

The Cove Chronicle



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October Lunch Menu Entrees:

			1 Cherry Blossom Chicken	2 Mac & Cheese
5 Cheeseburger	6 Chicken Wing	7 Pizza	8 Meat & Golden Queso Nacho	9 Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara
12 Chicken Sandwich	13 Grilled Cheese	14 Pizza	15 Boneless Wings	16 Mini Hot Dog
19 Chicken & Cheese Taquito	20 Roasted Chicken	21 Pepperoni Cheese Bread	22 Tangerine Chicken	23 Mac & Cheese
26 Cheeseburger	27 Chicken Wing	28 Pizza	29 Meat & Golden Queso Nacho	30 Cheese Sticks w/ Marinara

Our First Early Release Day Is December 2nd!

Kona Ice is scheduled for Friday, October 30th. All payment will be pre-paid online starting in October. Details will be sent home soon!



Gentle Reminder

All students need to have a face mask or face shield on upon their arrival at school. Also, at this time we are unable to deliver belongings to students. We cannot take forgotten clothes, backpacks, water bottles, lunches, etc. If a student forgot their lunch at home, they will still be fed a meal at school. Thank you for your understanding and patience at this time.

What's 4 Lunch?

Download the MealViewer App to get school meal calendars on your phone. You can also go to schools.mealviewer.com to sign up.

2019 - 2020 Free and Reduced Meal

Applications are now available online!
Even with all students receiving free meals until December 18th, we encourage **EVERYONE** to apply.

Please visit the school way café web site at:

<https://www.vcsedu.org/>

Click on Parent

Scroll down and click on School Meal Information Click on Free & Reduced Meal Application

USDA Extends Free Meals Through December 18

USDA has extended the meal program that allows all children 18 and younger in schools and the community to eat for free.

Starting Wednesday, September 9, all students attending in-person classes in Volusia County Schools will receive their breakfast and lunch meals at no charge. Additionally, a free, weekly curbside meal service will be provided for children not attending in-person classes. The curbside meals for Manatee Cove are distributed at River Springs. Please visit the district website www.vcsedu.org for more information.



KINDERGARTEN NEWS:

Our Kinder Manatees have had a busy first month of school. Staggered Start was a huge success, as we all enjoyed getting to learn about our school and our new friends. We practiced procedures that will aid us in making our school day safe as we engage in many learning adventures. Our day is filled with listening and interacting with exciting stories. We are practicing letter sounds and letter recognition, along with sight word practice. We are learning about number concepts, all about scientists and the characteristics of a good friend. It has been a "Marvelous Month" here at Manatee Cove Elementary.

FIRST GRADE NEWS:

We are off to a great start! We have been busy with activities to help us get to know each other. We have also been very engaged in science lessons. We've explored germs, our five senses, and even designed boats out of tin foil to see what would float. Next, we will learn about the stars, sun, and moon! In math, we are learning about addition and subtraction. In social studies, we are learning about American Symbols. And of course we are busy learning to become good readers every day!

SECOND GRADE NEWS:

Second grade students are working hard every day. Our Volusia Live students are able to navigate multiple software programs in addition to their regular school work. They have faced some challenges, but are staying positive and continuing to do their best. In science, we have learned about our Earth's surface to include rocks and soil. In math, we have been practicing our addition and subtraction facts to 20. In reading, we have worked on learning how to identify key details, ask and answer questions about a text, identify the characters, setting and events in a story and learning lots of new vocabulary words. In writing, we have learned how to use graphic organizers to support our writing. We are constructing friendly letters and applying our grammar skills to this. In social studies, we are learning about rules and how they are important in our world. In phonics, we are reviewing short and long vowel sounds as well as practicing our sight words. We are committed to making this school year our best yet!

EARLY CHECKOUT POLICY

To avoid unnecessary interruptions during instructional learning for our students during the day, there will be no early checkouts permitted after 2:00pm on a regular school day or 1:30pm on Early Release Wednesday.

Thank you for your understanding and cooperation!

FOURTH GRADE NEWS:

Fourth Grade is fabulous! Live and In Person Students are doing a great job of rising to the challenges before us to embrace learning. We are working on informational writing, lines and angles, text structure observation and inference and beginning to learn about moon phases. Brick and mortar students: Please make sure to restock your child's supplies at home and ensure that they have headphones or earbuds in class for technology at school.

MEDIA CENTER NEWS:

Hello Travelers!

Get your passport ready because this year we are traveling around the world with Waldo in our 2020-2021 theme "Passport to Reading". Waldo is on the loose and the only way we can find him is to open a book! Due to Covid, the Media Center has some new hours and check out procedures. Information about our new Media Center procedures can be found at:

<https://mseunicesclass.weebly.com/>

Students can reserve books by using our Destiny System. Students in grades 2-5 have already been instructed on how to access Destiny. Students in Live can check out books too! They place their hold and then schedule a time to come pick it up in the front office. K-1 students at school will be checking out a book next time they come to media, and Live K-1 parents will want to place a hold with their child on Destiny to make sure they are picking age appropriate books. Please visit the website for more information.

Here is our first "Where in the World is Waldo?" picture! Identify where Waldo is and send a private email to Ms. Eunice to let her know the answer. jmeunice@volusia.k12.fl.us *Hint: Since this month is Hispanic Heritage Month, Waldo is somewhere in South America! All correct answers will get their name displayed on our website, and a small prize delivered to their class or put in the front office for pick up. Let's get ready for a fun year of travel with Waldo. Pack your bags and your books, and let's go!



School Security



The state of Florida requires each school district to develop safety and security standards to ensure all the procedures to follow in the event of a critical incident. Several types of drills must occur during the school year to be in compliance and receive annual certification. These include fires, code red (lockdown, activity off campus), code blue (bomb threat), code yellow (toxic spill), and code green (severe weather). Whenever a drill occurs, we are unable to check students out until the “all clear” is given. We encourage our families to report any unusual or suspicious activities to school officials.

In the event of an emergency, our campus will evacuate the facility. School buses will arrive and transport the students and staff to our primary location at University High School. Our secondary location is River Springs Middle School. A Connect Ed message will go out to parents to inform them of the evacuation and how to collect their children from University High School. Emergency cards, student medications, and emergency care plans, will be taken with us.

If your child is experiencing harassment or bullying, including cyber bullying, or are aware of other students who may be experiencing either of these things, please notify your child’s teacher, the guidance counselor, and/or administration. Once we are made aware of the issues, we will address them and seek to resolve the problem. Our school does have bullying prevention, and harassment and conflict resolution programs to instruct our students and staff on ways to minimize these issues.

Due to COVID-19, we are limiting visitors and volunteers on campus. Any visitor that comes on campus should have an appointment and will have their temperature taken upon arrival and must wear a mask. Parents are not allowed to bring or eat lunch with their child until further notice.

School is in session from 7:50am - 2:30pm

Students will have their temperatures taken upon arrival. Students in kindergarten will report to the cafeteria. Students in first grade, second grade, third grade, and fourth grade will sit outside their classrooms. Fifth grade students will report to the P.E. court. Students that eat breakfast at school will be able to enter campus at 7:20am. All other students will be able to enter at 7:30am when there is supervision on campus. Students will line up on the side of the front office (by the parent pick up/drop off loop) and then be let in via the breezeway doors. Students may then go to breakfast or their designated area at that time. We have a school guardian on campus to assist with the safety and security of all.

We must ALL work together to maintain a safe haven for learning.

Manatee cove PTA Membership

Your involvement counts and is appreciated!

- Know what is happening in your child's school and in the surrounding community.
- Help bridge the gap between parents and educators.
- We are fully funded by memberships and fundraisers.
- Your help volunteering is NOT required but is APPRECIATED!
- PTA sponsors programs, socials, and awards for students.
- PTA helps pay off unpaid student lunch balances, supplies for clinic, movie license, and various teacher requests.
- Together with all of our 221 members we raised over \$18,000 for our school LAST year!



It's time to join PTA!

Due to COVID-19 we are asking everyone to please utilize our website for membership sign up and purchasing school spirit wear.

manateecovepta.memberhub.store

If you are purchasing spirit items, please be sure to fill in your child's name, teacher's name, and grade level so they can be delivered properly. Our first meeting will be in September and details will come soon! We will present a budget for approval for this school year. Please also know that as of now our calendar of events is very limited until we get further guidance from administration. If and when this changes we will send an email letting our membership know. In addition, it is the hope of this year's PTA Board to recruit members that are interested in serving a role on next year's PTA Board. Mandatory positions are President, Secretary, and Treasurer. Our current board members have served 3 years and are ready to pass the torch on to other eager members. If your interest has been peaked let us know! Our email is manateecovepta@gmail.com. If you would like to become a PTA member or buy school spirit wear and are unable to pay dues online with a card, we CAN accept check or cash. Please see our website for prices and items offered then send us an email with your order. Checks are made out to Manatee Cove PTA and can be sent in to your child's teacher to give to PTA.

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