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Principal's Message

Hello Minutemen,

I have thoroughly enjoyed my first year as Principal of Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School. As I reflect on the past year, I am filled with a profound sense of gratitude and pride. It has been an honor to serve this wonderful community.

First and foremost, I want to extend my heartfelt congratulations to the graduating class of 2024. Your hard work, determination, and resilience have brought you to this momentous occasion, and I am confident that you are well-prepared to tackle the challenges and opportunities that lie ahead in the real world. As you embark on this new chapter of your lives, remember to stay true to yourselves, pursue your passions, and never stop learning and growing. The future is bright, and I have no doubt that each and every one of you will go on to accomplish great things.

To our underclassmen, I wish you all an unforgettable summer filled with laughter, adventure, and relaxation. Take this time to recharge and rejuvenate, but also seize the opportunity to set goals for the future and lay the foundation for another successful academic year. Whether you're exploring new hobbies, traveling to new places, or simply spending quality time with loved ones, make the most of every moment and cherish the memories you create along the way.

I would also like to take this opportunity to express my sincere gratitude to the entire Cocoa Beach school community for your unwavering support throughout the year. Whether it was cheering on our athletes at sporting events, volunteering your time and talents to support our clubs and organizations, or simply being a source of encouragement and inspiration to our students, your contributions have not gone unnoticed. It is this strong sense of community and collaboration that sets Cocoa Beach apart and makes it such a special place to live, learn, and grow.

As we look ahead to the future, I am filled with optimism and excitement for all that lies ahead. Together, we will continue to strive for excellence in all that we do and empower each and every student to reach their full potential. Thank you for an incredible year, and here's to many more successes in the years to come.

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Tim Powers
Principal



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April Students of the Month

These young people were chosen by their teachers for exhibiting the characteristics of the Learner Profile. September's characteristic was **Inquirers**: *We nurture our curiosity, developing skills for inquiry and research. We know how to learn independently and with others. We learn with enthusiasm and sustain our love of learning throughout life.*



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It's allergy season. Our teachers would appreciate any donations of tissue, hand sanitizer in pump bottles and paper towels. These may be dropped off in our office. Please let us know your student's teacher names when you drop them off. Thank you!

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- Caden Salmon
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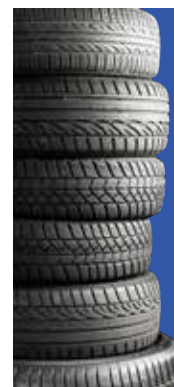
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You must be fingerprinted and cleared before volunteering. There is no charge for fingerprinting at this time but this may soon change at the district office. Here's where to go for fingerprinting

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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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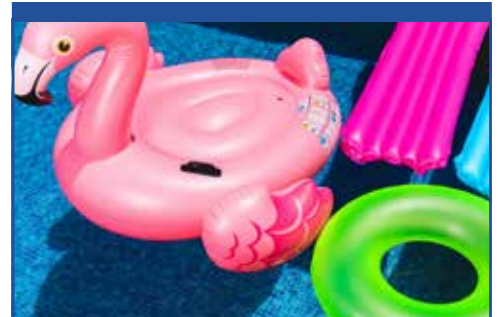
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JROTC News

It is with great pride that I can announce that our Cadets have earned the Best Performing JROTC Program in Brevard County! This is an inaugural award that was presented by the Military Officers Association Cape Canaveral Chapter. This award was presented to next year's Battalion Commander Rhys Gallant. Cocoa Beach JROTC bested fourteen other programs from all services within Brevard County. Criteria for the award were Cadet academic performance, Cadet enrollment, competition results and community involvement. Our Cadets continue to exceed the standard in all manners. We have completed our Spring Leadership Camp where 22 of our Cadets attended JCLC at Camp La No Che. Our Cadets had four days of rappelling, canoeing, archery orienteering and zip lining. Once again, all our Cadets performed in an outstanding manner.

We completed April with our Organization Day where we honored our Cadets performance and announced next year's new leadership team. Next year's Battalion Commander will be Cadet Rhys Gallant, our Executive Officer will be Vittoria Lane and our Cadet Command Sergeant Major will be Cadet Sophia Ricks. We have added a Senior Leader position and next year our Cadet Operations Officer will be Raegan Fish. 1SG Staddie and I are excited for our Senior Class, who all earned their JROTC Leadership cord to be worn at graduation.

As I close out thirteen years here at Cocoa Beach JROTC, I want to thank all of our Cadets, their parents and grandparents, community leaders and the staff and faculty at CBHS. I have thoroughly enjoyed being the Senior Army Instructor here at CBHS.



CBHS Art Show 2024

Congratulations to the following students who were awarded in the school art show: Phoebe Cummings, Olivia DeCoteau, Sasha Paraskevas, Charlotte Dickman, Lorelei Kresslein, Grier Hensley, Lily Molina, Yoleshly Sanchez, Morgan Youngkin, Julia Martinez, Amiyah Moss, Keliana Ziegler, Katie Watters, Shelby Kennerly, Kylee Fitzpatrick, Pearl Boyd, M. Zambrano, Sasha Pannin, Bella Letzio, Josh Jackson, Maya Hornquist, Ajay Balkaran, Chet Nielsen, Olivia Cooper, Olivia Crowley, Emma Wyman, Ana-Marija Ilievska, Ashton Weber, Rene Sanford, Sydney Johnson, Riley Burke, Gabe Graber, Alissa Clifford, Hailey Harper, Asata Riviera, Ellie Scrogam, Kaelin Goslin, Ivy Taylor, Daniel Raya, and Madelyn Eurrasso.

People's Choice Award: Lucina Ingram



Florida Friendly Landscaping (FFL)

On Saturday, April 20, our Green and Growing and National Honors Society clubs hosted a team of students, staff, parents, and community members to further our campuswide Florida Friendly Landscaping initiative. Wielding rakes, pitch forks, shovels, bug spray and determination, more than 30 volunteers dug in to remove "unfriendly" red mulch from the front of the school building to prepare for our new, eco-friendly landscaping.

Many thanks go out to:

- Ken Barto, Sponsors, Green and Growing Club
- Georgann Savage, NHS Sponsor
- Malinda Todorovic, G&G Club President (on the same day as reviews for two IB tests)
- Green and Growing Club members
- NHS members
- Student Government Association members
- Kimberly Demoret, Interact liaison, for her extensive help and supplies
- Mr. Barto's Chemistry students (~20), including supply donations from students who couldn't make it (another 5)
- Ryan Haring, English Teacher
- Kathy King, English Teacher
- Community Volunteers (numerous)

Over the course of five steamy hours, the volunteers came and went as their other commitments and heat endurance allowed, with a heroic 5 sweating it out for the last hour. All were driven by a dedication to community enrichment, a desire to see CBJSHS move closer to landscaping that is friendlier for the environment, and a commitment to do their part to help restore our Indian River Lagoon.

FFL: Cocoa Beach Adopt-a-Plant Drive

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Freedom 7 French Club

Both CBHS and Freedom 7 students came together last Thursday, May 2nd to celebrate the last meeting of the Freedom 7 French Club for the 2024 school year. After learning the French vocabulary, they enjoyed "ordering" from a buffet of yummy French foods, such as baguettes, macarons, and crêpes. Starting last year, Cocoa Beach French Club students have been visiting Freedom 7 once a month to deliver fun French vocabulary and culture lessons. In doing this, we have been creating a great bond between our PYP (IB) neighbor school and our French program, hoping to encourage future French learners! Lessons have included everything from greetings and numbers to Mardi Gras and April Fool's traditions. Our students have a blast getting to connect with younger learners and share what they know, and we plan to make this a partnership that lasts a long time!





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Minutemen Sports



Cross Country

Summer conditioning starts Thursday, June 20th. The details are on the team website (www.BeachXC.com).

Boys Golf Team News

Any student interested in playing on the Boys Varsity Golf Team, please note the following dates:

- July 29, 2024 - First Day of Practice
- May 16, 5:00 PM - Interest Meeting - Cocoa Beach Country Club

Email Coach Wells for more information: wells.vern@brevardschools.org

Beach Football

I just wanted to take a second to thank our Booster Club, players and coaches for an outstanding Spring Football season. Not only did we achieve all of our goals on the field – we continued the domination off the field as well. Fundraisers, car washes, and our golf tournament – it was truly a sprint to the finish line and we couldn't have done it without our amazing village.

We are so excited to kick off our summer football program on June 3rd. They will run weekly on Monday, Tuesday and Thursday from 8-10AM for all rising 7th-12th graders. We will not have summer training from June 28-July 7 and July 21-July 28. The Fall Season officially kicks off on Monday, July 29th. If you have any questions or need any information on our program or how to join – please don't hesitate to email me.

Coach Kimmey
Head Football Coach
Kimmey.ted@brevardschools.org

Girls Golf: End of Summer Tournament

Save the date for our 2nd Annual Girls Golf End of Summer Tournament!
If you are interested in joining the Girls Golf team, contact Ms. Walker at walker.elizabeth@brevardschools.org.



Girls Soccer

We are thrilled to share some fantastic news! Girls' Soccer second-year team captain, Ali Tuggle, has officially committed to play collegiate soccer at Eastern Florida State College. Ali's dedication and talent have earned her a multitude of accolades during her time with the CBHS Minutemen. As a 6-year varsity letterer, recipient of the Leadership Award in 2023 and 2024, Golden Boot (Most Goals Scored), and MVP in 2023 and 2024, her impact on and off the field has been truly remarkable. We couldn't be prouder of Ali and all that she has achieved. Her commitment to the sport and leadership serve as an inspiration to us all. We're incredibly excited to see her continue her athletic journey at the collegiate level and wish her nothing but success in the future!



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Minute(women) Basketball Summer Opportunities

First, let's congratulate our Class of '24, Allie Overdorf and Torrie Dortley! Thank you for your Ignite in our Beach Pride these past many seasons, ladies! Well played leading us to the most wins since 2013, keeping the Battle on the Beach Trophy, and a lot of fun in our journey!

2024-25 promises to be a fantastic time in our sisterhood here at THE BEACH and we welcome all girls enrolled(ing) at Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High School! We hope to see you this summer to experience our Space & Grace culture first hand and BETter Everyday! Here's our summer at our CB Gym:

- Open Gym Fridays: May 10, 17, 25, 3:00-5:00pm

Then after school lets out, we'll host Open Gyms on Mondays and Wednesdays 6-8pm (May 29 to June 24).

We will also participate in MelHi's Summer League on Tuesdays/Thursdays in June, as well as attend Team Camp at UCF on Sunday, June 23.

Coach Swag(gerty) is entering her 9th year coaching here at Cocoa Beach Jr/Sr High, 6th year as our head coach. She has coached basketball (golf, tennis, volleyball) since 1992, previously in PA and TN. Her family moved to Cocoa Beach in 2016 (after many years of Spring Breaking) when daughter, Danica earned a full golf ride at EFSC (inaugural women's golf team) and daughter, Samantha entered 7th grade (Six-Year Minutemen and Varsity Tennis and Basketball). Let's give a shoutout to Samantha Swaggerty '22 graduating from EFSC Welding this month and earning the EFSC Social Change Award!

We look forward to seeing YOU and our new gym floor renovation this summer!

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Volleyball this Summer

This Summer Cocoa Beach High School Volleyball will be having preseason conditioning the weeks of July 15th and July 22nd at Rosevelt Elementary. Please watch the Athletic page for details of days, times and how to sign up.

Medical Clearance forms are due by no later than July 26th if you wish to try out for volleyball.

Also, tryout for Cocoa Beach High School Volleyball will be on July 29th. Freshman will be from 4pm to 5:30pm, JV will be from 5:30pm to 7pm and Varsity will be from 7pm to 9pm. Please come half an hour before the start time to get your tryout number and confirm you are cleared medically and academically for tryouts.

For questions, please contact Coach Jason Taylor at jasont0515@yahoo.com.

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August 12	First day of school
September 2	Labor Day (no school)
October 14	Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday (no school)
November 11	Veterans' Day (no school)
November 25-29	Thanksgiving Break (no school)
December 18-20	Midterm Exams (early dismissal)
December 21-31	Winter Break (no school)
January 1-3	Winter Break (no school)
January 6	School resumes
January 7	End of 1st semester
January 20	MLK Jr. Day (no school)
February 17	Teacher PD Day/Student Holiday (no school)
March 14	Teacher Work Day/Student Holiday (no school)
March 17-21	Spring Break (no school)
April 18	Teacher/Student Holiday (no school)
May 23-28	Final Exams (early dismissal)
May 26	Memorial Day (no school)
May 28	Last Day for Students
May 29	Post Planning/Last Day for Teachers

