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Minutemen Messenger



For the Parents, Students and Community of Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

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Principal's Message

Hello Minutemen,

We are halfway through quarter two of the 2023-2024 school year, and it is a great time to be a Minuteman! The second nine weeks is a busy time of year on campus, with students focusing on learning new content while simultaneously using assessment data to continue striving for mastery of course material. This is the time for students to buckle down academically and make a strong push to finish the semester off on a high note.

The second nine weeks also brings about the end of our fall sports and the beginning of our winter sports. The following pages are filled with some of the bright spots of our year thus far. Many clubs and athletic teams are winning championships and collecting trophies! We also have many students that are recognized for their hard work in various areas both academically and athletically.

We are very excited to have had our groundbreaking ceremony for our new Aqua Science lab! The Cocoa Beach Aqua Science (CBAS) program began in August and is

a great educational opportunity for students interested in researching and solving problems related to the Indian River Lagoon. Our students will gain valuable hands-on experience once our new facility is built as well as have the opportunity to earn industry certifications, preparing them to be leaders in the field upon graduation.



Thank you all so much for being a part of this wonderful community,

and please let us know how we can continue to support you and your student through this year and beyond! Don't forget to check out our website and Facebook page for more information about all the great things happening at The Beach! We wish you the best this holiday season.

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Tim Powers, Principal



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September Students of the Month

These young people were chosen by their teachers for exhibiting the characteristics of the Learner Profile. September's characteristic was **Caring: We show empathy, compassion and respect. We have a commitment to service, and we act to make a positive difference in the lives of others and in the world around us.**



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Art Calendar Contest

The Interact Club teamed up with Cocoa Beach Rotary to create a 2024 Art Calendar based on the theme "Create Hope in the World."

The calendar features artwork from a schoolwide art contest. Featured artists include: Isabella Mejia, Pearl Boyd, Julia Martinez Carrion, Erin Brown, Olivia Decoteau, Griffin Dock, Maya Molloy, Seven (Nanami) Clouser, Emma Wyman, Isaac Murrell, Elise Spilos; and cover winner, Katie Watters.



Profits from calendar sales will fund club service projects for the school and community. Calendars will cost \$12 each, or 2 for \$20, will be available for purchase by Thanksgiving weekend, and make great Christmas gifts. Contact Madison Schaible, Interact Club President, for more details.

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Marine Lab Key Largo Field trip

For the second year in a row, a group of more than 40 Cocoa Beach students attended a Marine Science field trip in the Florida Keys. Lead by CBHS biology teacher Mr. Ebright, the students and chaperones spent 3 days & 2 nights studying the Key Largo local ecosystems through snorkel excursions, field labs,

classroom activities, all while participating in ongoing field research and data collection. The whole group had a blast and brought back many lessons that will be applied to protecting our local ecosystem, even here on school grounds. A big thank you to Mr. Barto, Ms. Beck, Mr. Haring, & Mrs. Soto for chaperoning yet again!



Want to Become a BPS Volunteer? We Need You!

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What is a Registered Volunteer able to do?

Registered Volunteers are able to work in the classroom, work one on one with students, assist with athletic coaching, help office staff with filing and copying, work in the Library/Media Center, work concession stands for athletic events, and attend in-county and out-of-county field trips as chaperones.

You must be fingerprinted and cleared before volunteering. There is no charge for fingerprinting at this time. Here's where to go for fingerprinting.

BPS Educational Services Facility – Office of District and School Security:
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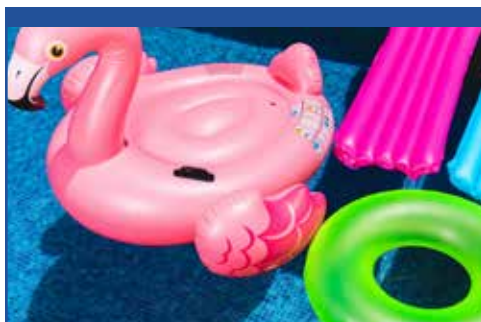
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If you're currently an active Registered Volunteer, keep in mind you must renew your status before it expires at a cost of just \$8.00 annually, which can be taken care of at District Security or on the BPS website.

Applicants will be notified upon approval of their application.

In order to be fingerprinted, what do I bring to the Office of District and School Security?

- A valid driver license or state identification card.
- Please consider becoming a volunteer. For any questions, call 321-783-1776, ext. 23026 or 23003.
- You may also contact District Security at 321-633-1000.



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JROTC News

Since August, our JROTC Cadets have been extremely busy but have handled the beginning of the year in an exceptional manner. Our JROTC Raiders began training in August, and their hard work is paying off. Our Raiders have won their first two meets this year and are set to defend their District Championships. Billy Day leads our Male team, Ali Jo Tuggle and Raegan Fish lead our Ladies, and Blake Anderson, Hannah Burger, and Juan Herrera lead our Mixed teams. After our District meet, our Teams dominated the competition. Our Lady Raiders placed first for the six-time straight, and our Male team finished first as well; this is the fourth time in a row as District Champions for the Male team. Our Mixed teams placed second and third, respectively, in the toughest division. These are the toughest athletes in CBHS, and their discipline and athleticism paved the way for their success.

We have conducted two Cadet of the Month Boards for our first-year students, and I am proud to announce our two current Cadets of the Month, Zanna Paraskevas and Sasha Paraskevas. This is the first time in JROTC that we have had back-to-back siblings winning Cadet of the Month. This board is challenging to meet as a new student, but both are exceptional.

Our Rifle Program started early this year, and I am incredibly proud to have had over twenty Cadets try out for our Rifle Program. Cadet Durham leads our Rifle team and will compete within our District as they prepare to return to the State Championships in December.

We have had a busy time maintaining our volunteer efforts. Our Color Guard presented the Colors for multiple community organizations, led the Homecoming Parade, and presented for each of our home football games. Our Cadets supported the Cocoa Beach "Fall into Winter" 5KM race. In addition, we are in the middle of planning for this year's Veteran's Day ceremony, which will be held on the 9th of November.

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Teaching Out-of-Field at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

Please be advised that the following faculty members are teaching out-of-field in the certification area noted, for the 2023-2024 school year at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School:

- Jinny Glas (Out of Field – Social Studies)
*Certified in Business Education (6th - 12th grade)
- Jesse Grey (Out of Field – Agriculture)
*Certified in Chemistry (6th – 12th grade)
- Autumn Wilson (Out of Field – Spanish)
*Certified in French (6th – 12th grade)

CBHS teachers meet all the State requirements to teach in public schools. The out-of-field teachers are either working toward certification in the subject area needed or have recently completed the requirements for the Florida Department of Education to process their additional subject area. This notification is a Department of Education requirement for the state of Florida. Please feel free to contact us if you have any questions regarding a teacher's qualifications at 321-783-1776.



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Boys Golf

Carson Sisler, 9th grade, won individual champion honors by sinking a 20-foot par putt on the first hole of a sudden death playoff at Viera East Country Club. Carson has had several under par rounds this season and shot even par 72 at the Boys 1A District 7 golf tournament to earn an individual spot at the region tournament on October 31, 2023.

Girls Golf

What a PHENOMENAL season for the Cocoa Beach Girls Golf Team! Our Championship Team consisting of Ava Weido, Julia Dillon, Baylin Parra, Victoria Deese and Jasalin Hope represented us with pride and grace at the District Tournament hosted at Timacuan Golf Club on October 18th! Ava Weido had an amazing round of 84 which allowed her to advance to Regionals hosted at Cocoa Beach Country Club on November 1st! Great job ladies! We are so proud of you all!!



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Cross Country

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Important Dates

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| November 10 | Veterans' Day (no school) |
| November 20-24 | Thanksgiving Break (no school) |
| December 20-22 | Exam Days (early release) |
| December 25-29 | Winter Break (no school) |
| January 1-5 | Winter Break (no school) |
| January 9 | First Day of Second Semester |
| January 15 | Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday (no school) |
| February 19 | Teacher Work Day (no school) |
| March 15 | Teacher Work Day (no school) |
| March 25-29 | Spring Break (no school) |
| April 22 | Teacher/Student Holiday (no school) |
| May 22-24 | Exam Days (early release) |