



# Neptune Beach Elementary Newsletter

We are proud to be an "A" school!

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## Manatee Corner

### Mid-Year Stakeholders Review

CALLING ALL STAKEHOLDERS!

During our January 15<sup>th</sup> SAC meeting, Principal Kavanagh will present NBE's Mid-Year Stakeholders Review.

### Car Riders & Park to Pick Up Tags

This is a reminder to bring the proper car tag/decal during dismissal. Having the car tags will prevent parents/guardians from coming in to the main office to sign out students. If you need an additional car tag, please visit our main office. Thanks for your understanding and cooperation with this process.

### Hearing Screenings

Hearing screenings will be conducted on Jan. 18<sup>th</sup> for students in Kindergarten & 1<sup>st</sup> grade and any students entering Florida schools for the first time in 2<sup>nd</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> grade. There will be an additional screening scheduled for absent students and a letter will be sent to parents for students who may need a medical follow-up/referral.

### Sonic Classroom of the Month Nominations

Go to [www.news4jax.com/contests](http://www.news4jax.com/contests) to nominate a classroom teacher. The winning classroom will win \$250 in school supplies and slushies for the entire class! Nominations will be accepted through March 30<sup>th</sup>.

## PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

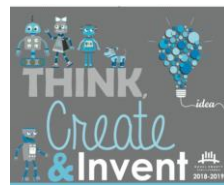
Hello Parents and Guardians,

Happy New Year! We are excited to begin our second semester with your children. Teachers spent yesterday planning and getting their rooms ready for students to come back for some amazing learning opportunities!

The second semester will be full of activities from field trips and science activities, to our now annual "May the Fourth Be with You" fundraiser. If you haven't had an opportunity to be involved in our school, please take the time to do so now. PTA, SAC, field trip chaperones, are all easy ways to become involved in our school. Call or stop by the office if you want details. We welcome you. As always, thank you for your involvement in Neptune Beach Elementary.

Lastly, NBE was selected as one of the few elementary schools to receive a 5 Star Award. This award encompasses our school grade, SAC, parent volunteer hours, student activities, and teacher involvement. Thank you for a job well done! I am expecting the district to announce the winners soon.

Fondly,  
Elizabeth Kavanagh



## CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

Our character trait for the month is **HUMOR**. Humor is a form of entertainment, and a form of human communication, intended to make people laugh and feel happy.



Laughing Kids  
are Happy Kids

## Coaches' Corner

Happy New Year! The New Year always brings fresh starts and new goals for the upcoming year! I am excited to discuss some health/fitness goals with our students and hear their goals for the New Year. We have wrapped up our soccer unit and are still working on striking objects with our body parts, but we will focus on using our hands now with skills such as volleying. Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> students will work on striking a ball with their hands continuously both upward and downward. 3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will also be striking with their hands with an emphasis on striking the object so that it travels in an intended direction at the desired height using the correct technique. Be looking for the January DEAM (Drop Everything and Move) calendar. This is a great way to stick to the resolution of being more active. Most of these DEAM activities take 5 minutes or less, but they all add up and keep us healthy both mentally and physically! This month students are required to complete at least 20 activities on the calendar and remember parents your initials must be on the calendar next to the activities when they turn it into me at the end of the month.

### **Upcoming Lessons:**

K – 2<sup>nd</sup> – Striking with object with hands – Activities – Keep it Up, Bull's Eye, Air Ball and Net Ball  
3<sup>rd</sup> – 5<sup>th</sup> – Cues for striking a ball overhand and underhand – Activities – Bound-ball, Four Square

Remind your child to wear their tennis shoes to class so they can fully participate in PE. A lot of sweaters and jackets are left in the gym after PE; make sure your child's jacket and/or sweater is marked with their name so we can return it to your student. Also, if your student has a health concern, please send a Doctor's note and/or note from home explaining the concern.

Thank you!  
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**Thank you for supporting NBE!**

## **Announcements**

- ✓ **DCPS' 2019 School Choice Expo** will be held on Saturday, January 12<sup>th</sup> between 11 AM – 3 PM. The location is at the Prime Osborn Convention Center (1000 Water St.). For more information, please visit [www.duvalschools.org](http://www.duvalschools.org).
- ✓ **Students in Take One Theatre** will resume their after-school rehearsals on January 22<sup>nd</sup>.
- ✓ **We will have a Colgate Dental Van** visit our school on January 30<sup>th</sup> and 31<sup>st</sup>. During the visit, students will receive a free dental check-up and learning materials. A letter will be sent to parents for students who may need a medical follow-up/referral.
- ✓ **Literacy Week** will be January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 1<sup>st</sup>; the list of daily activities are listed on the calendar.
- ✓ **Literacy Night** will be on Thursday, January 31<sup>st</sup> from 6 PM – 7 PM.
- ✓ **The Book Fair** will be January 28<sup>th</sup> – February 8<sup>th</sup>.

# JANUARY EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
<p>7 Teacher's Planning Day</p>	<p>8 </p>	<p>9 Early Dismissal @ 1:35 PM</p>	<p>10</p>	<p>11</p>
<p>14</p>	<p>15 SAC meeting/Mid-year Assessment in the Media Center 6:00 PM - 7:00 PM</p>	<p>16</p>	<p>17</p>	<p>18 Hearing Screenings </p>
<p>21 No School " I HAVE A DREAM "  MARTIN LUTHER KING Day</p>	<p>22 PTA meeting in the Media Center 5:30 PM - 6:30 PM</p>	<p>23 Early Dismissal @ 1:35 PM</p>	<p>24 Parent meeting for 5<sup>th</sup>- grade TOT members only. Media Center @ 6:00 PM</p>	<p>25</p>
<p>28 <u>Literacy Week</u>  Dudes Do Read! (Teachers will arrange for a male to read a book to their class)  Book Fair 1/28 - 2/8</p>	<p>29 Mark Your Book! (Students will make a bookmark)</p>	<p>30 FLASHLIGHT! (Students will be engaged while reading with a flashlight)  Colgate Dental Van </p>	<p>31 Totally Teacher's Choice (Teachers will read their favorite children's book) <a href="#">Literacy Night @ 6 PM</a>  Colgate Dental Van </p>	<p>FEB. 1<sup>ST</sup> DEAR! (Drop Everything And Read)  Next Newsletter</p>