

Sea Castle Elementary Gazette



Determined Dolphins

"We at Sea Castle Elementary foster a Growth Mindset environment where all scholars achieve their BEST."

Dearest Dolphin Parents/Guardians,

Please find below information pertaining to all the great things happening at Sea Castle. Each grade level submitted great things happening in the classroom along with upcoming news and events. This information is useful for you to know as it will provide you with help as you work with your scholar at home.

Communication between the home and school is paramount for the success and academic achievement of all students. Working together we can provide for each and every scholar the opportunity to be the best they can be. Please feel free to contact your student's teacher with any questions, concerns or clarification needed. Let's continue our journey together as we strive for success.

From Administration

As the school year comes to an end, we would like to express our sincere appreciation to all the adults at home who assisted with the virtual learning process and all the changes brought upon us by the pandemic. It was because of your dedication to your child's education this process was a success. Families, it is hard to believe that we are at the end of the 2019-2020 school year. As we move through these uncertain times preparing for the unexpected, we hope you know how much we miss all our scholars and families. We are so proud of the work from our scholars and teachers. We wish everyone a safe and healthy summer.

For District updates on COVID-19, visit [browardschools.com/coronavirus](https://www.browardschools.com/coronavirus)

For the most recent school financial reports please visit the school website: <https://www.browardschools.com/seacastle>

Summer Hours: Mon.-Thurs. 8:00am-4:00pm

Dates to Remember

June 2

Last Day of School for students

June 3

Employee Planning Day

June 10

Final Report Cards for the 2019-2020 school to be Issued via Pinnacle

www.browardschools.instructure.com/courses/411

August 19

Student Return to School for the 2020-2021 School Year

**Please remember to take the Strategic Plan survey at:*

bcps.browardschools.com/research/sim/cr/

Reminder...

Scholars will have access to Scholastic Word and Literacy Pro through the App that can be accessed on each Scholar's Clever page.

iReady is available until July 24, 2020

Kindergarten Updates

Our Kindergartners ROCK at distance and virtual learning! Kindergarten ended the third quarter with a love for reading and continued that focus into the fourth quarter. In exploring our love for reading, we learned about the relationships between illustrations in stories and how to compare and contrast the adventures and experiences of characters in familiar stories.

Parents, please continue to read to your child every night. Practice activities are available through the Scholastic W.O.R.D. App in your child's Clever account. Continue to practice and run-through the Dolch primer and pre-premier sight words (memory words or high frequency words.) Familiarizing your child with these words will help them become more fluent in reading. In math we learned geometry of two and three dimensional shapes. We were introduced to the fundamentals of measurement and learned how to classify and sort data. We encourage parents to continue having your child practice addition sentences and work to practice subtraction.

In science we learned about the changes in matter and the movement of particles giving us solids, liquids, and gases. In social studies we continued to identify items and holidays in our culture. We began studying economics identifying the needs and wants that go into an economic system. As we venture into summer and prepare to celebrate our Independence Day we are discussing patriotism and all that it means.

At home, continue encouraging your child to read, practice sight words, and access Scholastic W.O.R.D. We appreciate your continued support and wish our scholars the best this summer!

First Grade Updates

Our first grade scholars have truly shined during virtual learning! Things have changed quickly since mid-March through unprecedented global circumstances beyond our control. However, we are proud that our scholars, with strong

Safety Reminders



All school employees and students are required to wear name badges at all times while in the building. This procedure will eliminate the possibility of unknown persons on campus. All substitutes and visitors will be subject to the same rule.

Reporting Apps

The **SaferWatch** app allows individuals to report incidents and receive real-time safety alerts directly from BCPS and local law enforcement



FortifyFL is a suspicious activity reporting tool that allows you to instantly relay information to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials

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support from everyone at home, have thrived and embraced the Virtual Learning Education experience. In fourth quarter reading we focused on difficult and high-frequency, vocabulary words to help students solve determine the meaning of unfamiliar words in order to deepen and increase their reading fluency. This will increase their comprehension.

In math, our scholars finished the last chapters of the Go Math series with a focus on representing and Interpreting data, basic concepts of geometry and reasoning with shapes and their attributes.

In science, we learned about the benefits and disadvantages of the Sun, materials on Earth's surface, plant parts and fast and slow changes to land.

In social studies, our students learned about holidays we celebrate, American symbols, and diversity.

Finally, thank you parents, students and families for your support and conviction to collaborating with us so that learning will never have to stop wherever we are. Please continue to log into Scholastic W.O.R.D through the Clever portal to enhance reading over the summer and prepare for second grade. Have a wonderful summer, stay safe, healthy and happy.

Second Grade Updates

Our second grade scholars continued to work hard towards their goals in all subject areas and found great success with virtual learning. Time spent on i-Ready for reading and math has helped prepare our scholars for the next grade level. Using Scholastic W.O.R.D over the summer, will continue to reinforce these skills and help build content through science and social studies. The Scholastic program can be found on each scholar's Clever page. In math, scholars learned to fluently add and subtract within 100 and continued to practice these skills in the fourth quarter. To help prepare for success in third grade, summer is a great time to get in some extra

A Message from Special Programs

Our special program teachers have worked hard to best meet the needs of our scholars during this school closure and pandemic. Our focus was on making a smooth transition for our scholars and parents and working to maintain learning in the home. The end of this year marks a time that we also say goodbye to one of our own, Mrs. Covert and wish her health and happiness as she enjoys her retirement. For students and families that qualify ESY will be offered virtually from June 17-July 23. Thank you, parents, for your support and dedication during these uncharted waters, have a safe and healthy summer!



*"The world needs **Different Kinds of Minds** to work together"* –Temple Grandin

practice with addition and subtraction including regrouping (carrying over) and working on memorizing multiplication facts (0-12).

At home, please continue to have students practice their reading fluency and stamina by setting aside at least 20 minutes of sustained reading each night. Stay healthy, enjoy your summer, and be safe!

Third Grade Updates

We are so proud of our third grade scholars and how nicely they adjusted to distance learning! Congratulations on a great fourth quarter. In reading our scholars should continue to work hard on expanding their comprehension skills, increasing their vocabulary, and developing fluency. Through the use of the Scholastic App (Literacy Pro), found on each scholar's Clever page they'll be able to ensure they get the practice they need over summer to be even more prepared for the fourth grade. Continue to build upon reading skills with the infusion of science and social studies practice activities in Scholastic which will help build these crucial content areas.

In math, students should continue to review multiplication/division along with addition/subtraction, using word problems whenever possible. This will help prepare the students for fourth grade curriculum. We are very proud of the effort put forth and are thankful to all parents for their continued support. Have a nice summer! Stay safe and healthy!

Fourth Grade Updates

Fourth grade scholars and parents, we have survived our distance learning experience and are headed into summer! We would like to give you some tips on how to help reduce the "Summer Slide." **"Experts agree that children who read during the summer gain reading skills, while those who do not often slide backward."** Encourage your child to read 20 minutes per day or 2-3 hours per week. Reading 4 to 6 chapter books during the summer has been shown to prevent reading loss! Another option can be listening to audiobooks. Discuss the books with your child and ask questions about what they read. Math in 5th grade will be a challenge. Give your child a head start by strengthening multiplication skills by multiplying 3-digit by 3-digit numbers. Also, brush up

Calling all Interested Dolphin Volunteers



How can you become a volunteer?

- Complete and submit a volunteer application. <https://www.browardschools.com/volunteerapplication>
- Check application status. Wait one week and contact the school or department you selected to check your approval status.
- Get a volunteer badge at SCE.

on those long division skills as well. Learning place value up to the hundred millions place will be helpful. Perhaps, use magazines or newspapers for scavenger hunts to find challenging words or math concepts. Cook with your child. Have your child follow a recipe because this enhances both reading and math. Lastly, iReady will be available to your child over the summer. It is important to spend at least 60 minutes per week in reading and math to review skills taught in school. Parents, we thank you for all that you do, especially for giving us your continued support and patience. Have a safe and healthy summer! Below are educational websites that you may find useful.

Reading

<https://www.weareteachers.com/4th-grade-websites/>

Math

<http://illuminations.nctm.org/Games-Puzzles.aspx>

<http://www.funbrain.com/>

<http://www.aplusmath.com/> <http://pbskids.org/cyberchase/math-games/>

<http://www.gregtangmath.com/> <http://www.coolmath4kids.com/>

<http://bedtimemath.org> <http://www.playkidsgames.com./> <http://www.coolmath.com./> <http://www.figurethis.org./index.html>

<http://resources.oswego.org/games/mathmagician/cathymath.html>

<http://xtramath.org/>

Worksheets to Practice Math:

<http://www.gregtangmath.com/>

<http://www.commoncoresheets.com/>

Fifth Grade Updates

Our fifth-grade scholars did it! Although the 4th quarter was unusual and unforgettable, as we look back at the year, we have lots of memories of our time shared together. These memories include past field trips (JA Biztown), field day, class parties, and discussions with peers in the classroom, at lunch and recess. These memories will be treasured forever. Throughout the fourth quarter in our virtual learning, in ELA we continued to work on mastering past standards striving for 100% mastery, as we better prepared ourselves to leave the Castle and enter into Middle School.

In math, we concluded our work on fractions with like and unlike denominators as well as fractions greater than one, as we spiral reviewed through past standards and practiced our transition into 6th grade math standards.

In science we reviewed standards taught in all elementary grades and introduced greater extensions in learning.

Congratulations to all our scholars on all your hard work! We are proud of your accomplishments. Thank you, parents, for your support. Continue to use resources such as Scholastic, Think Central, and Stemscores while relaxing this summer. Best wishes in middle school.

Guidance News

Our Sea Castle Scholars did it! We moved through these final months of school with new uncertainties and faced them head on showing our Dolphin pride by exhibiting all of our character traits learned this year. As we enter into summer it is important to maintain those character traits and continue to focus on important ways that we can help others and show what amazing scholars we are.

As the school counselor, Mrs. Lopez is excited to offer a Canvas course designed to help our scholars. Please copy and paste the link below so your child can enroll in the Canvas course. The course has Social Emotional learning (SEL) activities, mindfulness fun and exercises, read aloud books and videos that can be used throughout the summer.

<https://browardschools.instructure.com/enroll/LRTMN6>

For Mindfulness Activities visit: <https://browardschools.instructure.com/courses/868545>

Intervention is the best Prevention!

The Family Counseling Program (FCP) is providing tele-therapy for any family interested. Services will continue throughout the summer. Calls are received from 8:00am to 3:00pm, all calls are FREE and CONFIDENTIAL, for immediate help dial 211. The FCP believes that a mentally healthy student learns better. Research has found that when someone experiences emotional difficulty they may suffer repercussions that lead to problems in their general daily functioning. <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/34812>

Taking Care of Ourselves

The three most important areas of self-care:

1. **Sleep** - You should be getting or trying to get at least 8 hours of sleep! Avoid sleeping too much every day!
2. **Physical Exercise** - We all need to move. Movement can be fun. Do things you enjoy to help add movement (play outside, run, walk, dance in your room, etc.).
3. **Healthy Diet** - This isn't about weight loss! Remember to eat food that provides nutrients (fruits, vegetables, proteins, etc.).

Ways to Encourage Positive Thinking at Home

Gratitude List: Create a list of all the things you are grateful for. When you think of something new, put it on your list! Keep this list somewhere that you will see it every day and multiple times a day such as on your fridge, hang it on your bedroom door, put it on a big mirror, anywhere where you will be reminded of all the things to be grateful for.

Fill Your Bucket: How can you be a bucket filler? Doing good deeds for people or even just offering a smile can help make someone's day. By being kind and doing good deeds for others, it also boosts our mood and can make us feel better. Think of ways that you can be a bucket filler this week.

Board Games: Board games are a great way to teach and model social emotional skills such as sportsmanship, taking turns, being kind, being patient, and being fair. Talk with your child about these skills and encourage/praise them when they are using these skills. Also, just have fun!

We hope you're all staying healthy and managing your emotions during this time.

Have a safe and relaxing summer!

MEDIA AND SPECIALS NEWS

A special note to teachers and scholars, while we don't know when schools will be open, please be sure to bring ALL media books checked out back on the day of return. We still need to log the books for inventory and this will help to reduce any fines or obligations on the student or teacher record.

Title I News

Parents will continue to be updated with SAC news and information through our school webpage and an invite to our next SAC meeting (TBD) will be sent for input on the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan with the Title I Plan (Addendum), 2020-2021 School level Parent and Family Engagement Plan, and 2020-2021 Parent-School Compact.

Any suggestions and input for the 2020-2021 School Improvement Plan with Title I Plan (Addendum) can be sent to our Title I Liaison Mrs. Hernandez at Madelyn.Hernandez@browardschools.com to be included in the forthcoming SAC meeting. **BCPS has launched a Summer Digital Learning Playground at: browardschools.com/Page/53195**

Please remember to update all contact information to ensure all messages, emails, and phone calls are received for student account information.

Congratulations to Mrs. Olivares and Mrs. Covert on retirement! We will definitely miss you!

