



Neptune Beach Elementary Newsletter

We are proud to be an "A" school!

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Manatee Corner

- If you do not have a parent account in focus, you will need one now more than ever. From bus stop registration to school attendance options, there are multiple processes that will be managed through parent accounts in FOCUS. So to be prepared, please make sure you have established your account through our website. You can register for an account by visiting www.duvalschools.org/focus.
- To minimize the risk of COVID-19 entering a school campus, school volunteers and visitors will not be permitted on school grounds.
- Early Check Out Policy: Please remember that per district policy, students cannot be checked out after **2:15 PM**.
- Join the TEAM! Send in a picture of your student with their team (sports, cheer, dance, scouts, drama, band, ANY team) and it will be displayed on the bulletin board "Let's tackle this year as a Team!" --Send to Mrs. Barnhill in the front office a 4x6 or smaller, with your student and teacher name on the back so it can be returned--

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Parents and Neptune Beach Elementary Community,

April has arrived and with it FSA testing for grades 3-5. The state has introduced a very organized and extended testing period allowing us to test in smaller testing groups. Your child's teacher will notify you of exactly which dates your child will be tested. These dates will vary for students within classrooms. Do wait to hear from your child's teacher for exact dates. Testing will occur all of April and most of May. Standard classroom learning will continue as usual when children are not testing.

Thank you to our PTA for sponsoring our Annual Fun Run! Thank you to all parents, individuals and businesses who donated to this event. What an amazing day it was! Our goal has been surpassed and I will let PTA share the final number as I do not have it yet. I can't wait to see our new field "makeover!!!"

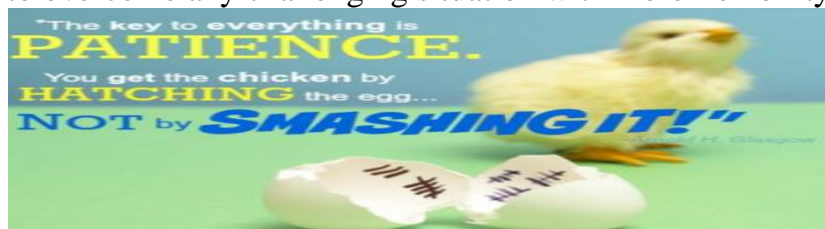
We are entering the home stretch of a difficult year. Our students and families have come through with flying colors this year and I know we will finish strong together.

Thank you ALL!
Much Love,

Mrs. Kavanagh

CHARACTER TRAIT OF THE MONTH

Our character trait for the month is **PATIENCE**. Patience is the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, or trouble without complaining or becoming angry. Being patient during the next few weeks of testing will help everyone to overcome any challenging situation with more flexibility and less stress.



Announcements

- ✓ *Parents*-Please remember to update your contact information (address, phone number, emergency contacts, etc..). Emergency Contact Forms and Returning Student Registration Form can be found on the district's website at <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/Page/10441>. You can also access these forms by selecting the "parent" tab at the top of the menu bar, select "registration", and select "forms" from the options on the left.
- ✓ *Parents*-Download the Duval County App to allow you to view these newsletters, receive up to date information, student grades, and many more important features.

Parents need to download the Duval County Public Schools app onto your phone/tablet/computer. Steps-1. Search in your app store “**Duval County Public Schools**” 2. When app is loaded, **search for Neptune Beach Elementary**. 3. Follow Directions on phone and you are ready to go. This app will also allow you to receive



messages from the school, link onto FOCUS, access blended learning, and other links that are helpful.

- ✓ *Parents*-Please check out the Neptune Beach webpage. Here you can find updates, information, newsletters, SAC news, and much more. The link for the website is: <https://dcps.duvalschools.org/nbe>
- ✓ *Parents*-Want to have your student's birthday on the marquee? Please go to the school's online payment system (<https://DCPS.schoolcashionline.com>) and email otterbeine@duvalschools.org to let her know the date of your student's birthday.
- ✓ *Parents*-A new course that Parent Academy, in partnership with St. Stephen A.M.E. Church, is now offering is “LIVE Homework Help for Parents.” Interactive sessions for grade level content areas including reading, math, and science are available Monday through Thursday and are facilitated by DCPS teachers. Please help us communicate this information with your students’ families so they can register for this incredible program! To learn more about this program, visit duvalschools.org/Page/29955 If you have any questions, please email us at ParentAcademy@duvalschools.org. Thank you for your continued support!

April EVENTS

Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday
			1 Teacher Planning Day No School for Students	2 No School! Holiday
5	6	7	8	9
12	13 <i>SAC Meeting</i> 6:00 pm	14	15	16
19	20	21	22	23
26	27	28	29	30

