

The 3rd grade students are working hard in math. As we work on division it is important that the children know their multiplication facts. Please continue to practice each night at home.

Our first off campus field trip is coming up on January 8th to the Museum of Discovery & Science. We will return to school at 2:45, please remember to pick your child up at the front car loop on that day. They also need to bring a disposable bag lunch.

We are looking forward to a relaxing holiday break. It is great to have some time to spend with our families and friends. We know how important our families are and want to thank all of our wonderful parents for their dedication to their children's education. We appreciate your constant help and support. We are fortunate to have such a wonderful group of parents and children.

Enjoy your holidays! We wish you a very happy and healthy New Year.

Reminder: Our textbooks are available online through BEEP. To access the textbooks, go to http:// beep.browardschools.com. Click on

Student Portal and sign in. Put in your child's ID number, then the password is his/her birth date.



Students of the Month

November—Citizenship



Students of the Month

December—Kindness



ESE CORNER

What is a MULTIMODAL approach???

Children should learn using MOST if not ALL of these methods: (see examples given for each method)

WRITTEN: Students can practice writing new vocabulary words in sentences.

ORAL: Students can say out load new concepts and/or discuss with others.

VISUAL: Students can use graphs, pictures, and sentence strips (any way to make learning visual).

TACTILE: Students can practice by touching it. Tap out syllables, write vocabulary/ spelling words using rice/clay/shaving cream, etc.

Why is a multimodal approach important?

Every child learns differently and can benefit from learning in a variety of ways.

January is an exciting month with lots of activity. The IND Cluster will be studying a unit called Math Club, which includes lessons in equals, minus and plus. Also, we will be studying a unit about Ocean Floors including projects revolving around anglerfish, flat-fish, oysters, and pearls. Mrs. Podsada's class will take their annual trip with Kindergarten to the Tradewinds Farm to learn about animals, farm life, and to hear a story from the infamous Mrs. Wishy Washy!!! Thanks parents for all your support! The IND Team.

Ring in the New Year with some important writing tips for 2016. It's a great time to continue strengthening those writing skills with your children. Have them write about their holidays and add details to make their writing more interesting. Ask your child to use as many senses as they can (sights, smells, tastes, touch, hearing) when writing. The holidays are overflowing with words to describe what they did, saw, heard, smelled and tasted. From dazzling colored blinking lights that brighten the dark sky to Aunt Sally is cinnamon walnut melt in your mouth apple pie, to the sweet, soft melody of Silent Night and the jolly, fast, and loud Jingle Bells, your child has numerous words to "decorate" their writing from plain and ordinary to exciting and sizzling with descriptive words. Have them revise their writing to make it more interesting and full of details. Good writers do many revisions before the final piece is done, so encourage them to add to their writing to make it sensational!

4th Grade

The fourth graders enjoyed their trip to St. Augustine. They learned about Florida's rich history in a hands on environment and got to step on the same soil as the fist Spanish explorers to come ashore in 1513. The children visited many sites including the Castillo de San Marcos and the legendary Fountain of Youth. The took a tram ride around the old city and saw the Oldest Jail. These are memories that they will carry with them for a long time! Now we are looking forward to new adventures in the New Year!

Speaking of the new year, we would like to get the year started on the right foot. We would like to set some goals. Please make sure your fourth graders are in school every day and that they arrive on time. We are getting ready for testing and every minute counts!

Homework is also very important as it reinforces what is being taught in class. Please check your child's agenda to make sure assignments are written down and that they are completed. In addition to homework, please encourage your children to reach their Accelerated Reader (AR) goals and to complete at least 45 minutes of iReady in both Reading and Math. Working together, we will be able to help your children be successful.

Partners in Education

Carolina Ale House Night was a huge success on Wednesday, December 16th. Thank you to all who showed!

Mark your calendars for the week of January 11th as we have MELTING POT WEEK!! Come out and support Manatee Bay, while enjoying a delicious fondue meal.

Happy Holidays to all of our Partners In Education. Thank you for your support!

5th Grade

Almost 100 fifth-graders just returned from a trip to our Nation's capital, Washington DC. This is an excellent way to reinforce the Social Studies Curriculum in fifth-grade, American History. Over the course of these five days we were able to visit not only DC, but Colonial Williamsburg and Jamestown. Our visit to Jamestown, the first permanent English colony, gave us a hands-on opportunity to see how these early settlers tries to acclimate to the new world and climate. This was followed with a trip to Colonial Williamsburg. This is a living-history museum that allowed us to travel back in time and walk the streets that Thomas Jefferson, George Washington and Thomas Payne walked as young adults and see where our Founding Fathers laid the groundwork for our country. Once arriving back in Washington DC, we visited the monuments and Ford's Theater. We also spent a morning at the Capitol and had a meet and greet with Debbie Wasserman-Schultz on the Capitol steps. We finished our trip with a night of ice-skating on an outdoor ice skating rink. It was the trip of a lifetime and one the students will remember for a long time.



- Write your child's name inside their lunch box.
- Call the attendance line directly at 754-323-6452 to report your child's absence.
- Check our Lost and Found for jackets and write your child's name on the label.
- The office opens at 7:30am. If you have a morning conference you will be checked in at 7:30am and then you can go to the classroom.
- Breakfast is free for all students. Doors open for students only at 7:15am. Parents joining their student for breakfast must wait to be checked in until 7:30am when the office opens.

Help your Child Succeed in School: Build the Habit of Good Attendance Early

School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Did you know?

- Starting in kindergarten, too many absences can cause children to fall behind in school.
- Missing 10 percent (or about 18 days) can make it harder to learn to read.
- Students can still fall behind if they miss just a day or two days every few weeks.
- Being late to school may lead to poor attendance.
- Absences can affect the whole classroom if the teacher has to slow down learning to help children catch up.

Attending school regularly helps children feel better about school—and themselves. Start building this habit in preschool and elementary school do they learn right away that going to school on time, everyday is important. Good attendance will help children do well in middle school, high school, college and at work.







Spotlight on Specials!

Our Field Day dates will be here before you know it! Our scheduled dates are:

Kindergarten and 1st grade on Wednesday, February 10th 2nd and 3rd Grade on Thursday, February 11th 4th and 5th Grade on Friday, February 12th

If you are interested in volunteering to set up and break down events, please contact Coach Rodriguez. More information regarding start times for each grade level and other details will be sent home via email by the end of the month.

Hope to see you there!!!



Mayor's Get Fit Challenge



Volunteer Procedures

Keeping students safe is a priority. The STAR System (Security Tracking And Response) continues to be used at all schools. The STAR System provides schools with high-speed security checks against local, state and national sex offender databases and against state and local law enforcement files. When parents, visitors, and volunteers come to school, the office staff will swipe their driver's license into a bar code reader, verify the name, take a photo and print a badge with this picture. All visitors are asked to check out in the office when leaving school.

Volunteers must complete the on-line volunteer/ mentor application before helping in school. Go to www.browardschools.com/getinvolved to complete the online application. The first time volunteers come to assist, the front office staff will ask for their social security number and driver's license to print their Volunteer Badge. Only approved volunteers are allowed to assist in the classroom. If you do not have access to a computer or you need assistance, please contact the school.

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this School Year

New in 2015

- FAIR assessment practice aligned to new state testing
- 3000 + Florida standards aligned (MAFS and LAFS) resources
- Civics, Keyboarding, and Entrepreneurship Resources
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- Select "Log In"

Username: [Student ID]

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- Check out our new look at <u>www.insyncedu.com</u>
- Use your existing log in information to sign in.

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este año escolar

Nuevo para 2015

- Práctica de evaluación FAIR alineada con las nuevas pruebas estatales
- Más de 3000 Recursos de Estándares Académicos de la Florida
- Cívica, digitación y recursos de iniciativas empresariales
- Videos de "Guías prácticas" en la sección "Para empezar".
- Recursos asignados por los maestros directamente a los estudiantes
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¡Empiecen hoy mismo!

Nuevos usuarios:

- 1. Visiten Insync en www.insyncedu.com
- Seleccionen "Log In" (iniciar sesión)

Nombre de usuario: ID del estudiantil

Contraseña: broward

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- Den un vistazo a nuestra nueva imagen en www.insyncedu.com
- Usen su información actual de inicio de sesión para entrar.

Si tienen dificultades para iniciar la sesión, por favor escribir a info@insyncedu.com

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Announcing the 2015 / 2016 Broward Gifted Advisory Meeting Dates, Time, & Location

Time: 7:00 pm

Location: Sheridan Tech. High School 3775 SW 16th St.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33312

Dates: Thursdays
September 24
October 15
November 19
December 17
January 21
February 18
March 10
April 21
May 19