

# Minutemen Messenger



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

## Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

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### Friday

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## A Message from the Principal

Hello Everyone,

We are entering the final stages of what has been a great year. Despite all of the hurdles before us, our students and staff have been able to provide meaningful learning experiences and many accomplishments - several of which are chronicled in the pages of this newsletter.

I continue to be amazed at the generous spirit of our students. They give so much of their time to better the lives of those around them. The International Baccalaureate (IB) Learner Profile includes the attribute of caring - with a commitment to service and action to make a positive difference in the work around us. But it is not just our IB students who demonstrate this call to action. Two great examples are the partnership with the Surfrider Foundation to maintain and protect our coastline and the recent Dance Marathon fundraiser.

Well over 50 students have volunteered on a Saturday morning in each of the past few months, to meet with representatives of the Surfrider Foundation to clean up beaches and plant Sea Oats. That's right - teenagers up early on a Saturday morning, caring for the environment. The commitment to help others was also evident with our second annual Dance Marathon. Our students planned and put on the Dance Marathon and raised over \$12,000 dollars for the Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. The efforts of these students, coupled with the support for our community led to an incredible event. **GO BEACH!**

*Mark J. Rendell*



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## Outstanding Colleagues At Cocoa Beach!

In honor of our outstanding colleagues at The Beach, we wish to congratulate our **Teacher of the Year KEVIN EBRIGHT**, our District winner for **Rookie Teacher of the Year MEGAN FERNANDEZ**, our school representative for **Rookie Teacher of the Year RYAN HARING** and our District finalist for **School Employee of the Year LISA PELOQUIN**.

The School District hosted its annual "ABC Awards" virtually this year and was streamed live over the internet. All of them are more than deserving of this honor and recognition. We are very proud of their hard work and making Cocoa Beach JSHS an amazing place to be! Congratulations!



Kevin Ebright



Megan Fernandez



Ryan Haring



Lisa Peloquin

## CBHS and The Surfrider Foundation

Our students participated in Sea Oat Planting this past Saturday at 1st Street North, Cocoa Beach. This was an event organized by the Surfrider Foundation and the City of Cocoa Beach. About 40 of our students participated and did a wonderful job. **Mr. Kellam** and **Mrs. Roselip** were there to support our students and we were so proud of their work and conduct. Go Beach!

### Beach Erosion Project Happening in Cocoa Beach

Volunteers built sand dunes along Cocoa Beach on Saturday to replenish the area and combat erosion

### Check out the Fox35 News clip!

<https://www.fox35orlando.com/video/895534>

## New Water Fountains



### NEED YOUR INPUT!

Have you discovered the two new SGA water fountains? One is by the gym and the other is in Building 15. Please scan the QR code here or at the water fountains and take the survey. Sign in with your school email. The county is trying to decide if this is the right fountain and if it is, they will install more! Your voice counts in a countywide decision so please take the quick survey after you have used the fountain.



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## Get Your Cocoa Beach Swag!

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**Thank you for your support!**

The link to access the Cocoa Beach Store is:

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## Library Media Center News

The week of January 25-29 was Literacy Week in the Library Media Center and it was a hit! A shout out to all the winners for our LMC trivia raffles:

- Alyssa Clifford
- Ethan Iverson
- Pallas Baiter
- Kiarra Terwilliger
- Bella Letizio
- Tyler Coe
- Jordan Hecklinger

A big "Thank You" to all the teachers and students for their participation and celebrating literacy week.



Gwen Colburn relaxing with a book



Mr. Carpenter reading to his class

## Contact Us

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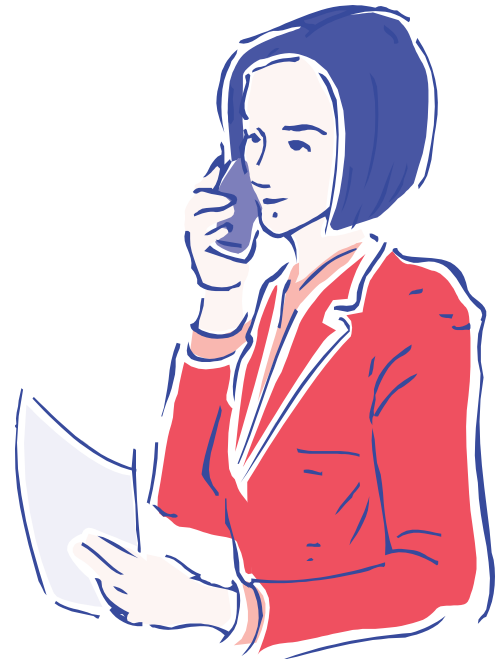
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Library Media Center - x 23099

Tech Specialist - x 23014



## 50th Year Reunion

**FROM THE CLASS OF 1971**

Mark Your Calendars and Spread the Word about this Event!



- **Event:** CBHS Class of 1971 - 50th Reunion
- **When:** Friday and Saturday, November 19th and 20th, 2021
- **Where:** Kick-off Friday night 11/19 at The Tiny Turtle on Minuteman Causeway
- **Time:** 6:00 p.m.
- **Saturday, Nov. 20th:** We will have an event at the Cocoa Beach Pavilion at 2 p.m.
- **Facebook Page:** Class of 1971 Cocoa Beach High School 50th Reunion
- **Cost:** No entry fee, just buy your own food and drinks
- **Committee Members:** Include Jim Dale, CB resident and Cathy Jones (Lemper)
- **Contact:** Laura Phillips (Bennett) 407-701-5454 or [laura@bennettandco.com](mailto:laura@bennettandco.com)



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# Students of the Month

## CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH!

These young people were chosen by their teachers for doing the right thing and exhibiting all of the characteristics of Beach Pride! Each Student of the Month receives a "dry fit" T-shirt and a yard sign to display proudly on their front lawn provided by a local business partner. Thanks for our support!

We are so proud of each and every one of these students! #1CocoaBeach. Always Beach Pride!



Always Beach Pride!

## JANUARY 2021 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Abernethy, Griffin  
Armenteros, Elle  
Basily, Melissa  
Boeje, Lea  
Boone, Lauren  
Brizendine, Preston  
Carr, Adam  
Ceccarani, Giavanna  
Clausen, Cainen

Connors, Ava  
Dick, Sydney  
Dixon, Luci-Ella  
Dowd, Savannah  
Eberhardt, Nickolaus  
Elliott, Xayvion  
Furton-Sparks, Kira  
Gallant, Rhys  
Gilbertson, Shayde

Green, Joshua  
Harmon, Ashley  
Horton, Nathan  
Ilievska, Ana-Marija  
Kruger, Jacob  
Lambert, Greg  
Liberal, Francisco  
McCabe, Daniel  
Michetti, Calla

Murrin, Maddox  
Pearson, Kyle  
Perez-Ortiz, Geanna  
Piasecki, Maggie  
Pryzgod, Nolan  
Redd, Leila  
Romano, Olivia  
Schildknecht, Mackenzie  
Todorovic, Malinda

Vangoethem, Sarah  
Vega, Araceli  
Vicidomini, Ava  
Waryk, Megan  
Widick, Elena  
Wilson, Hayden

## FEBRUARY/MARCH 2021 STUDENTS OF THE MONTH

Anderson, Blake  
Bartlett, Aiden  
Bennett, Gareth  
Braddock, Shai  
Brown, Andrew  
Burson, Cooper  
Carr, Olivia  
Catledge, Eleanore  
Clifford, Samantha  
Dhople, Amira

Fitch, Virginia  
Flanigan, Ethan  
Forsyth, Aubry  
Fuchs, Griffen  
Galzerano, Jake  
Guldi, Desiree  
Hacker, Alex  
Hitchins, Jordan  
Jeyaseelan, Robert  
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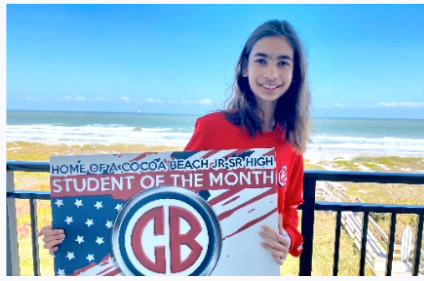
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Kruger, Aurora  
Lanza, Felipe  
Lanza, Nico  
Lee, Wei  
Lopez, Camila  
Mason, Shaylean  
Mattson, Jack  
Mazzoni, Giuliana  
Meetre, Luke

Meetre, Sam  
Mutter, Marlena  
O'Harrow, Alana  
Perkins, Lena  
Potter, Ainslee  
Power, Logan  
Raines, Jackson  
Raya, Randy  
Redd, Reese  
Schmidt, Kayla

Shaffer, Jessie  
Slaven, Gabe  
Trent, Trevyn  
Weido, Ava  
Whitney, Sunshine  
Wyman, Emma



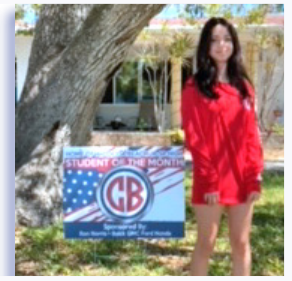
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Amira Dhople



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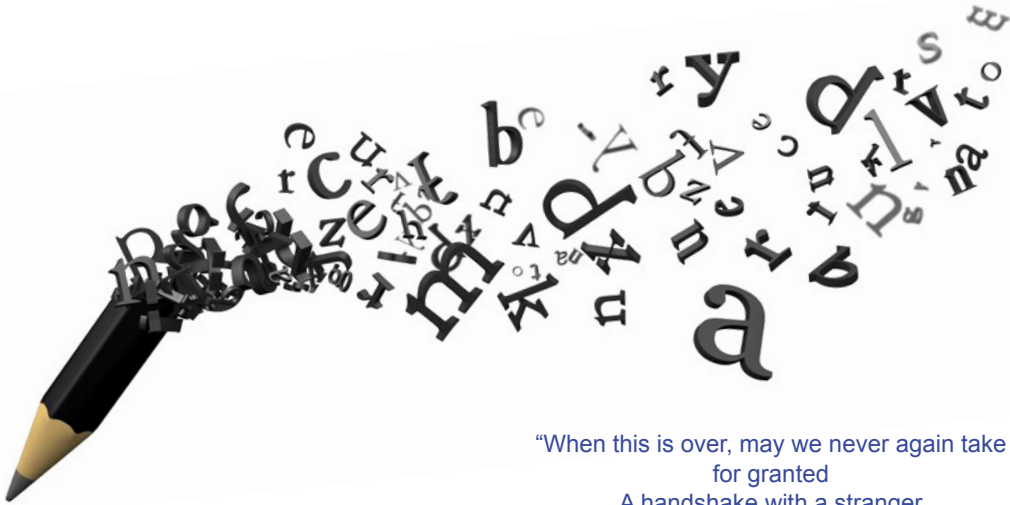
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### SERVICES

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- Acupuncture

## Keep on Reading!

What is most important is to encourage students to continue to live as readers and writers. Reading and writing are ways to bring comfort in times of difficulty, upsetting events, or into the unknown as we all have experienced this pandemic school year. Read plentifully the books they enjoy. Write in abundance the things they need and want to write about. Find solace in poetry. Poetry, like writing, is healing. It improves our physical and mental health. Write it by finding the words to paint into life and share it with others.



### I Am From...

I am from the hardships of life,  
But with my loving family of two sisters  
My Mom and my Grandma to support me,  
I am from the hopes and dreams of any person,  
To strive, to believe and to persevere...

(Unknown Student)

### Beach Pride

**Cocoa Beach** has its own unique feel.

A fabric of color and smell,  
Saltwater, white sand, and waves  
With rockets shooting up in the background.  
The minutemen love this feeling.  
We experience it every day.  
The beach gives us pride,  
Our willingness to work hard,  
Our ability to never give up,  
And our power to achieve success.  
These qualities are embodied at the beach.

### Beach Pride!

(Former CBHS Student)

"When this is over, may we never again take  
for granted

A handshake with a stranger  
Full shelves at the store  
Conversations with neighbors  
A crowded music concert  
Friday night out  
The taste of popcorn at the movies  
A routine checkup  
The school rush each morning  
Hanging with friends  
Family birthday parties  
The stadium roaring  
Each deep breath  
A boring Tuesday  
Life itself.  
When this ends  
may we find  
that we have become  
more like the people  
we wanted to be  
we were called to be  
we hoped to be  
and may we stay  
that way — better  
for each other  
because of the worst."

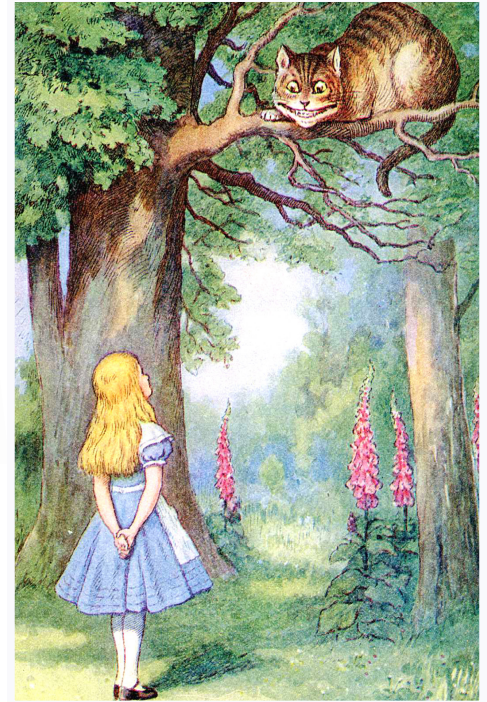
(Harry Baker, *World Slam Poetry Champion*)

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## A Big Thank You!

We thank the **Cocoa Beach Woman's Club** for their donation of eleven pair of men's Vans shoes for students in need. **Marilyn Grigsby**, a member of the Cocoa Beach Woman's Club, dropped off the donation of these very popular shoes. We will make sure they go to students who will appreciate having them.



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## Fundraisers



### Track Fundraisers

The track at our football stadium is set to be renovated this summer. The district will refurbish the current asphalt track and bring it up to competitive standards. Our community is raising funds to add a rubberized surface to the track, similar to what is in place at some neighboring schools. A community group called "Get on Track" is raising funds for this cause. The Minutemen Muster 5K was held on Sat., March 27th and it was a great success. Many students and staff participated in the race, with many winning awards. Teacher **Mr. Piaskowy** was the top runner overall and student **Ian Kalra** placed 3rd overall. Student **Marissa Ricks** was the 2nd overall female runner while teacher **Mrs. Davis** was the 3rd overall female runner. Other students and teachers also won awards. Students **Isaac Cerveny, Caleb Bonnell, Tommy Tibbetts, Joey Vicidomini, Reed Fish, Kira Furton-Sparks, Hannah Butler Sarah Ogden, Reese and Leila Redd** all placed in their age groups. Teachers **Mr. Barto, Mr. Bell, Mr. Link, Ms. Granier, Ms. Haley, Mrs. Murrin, and Ms. Wright** also all placed in their age groups. Great job everyone!



## CBHS Commemorative Bricks

### BE A PART OF THE COCOA BEACH JR./SR. HIGH SCHOOL LEGACY BY PURCHASING A COMMEMORATIVE BRICK IN OUR STADIUM. HERE'S HOW:

**Commemorative Bricks:** The entryway to the track area will have a series of brick pavers. You can purchase a "brick" that will be placed in the entry way.

Here is a video about the bricks:

<https://www.cbhsgetontrack.com/brick-fundraiser>

Here is the website to order bricks:

<https://polarengraving.com/kiwanisclubofcocoabeach>



Our engraved brick fundraiser gives you the opportunity to support "Get On Track" while leaving a lasting legacy in the school stadium. Commemorate a graduation or honor family and friends. Celebrate students, alumni, faculty, teams, clubs, graduation classes and community partners with personalized bricks.  
**THANKS FOR YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT!**

## Brevard Public Schools COVID-19 Dashboard

Visit [www.brevardschools.org/COVID-19](http://www.brevardschools.org/COVID-19). This website is designed to house information for parents, students, faculty and our community. Helpful items include:

- COVID-19 District Dashboard. Search by individual schools.
- Latest district news as it relates to the COVID-19 pandemic
- Student and staff health and safety protocols
- Fact Sheets and information from the CDC, AAP and other authorities
- COVID-19 videos and other useful resources

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- How to create a parent account
- Viewing student grades and report cards
- Tracking assignments



## Congratulations to our JROTC Drill and Color Guard Teams!

For the 5th year in a row we are District Champions!

A job well done by all of our teams! With special recognition to our Drill and Color Guard Commanders: Aubrey Forsyth, Kaitlyn Staddie, Lily Nemschick, Lauren Ferreira, Sebastian Widick, Eoin Ridgeway, Derrick Foster and Nico Lanza. Job Well Done! **Go Beach!**



## Exciting News About Our CBHS Art Students

From Our Secondary Visual Art Instructor, Megan Fernandez

Students Sofia Belin, Blue Dunsworth, and Kiki McGuire participated in the County Commissioners Cultural Support Grant Program titled "Master Painters". This program is sponsored through Brevard County Office of Tourism and facilitated through the Brevard Cultural Alliance. Their artwork will be hanging in the Central Brevard Library on 308 Forrest Avenue in Cocoa through the month of March. Check out their paintings below. **Go Beach!**



Blue Dunsworth



Sofia Belin



Kiki McGuire

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## Bell Schedule 2020~2021

8:45 - 10:15	1st Block
10:20 - 11:50	2nd Block
11:55 - 1:55	3rd Block/Lunch
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11:55-12:25	A Lunch
Class 12:25-1:55	
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12:40 - 1:10	B Lunch
Class 1:10-1:55	
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1:25 - 1:55	C Lunch
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2:00 - 3:30	4th Block

## 2020~2021 Bell Schedule Friday

8:45 - 9:45	1st Block
9:50 - 10:50	2nd Block
10:55 - 11:35	Homeroom
11:40 - 1:10	3rd Block/Lunch
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11:40-12:10	A Lunch
Class 12:10-1:10	
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12:10-12:40	B Lunch
Class 12:40-1:10	
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12:40-1:10	C Lunch
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1:15 - 2:15	4th Block

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To Addressee or Current Resident

## Second Annual Dance Marathon For Children's Miracle Network

Although February 20th, 2021 was a chilly day in Brevard County, students from Cocoa Beach High School warmed the hearts of many, hosting their Second Annual Dance Marathon benefitting Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. Dance Marathon is a movement for Children's Miracle Network Hospitals and happens to be the only foundation that ensures 100% of funds are dispersed locally in support of local kids to provide them with crucial medical care. Additionally, the organization is entirely student run, proving meaningful leadership and teamwork experience to the student body.

Cocoa Beach began participating in Dance Marathon in 2019, hosting their first culmination event in February 2020, raising approximately \$7,100 for Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children. This year we had a bold goal of raising \$10,000 by the end of the event and despite our small school size, we were determined to reach it. Our students went around the county looking for businesses to sponsor the event, discovering 18 generous businesses willing to donate. Each Dance Marathon participant also set up a donor drive account to raise funds. The Dance Marathon team chose games and entertainment that met CDC guidelines. The activities were also approved by the Infectious Disease Unit at Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children.

After months of planning, on February 20th, Dance Marathon took place. With a busy schedule timed down to the minute, the event began at 4:00 PM, outdoors in the commons at CBHS with masks were required at all times. Attendees were encouraged to remain standing for the entirety of the event as a sign of respect to the children fighting pediatric illness that are confined to their hospital beds. At the top of every hour, the designated Dance Team taught a line dance to get people hyped up for the hour ahead. Additionally, students watched several Mission Moments, stories from children and parents that received treatment from Arnold Palmer Hospital for Children, creating a better understanding of purpose behind Dance Marathon. Jeannie and Jared, dance teachers from MyHipHopFit taught two energetic and powerful dance classes throughout the event. Students also played games, had a lip sync battle, and finished the night off with a socially distanced "rave." When the event ended at 10:00 PM, awards were given to top fundraisers including Rhys Gallant and Julia Dillon. In total, Cocoa Beach High School fundraised an unbelievable \$12,412.47 to save local children's lives, well surpassing their original goal.

The Dance Marathon team at Cocoa Beach High School is proud to dance for

those who can't, changing the lives of children who need it most. CBHS, NJHS, and the upperclassmen representatives would like to give a special thank you to all of their business sponsors\*, Nothing Bundt Cakes, and each and every individual who made Dance Marathon possible this year, allowing miracles to be made for the kids, and guaranteeing no child fights pediatric illness alone.



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