



# Dolphin Digest

## Administrators' Message



October 1, 2018

Happy Fall SeaWind Families!

We are so proud of the hard work our students, staff, and teachers do each and every day. Please take time to talk with your child about the amazing experiences they have at school. Have you heard about our Color Team Celebrations on Early Release days? How about Dazzling Dolphin luncheons on the stage? What about positive office referrals? Or Class FINS tickets? Ask your child to tell you all about these as well as all the other FUN SeaWind events! As we prepare to celebrate the season of thanks and giving, we are reminded of how very blessed we are to have such a caring and supportive school family. SWE is a GREAT place to be!

Yours in Education,

Mrs. Ager and Mrs. Michels



## Literacy Night

We welcome all families to join us in the SeaWind Media Center on Thursday, October 4, from 6:00 to 7:30 pm for a fun event called "Escape Room: Literacy in the Library Edition." Come learn about the ways the library can help you in your quest for literacy success while collecting clues for your escape. Students' activities include filming a book commercial (which may be aired on the morning news), designing and writing a postcard to a favorite author, iReady, and story time. Parents will have an opportunity to sign up for a Martin County library card and learn about digital resources available through our SWE library. Students who successfully "escape" from the library will receive a book and their photograph from the Escape Room Photo Booth. If you have any questions, please contact Kate Landis or Stephanie Ressler at (772) 219-1625. We hope you are up to the challenge!

## Practicing Literacy Skills at Home

When we look back on our childhood, many of us have fond memories of being read to, of snuggling up and enjoying a favorite story with the people who love us. And it's not so much the story that we remember, but the feeling of love and security that it gave us. It turns out that reading aloud, a time-honored tradition in so many families, is actually a wonderful way of helping children to reach their full potential.

***Reading aloud promotes language development and early literacy skills. It is widely accepted that reading aloud is the single most important researched activity leading to language development and promotes early literacy skills, such as:***

- Book handling and naming
  - Understanding how stories work
  - Recognition of sounds and letters
  - Knowledge of a wide range of vocabulary
  - Ability to listen
- All of these skills are essential as children start school and learn to read.

### ***Reading aloud also:***

- Builds motivation, curiosity and memory
- Helps children cope during times of stress or anxiety
- Take children to places and times they have never been - enlarging and enhancing their worlds
- Creates a positive association with books and reading

How about picking up a book with your child today?



## iReady Lessons and Incentives



Wow! Can you believe it's already October? I am so EXCITED to share some of the wonderful incentives your child has the opportunity to earn this year. We will be celebrating a student from each grade level (K, 1,2,3,4 and 5<sup>th</sup>) with the **most lessons passed on I Ready throughout the year**. **On October 31**, we will have our first Celebration. One student from each grade level will be selected to come to the Science Lab and create glow in the dark slime with me. We will have other incentives to Celebrate your child's Success throughout the year. Please encourage your child to show you their progress on I Ready and celebrate their lessons passed. The STEM Lab is collecting plastic bottle caps, and paper towel/toilet paper rolls. If you would like to donate any of those items please send them in with your student and their teachers will get them to me.



## Boo Bash

The PTSA's annual sponsored Boo Bash will be Friday, October 19, 6-8pm. Every paid PTSA member will receive free admission into the event and additional guests will be \$5 per person (children younger than elementary school are free). Memberships will be available for sale that evening. Getting your membership before the event will cut down on waiting in line! Each year the event is a huge success and to accommodate more students and their families, we will be hosting the event at Murray Middle school. Come dressed in your best Halloween costume and get ready to dance the night away with our fun DJ! Games, photo booth, and food will be available for additional cost. Follow our Facebook page and look for flyers for additional information as the event gets closer.

PTSA is always looking for additional volunteers to help run the event. If you are available to help in any way please contact our PTSA president, Erin Mosby at [eesmosby@gmail.com](mailto:eesmosby@gmail.com) or 561-657-9862.

## Volunteers

We need parents and community members to join the SAC committee. SAC is the School Advisory Committee and is a team of staff, parents and community members making decisions to improve our school and learning about what is going on at SeaWind. The commitment is one hour on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Please contact Alicia Stover at [stovera@martin.k12.fl.us](mailto:stovera@martin.k12.fl.us) for more information.

## Teachers Going Above and Beyond

All of our SeaWind teachers provide top quality educational experiences for students every day. Some teachers are in the process of completing certification for English to Speakers of Other Languages.

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Joseph Bukowski

Stacy Fitzgerald

Laura Luyster

Cynthia Rhoads

Nancy Read

Lynn Stengel

Sydney Mandeville