

Welcome Back! Bay News August 2024

Dear Manatee Bay Families,

I hope this message finds you well and filled with anticipation for the 2024- 2025 school year! My name is Vanessa Machin, and I am honored to introduce myself as the newly appointed Principal of Manatee Bay Elementary. Whether your child is beginning their educational journey in Kindergarten, or finishing their elementary years in Fifth Grade, I look forward to getting to know your child personally.

My primary goal as a school administrator is to provide a full elementary experience that caters to the individual needs of each student. I believe in the power of personalized education and the impact it can have on a child's development. Creating a safe and friendly atmosphere where everyone feels like family is essential to fostering a nurturing learning environment.

In addition to academic excellence, I am dedicated to offering a wide range of extra - curricular programs and organizing various community events. These opportunities will not only enrich your child's educational journey, but also help them develop important life skills and a sense of belonging.

It is a pleasure to serve as your new Principal and I encourage you to reach out to me at any time. Whether you want to discuss your child's education or simply want to say hello, I am here to support your child and your family.

With great pride,

Vanessa Machin



Manatee Bay Elementary, Admin Team



2024-2025 Theme: A New Adventure Awaits!

School-wide Priorities:

- Safety and Security- from the inside out
- Personalized High-Quality Instruction- planned, delivered, and monitored for every student
- Building connections through relationships- promoting extracurricular programs and community events, creating a supportive and inclusive school culture

New Principal Meet & Greet: August 7th @ 5:30pm, Manatee Bay Elementary Cafeteria **Beginning of the Year Meet & Greet:** Welcome Students and Parents!

 Kinder/VPK/Special Programs 8:00-8:30am, 1st Grade 9:00-9:30am, 2nd Grade 10:00-10:30am, 3rd Grade 11:00-11:30am, 4th Grade 12:00-12:30pm, 5th Grade 1:00-1:30pm

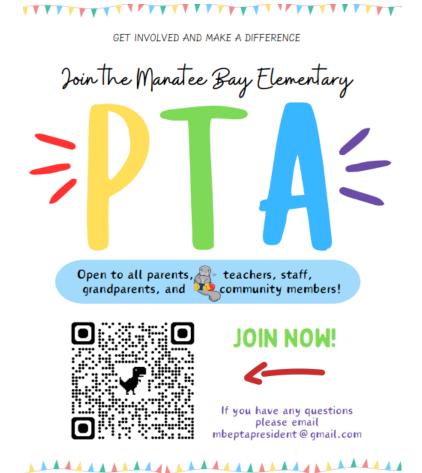
<u>First Day of School:</u> August 12th @ 8:00am- 2:00pm

Open House:

- Kindergarten- 2nd Grade & Special Programs: August 21st @ 6:00 P.M.
- 3rd-5th Grade: August 28 @ 6:00pm

SAC/SAF Meeting: Tuesday, September 3rd @ 6:00pm

PTA Meeting: September 11th @ 6:00pm Join PTA today!- CLICK HERE



1st Day of School: On Day 1, Kindergarten parents will be allowed to escort children to class. All parents must exit the building before 8:10 am so that we can secure the building.

<u>Arrival:</u> Students should not arrive at school prior to 7:30 a.m., as there is no adult supervision prior to this time. Students arriving between 7:30 a.m. and 7:55 a.m. must line up outside their classroom. Students eating breakfast report directly to the cafeteria upon arriving. No cars are to be left unattended in the parent pick-up or drop-off area. If attending a meeting, please park in the designated areas.

The gate on Manatee Isle Dr and the front doors of the school will be secured promptly at 8:00am.

<u>Late Arrival:</u> Students arriving after 8:00 a.m. are considered TARDY and must be escorted to the front office by a parent/guardian.

<u>Cafeteria:</u> Breakfast and lunch will continue to be free for all students. While in the cafeteria students will be supervised by school staff and parent volunteers. Volunteer signup will be provided by the PTA.

<u>Birthday Celebrations:</u> Parents are welcome to send in treats for their child's class only, to be passed out in the cafeteria during lunch period. Parents will not be allowed to enter the cafeteria.

<u>Dismissal</u>: Students are dismissed- based on location in a staggered format to minimize students in the hallway. Students being picked up by car will be held in a designated area **inside** of the building. We will now utilize CurbSmart for dismissal. When picking up students please have your 3-digit placard available. More information forthcoming.

<u>Forgotten Items:</u> The Front Office will not accept forgotten items such as bookbags, homework, field trip forms, etc. The only exception to this rule will be for lunch boxes and water bottles. These items will be placed on a shelf for students to collect as they enter the cafeteria. It is important to limit movement around the campus and not interrupt classes during instructional time. We encourage you to place your child's jacket in their bookbag the night before.

<u>Medication:</u> If your child requires prescribed medications during the school day, the parent or guardian must submit a "School Medication Permission and Instruction" form signed by a physician. Parents may begin to drop off the medication to school with the authorization form **Thursday**, **August 8th and Friday**, **August 9th**.

<u>Single-Point of Entry:</u> The single point of entry to the campus is the front office. All visitors must enter and exit the campus through the single point of entry. Please be sure you have proper ID. When visiting for an event please arrive 30- minutes early to allow time for check-in.



