



# Minutemen Messenger



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

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## Principal's Message

Hello Minutemen!

As we come to the close of the first six weeks of the school year, I wanted to take a moment to reflect on all that we've accomplished together so far. It's been a fast-paced and productive start, and I couldn't be prouder of our students, teachers, and staff for their dedication to academic excellence and school spirit.

In our classrooms, we've seen tremendous focus on academics, and the results of our PM 1 (Progress Monitoring) testing have been incredibly encouraging. Our students have shown remarkable progress in their learning, and their commitment to improving each day is a testament to the hard work of both our teachers and families. This early success sets a strong foundation for the remainder of the school year, and I am excited to see how we continue to grow and excel academically as we move forward.

Beyond academics, our students have been just as dedicated in their extracurricular activities. Fall sports are now in full swing, and our Minutemen athletes have been giving their all on the course, in the pool, on the field, and on the court. No matter the sport, our students are competing with heart and showing tremendous school pride. I want to commend our student-athletes not only for their efforts in competition but also for balancing the demands of sports and academics. Their dedication and resilience are truly admirable.

I also want to extend a heartfelt thank you to our coaches, teachers, staff, and parents for the support you provide to our students each day. It takes a village to create the kind of school community we have here, and your involvement plays a vital role in our success. Your encouragement, whether it's in the classroom or from the sidelines, makes all the difference in our students' lives.

As we look ahead to the next phase of the school year, I'm excited to see where this journey will take us. We've had a strong start, and I know that with continued focus, hard work, and support from our amazing community, we will achieve great things.

Thank you for your ongoing partnership and dedication to our school. Together, we are building a bright future for our students!

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Tim Powers  
Principal



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Haunting only on October 26th and 27th from 7pm-10pm nightly. \$10 per path.

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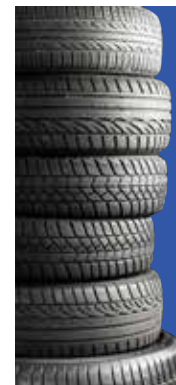
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You must be fingerprinted and cleared before volunteering. There is no charge for fingerprinting at this time, but this may soon change at the district office. Here's where to go for fingerprinting.

BPS Educational Services Facility – Office of District and School Security:

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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.
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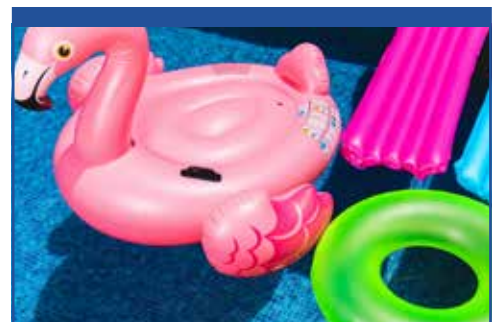
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## Aquadome Ribbon Cutting at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School

Brevard Public Schools (BPS) proudly hosted the official ribbon-cutting for the Aquadome at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School, on Thursday, August 22nd, marking the completion of a state-of-the-art facility that will serve as the centerpiece of the school's expanding Aqua-Science program. This milestone highlights the district's commitment to hands-on learning and environmental science education.

The Aquadome is an engineering marvel, featuring a 3,000 PSI concrete foundation that is 8 inches thick with a 21-inch thickened edge. The structure, a galvanized steel greenhouse with polycarbonate panel coverings, has been specially engineered to withstand coastal conditions, including winds of up to 150 mph. Spanning 1,200 square feet, the facility is designed to provide students with a cutting-edge learning environment.

The construction, from groundbreaking to ribbon cutting, was completed in just 112 days.

The Aquadome houses 12 tanks, each holding approximately 450 gallons of water, for a total capacity of 5,400 gallons. The facility also boasts several state-of-the-art features, including top-of-the-line water piping and pumps, an automatic sunshade system controlled by a thermostat to regulate interior temperatures, and a diesel generator with a 500-gallon fuel tank capable of powering the Aquadome for up to four days in the event of a power outage.

"The Aquadome represents a significant advancement in our Aqua-Science program," said Rachel Rutledge, Director of Career and Technical Education. "Not only does this facility provide our students with the tools they need to excel in environmental and marine sciences, but it also supports our local community's efforts to address environmental challenges like those affecting the Indian River Lagoon."

The Aqua-Science program, which began during the 2023-2024 school year, has quickly gained momentum, with 116 students currently enrolled.

The program includes hands-on learning in the Aquadome and a Floating Classroom, where students collect water and soil samples from the Indian River Lagoon. Last year, 22 students earned an Agriculture Associate industry certification.

The Aquadome at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School stands out for its robust features and cutting-edge design. The facility is poised to prepare students for careers as aqua-culture managers, life support specialists, marine scientists, and environmental scientists. Available certifications include the Agro Associate Certificate, Agro System Certification, Life Systems Support Certification, and Aquaculture Technician Certification.

As Brevard Public Schools continues to expand its educational offerings, the Aquadome at Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School is a shining example of innovation and student success, setting a new standard for environmental science education.

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## World Languages

The World Languages department at CBHS is off to a fantastic start this school year!

The Spanish department is gearing up for Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept 15-Oct 15) and the amazing Hispanic Flamenco Ballet on Sept 17. This incredible professional show will draw students from all over Brevard County to the Cocoa Beach High School Performing Arts Center. It will be an exciting day of Hispanic dance, music, and culture that will take learning Spanish outside of the classroom and onto the stage.

French Club is in full swing! The club meets on Thursdays after school. Each week, club members share food, music, and new and fun vocabulary words or expressions. They have lots of fun community events planned this year, including the International Dinner, the Great Minutemen Bake-Off, and French movie nights! Any student interested in French language and Francophone culture may attend.

Spanish Club kicks off on Sept 11 and meets every Wednesday after school. Our first initiative will be Hispanic Heritage month, and then we will jump into planning for International Dinner. Any student can attend Spanish club and be a part of shaping the club's activities throughout the year!

Finally, we want to congratulate the students who took their IB and AP Language exams this spring and Ms. Larson and Ms. Bray, who prepared them so well! We had excellent results across both languages!

Here's to a great year of language learning! Vamos! On y va!





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## Boys Golf

The Cocoa Beach Minutemen boys golf team has started their season. Led by Senior Nolan Hyatt, the team played through their August schedule with a record of 1-1.

## Beach Football

Congratulations to our Beach Football Program – Varsity, JV & MS – on their kickoff to the 24-25 Fall Season! We've had all three levels in action each week, with over 95+ student-athletes in the program! Business is booming on the BEACH! We look forward to seeing everyone at a game this season! Here is our 2024-25 Varsity Schedule Poster! Please follow our social media profiles and subscribe to our weekly digital program - <https://www.storyoftheseason.com/cocoa-beach-football> - to keep up to date with all things Beach Football! Thank you for all your support so far! BEACH PRIDE!

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*Head Basketball Coach, Coach Romito - Room 5-109*

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OCT 28	VARSITY	7:00-8:15 AM	COCOA BEACH HS
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## Boys Soccer

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**To Addressee or Current Resident**

## Cocoa Beach Wrestling

The Cocoa Beach Jr./Sr. High School Wrestling Team is currently Ranked 5th in the STATE entering the 2024-2025 season. Cocoa Beach currently has 11 wrestlers represented in the individual State Rankings. Please reach out to Coach Chris Kelly with any questions about joining the team for this upcoming season!

### Important Dates (2024-25 School Year)

October 14	Teacher Workday/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 Workday/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

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