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Climate Surveys

Once again we need your input about Brair Hill and the education and educational opportunities your child receives her. The survey will once again be online and will be located on our school's website: bheosceolak12fl.webmium.com. There will be one for parents of grades K, 1 and 2 students that is the early elementary survey and for the parents of grades 3, 4, and 5 students that is the elementary survey. If your child is in a two different grade levels then we ask that you take to different surveys. Once you complete the survey if you can print off the last page, sign it and have your child turn it in to their teacher they will receive a Popsicle. The window to complete this survey will be from **Wednesday, April 10th to Friday, May 10th**.

If you do not have access to a computer then please feel free to come by BHE, check in with the front desk and we will set you up with a computer to use here. Thank you and we appreciate your time and willingness to take this survey to help better BHE.

Education in the Park

Oh the Places you will go...hopefully it will be to this year's Education in the Park. This year Education in the Park will be held on Saturday, April 27th from 10:00a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Osceola Heritage Park. "Education in the Park" has evolved into the largest youth-oriented event in Osceola County, featuring over 100 individual tents to visit with free interactive displays for parents and children. Reedy Creek will have one of these interactive tents. Our theme this year is "Oh the Places You'll Go" which is inspired from Dr. Seuss' book Oh the Places You'll Go. We hope to see you there on April 27th.



FCAT testing is approaching

The Florida Department of Education (FDOE) would like to inform you that your student will be taking the 3rd, 4th or 5th grade FCAT 2.0 Reading/ Mathematics/ Science during the weeks of April 15th - 26th. It is important for you and your student to understand the following policies before testing:

■ **Electronic Devices**—If your student is found with ANY electronic devices during testing, his or her test will be invalidated, meaning it will not be scored. We encourage students to leave devices at home on the day of testing.

■ **Academic Honesty**—Your student will be asked to sign a pledge prior to testing that says *I agree that I will not give or receive unauthorized help during this test. I understand that giving or receiving such help during the test is cheating and will result in the invalidation of my test results.* In addition, students are responsible for protecting their answers from being seen by others. If students are caught cheating during testing, their tests will be invalidated.

■ **Leaving Campus**—If your student leaves campus before completing the test (for lunch, an appointment, or illness, etc.), he or she WILL NOT be allowed to complete the test. If your student does not feel well on the day of testing, it may be best for him or her to wait and be tested on a make-up day. Please also be mindful to not schedule appointments on testing days.

Please make sure your child gets a good night's sleep, a nutritious breakfast (which is free here at RCE for all students) and be on time! We thank you in advance for your help with this and assuring your child will excel!

Important Dates for FCAT!

FCAT is quickly approaching, but I have now worries because our dedicated teachers are working hard equipping our students with great education and the students are working hard to learn all the educational standards. Here are important dates for FCAT:

April 15th – 16th FCAT Reading for 3rd -5th
April 17th – 18th FCAT Math for 3rd and 4th, FCAT Science for 5th
April 22nd – 23rd FCAT Math for 5th grade

On the following Wednesdays there will be no early release, so school will let out at 3:25 p.m.. The Wednesdays are April 17th and April 24th.



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 Another year of being a Successful "A" rated school!

Calling Talented Students for BHE's Talent Show

I am proud to announce that BHE will be having a Talent Show this year to showcase the many talented students and some staff members. Students will be auditioning for a spot in our Talent Show. They can show their moves, singing skills, musical instrument talent, comedian act and any other talent. Please remember that students will need appropriate music. Auditions will be held after school and the Talent Show will be at night with a dinner and an educational component. The Talent Show will be on May 23rd starting at 6:30pm, with dinner at 5:30pm. More information will be heading home soon.

Spotlight on 5th grade promotion

It is with a joyful heart but yet a sadden one that I share that our Wonderful fifth grades will soon be ending their elementary portion of their academic journey. On June 6th, the last day of school we will be celebrating them during our Promotion ceremony at Poinciana High School auditorium at 10:00am. It has been a pleasure watching each of them grow and mature into upstanding students who will excel in life. I have had the honor to meet individually with each of them this year and learn about them and help them set goals of success this year. More information will be sent home at a later date!

Also on May 31st at 6pm til 9 pm will be the 5th grade Masquerade or soiree. This will be a time to dress up, eat, dance and have a final blast as a 5th grader. More information will be coming home soon.



Final Call to capture 2012-2013 Memories with a Yearbook

There are less than 100 yearbooks for sale. They are off being produced as we speak. Did you want to capture your child's memories this year? If so it is not too late to purchase the 2013-2014 BHE yearbook for \$10. With the purchase of the yearbook, your child will be invited to the signing party that will be held on Monday, June 3rd at 2:00p.m.

SAVE THE DATE!

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April 17th – 18th FCAT Math for 3rd and 4th, FCAT Science for 5th
April 18th – Primary Family Reading Night
April 22nd – 23rd FCAT Math Computer testing for 5th grade
April 25th –SAT10 for 3rd grade, SAC/PTO meeting at 5:30 in Media Center
April 27th – Education in the Park at Osceola Heritage Park
April 30th – SEM(school wide enrichment model) begins
May 1st – Go Take a Hike Walk a Thon and Progress Reports
May 20th - 31st Kindergarten Swimming
May 23rd Talent Show
May 30th PTO/SAC Meeting at 5:30 in the Media Center
May 31st 5th grade soiree



CCSS Information Corner

What is the goal of the CCSS?

The goal of the CCSS is to make sure that all students are well prepared for college, technical education, or the workplace after high school graduation.

Do the standards tell teachers how to teach?

No. The CCSS do not tell teachers how to teach; they simply outline the skills that all students should master. For example, the CCSS do not tell teachers which books should be taught in fourth-grade English/language arts, but they do say that each fourth grader should learn how to identify "a theme of a story, drama, or poem from details in the text" or "summarize the text."

Are there standards for science, social studies and other content areas?

No. At this time, the CCSS do not address content areas other than reading/language arts and mathematics; however, they do include standards related to content area reading in history/social studies, science, and technical subjects for Grades 6-12.

How will student progress in meeting the standards be measured?

As of now, it is not clear how students' progress toward meeting the standards will be measured or assessed; however, because the U.S. Constitution gives individual states the right to oversee education, participating states will likely be in charge of any testing that is done for the purpose of monitoring student progress.

<http://www.colorincolorado.org/article/53565/>

QUOTE OF THE MONTH:

"A teacher affects eternity;
he can never tell where his
influence stops."

Henry Adams

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