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# 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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### Administration

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## Principal's Message

Hello Minutemen,

Welcome to the 2023-2024 school year! I am very excited to become the principal of this outstanding school. As I have settled in since June 1, I have gotten an opportunity to meet some of our amazing teachers, staff, students, parents, and community members. To say I have been blown away would be an understatement. I am eager to embrace the rich traditions at Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High and look forward to building on the positive school culture that is currently in place.

I am proud to announce that the IB results posted for 2023, and we had several teachers with 100% of their students pass their test(s). Our overall IB diploma rate was 81%. Great job, Minutemen!

We had a very busy summer here at Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High. Summer school was a success, but we also were able to host several other unique opportunities: Drivers Education, Tent & Primitive Camping Workshop, Broadway on the Beach, and STEM camp.

**The first day of school is August 10, 2023. We will hold our traditional Minutemen Muster (registration) on August 3, 2023.**

I am looking forward to meeting all our students and families over the coming weeks and serving this community as principal. If you ever need anything from me, please do not hesitate to reach out; my door is always open. Enjoy the end of summer, and GO BEACH!

*Tim Powers*

Principal



# Cocoa Beach



## Home of the Minutemen



### CONTACT US

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### Front Office Staff

*Lori Murrin* - Bookkeeper, x 23004

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### Counselors

*Carleen Mackin* - Counselor, x 23023

*Christi Beck* - Counselor, x 23024

*Steve Loufek* - Counselor, x 23025

### Career & College Specialist

*James Fowler* - x 23098

### IB Program

*Matt Kellam* - IB Coordinator, x 23131

*Tyler Moyer* - MYP Coordinator, x 23091

**Clinic** - X 23010

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**Tech Specialist** - x 23014



## Floating Dock Update

We've been working hard on getting our floating dock going. Mr. Ebright spent an afternoon measuring the lagoon floor to help develop the final product. The floating dock will be an immeasurable asset for the students of Cocoa Beach!

## Girls' Soccer Fundraiser

Orlando Pride invites all Cocoa Beach athletes, students, friends, and family to our matches against Washington Spirit and the Houston Dash. By purchasing through this link, you will receive a discount off the single-match rate and a portion of each sale will go back to our Cocoa Beach Girls' Soccer fund.

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## Mr. Carpenter Has Moved to a New Classroom!

He is now in building 14 right next door to Mrs. Buckley. The room is a combined lab and classroom with well over three times the space he had in 5-102. He is looking forward to creating many exciting experiences for his new 7th graders. He encourages all to come by and say hi in the new lab.



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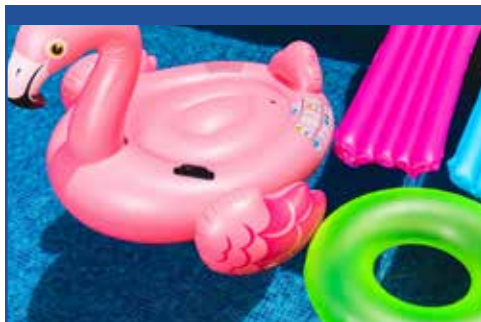
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## Orchestra News

The orchestra people are spending time honing their skills at various camps this summer. Mrs. Watters is at French Woods in New York. Sammy Marquis is on scholarship at the Brevard Music Center in Brevard, North Carolina. Many students took part in Brevard String Academy and Brevard Youth Symphony summer camps. Ajay Balkaran is on scholarship at Green Mountain Music Festival in Vermont studying with Shannon Thomas from FSU. Rosin up your bows and get ready for a great year in orchestra!



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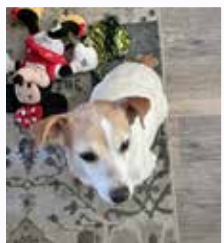
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## Teacher's Pet

Meet your Cocoa Beach teachers' furry, feathery, and scaly family members!



*Mr. Toliver's 9-year-old Jack Russell Terrier, Obi.*



*Mr. Carpenter's granddog – 8-year-old German Wirehaired Pointer – Whisky. She loves chasing anything that moves.*



*Ms. Cseley's DD and Simi (8 & 3 years old), relaxing at the cottage in Canada.*

*Señora Bray's 11-year-old Parson Russell Terrier, Ballyhoo Bray. Profession: Professional hiker Bally's Hall of fame: Hiked in Spain, Georgia, Tennessee, Kentucky, North Carolina, Virginia, Colorado, and Florida.*



*Mrs. Soto's 6-year-old Blue Heeler, Luna; and 3-year-old mix (100% adorable), Rocca.*



*Ms. Mackin's Buddy and Bella.*

*Mr. Buck's 4-year-old Tuxedo cat, Mickey (named after Mickey Mouse). The Bucks found him in their backyard and adopted him into their family.*



*Mr. Barto's snakes, Medusa & Rafter; and dog, Rocky. The left snake is 6 months old – Mr. Barto's class named her Medusa. The dog is Rocky, 10 years old, named by Mr. Barto. The right snake was found at the school two weeks ago. He is a ball python, 4ish months, named Rafter because that's where he was found.*



*Mrs. Watters' 3-year-old Talking Green Cheek Conure, Fiji.*



*Ms. Schlecht's 5-year-old Long Haired Chihuahua, Bellisima.*



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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:  
2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940

Fingerprinting: Monday - Friday

Regular hours: 8:00 am – 4:00 pm

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.

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Thanks very much for your consideration.

### Important Dates

August 10	First Day of School for Students
September 4	Labor Day (no school)
October 16	Teacher Work Day (no school)
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 8	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)



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