



Going Green

The Online Newsletter of
Imagine Schools - Chancellor Campus

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New School Update:

We have exceeded our targeted goals exponentially! With a proforma which planned for three years to approach our MAXimum enrollment of 910, we are delighted to report that we presently have 914 students enrolled, along with a waiting list of 79 children! WOW!

You are also invited/encouraged to take a look at the most recent aerial views on our website. It is nothing short of amazing to witness the speed with which our building is progressing!

The roof is in place

The interior walls on the first floor are framed!

They are painting the exterior to "test" the colors and the samples!

And we are counting the days until our August opening!

New School Challenges:

You have all been reading about the budget cuts in education throughout the State. I will not use this platform to document how unconscionable these reductions are, but rather to reassure you that Imagine-Chancellor will never compromise the quality of the environment nor the education that every child deserves!

We always have been able to count on our parents as partners to ensure that our standards for excellence are honored and maintained! WE NEED YOUR HELP MORE THAN EVER!

As we strive for the finest, we are actively soliciting communal supports from local grants and large companies. We are presently trying to become THE finalist for the Home Depot Helping the Community program. Part of the eligibility criteria is collaboration with other businesses and agencies. It is our fond hope that some of you will reach out to potential donors on our behalf as well. And we would love to indicate a partnership with your company as well by documenting ways in which you already support Imagine-Chancellor!

We are a 501c3 nonprofit organization. As such, companies can take tax deductions for their contributions in monies or materials to Imagine-Chancellor. I promise that I will be honored to write an impressive letter acknowledging and detailing their gift(s).

Our "wish list":

Please take a look to see if there are people you know or items you can provide which will help in the procurement of these necessities:

- Monies to help move our two playgrounds-the lowest estimate is \$17,000.00
- Four in-ground basketball hoops
- Two portable basketball hoops
- Built-in customized cabinetry for both our science and our art rooms;
- Built-in Storage areas (floor to ceiling) to serve as storage for our
 - PE Equipment;
 - Before and After Care Programs; and
 - Drama Club;
- Fifty 4X8 vinyl bulletin boards in aluminum frames to showcase student art work;
- 17 small sinks with cabinets (to meet ADA code) for our K-2 primary classrooms;
- A Wall of mirror panels for our music/dance room;
- Three sets of floor to ceiling foldable partitions on tracks to section off our cafe
- Picnic tables and benches and or park benches to allow outdoor instruction or structured socialization groups;
- A Digital Marquee (we will have the source for electricity in place);
- A landscape design with plants and trees to beautify the new campus beyond the skeletal plans of the builder;
- School-grade mulch to make the playgrounds safe for young enthusiasts;
- Outdoor paint to fill in the templates for our Peaceful Playgrounds recess program;
- Indoor paint for our school murals...presently being designed by our middle schoolers;
- Ceramic tiles and paint to customize them...one for each of the 900 students opening our school;
- Sturdy, durable large area rugs for students to sit on for small group instruction and reading;
- River stones (the heavy ones) to fill in any 'beds' or empty areas around the campus;
- Gazeboes to provide shaded areas for pull out small group instruction;
- Erasable white boards (11X18-cut from shower board) for student use...800!
- Painter's tape for hanging pictures in classrooms (lots and lots of rolls);

With magical hopes for 'rainbows with pots of gold', we would REALLY LOVE to equip our classrooms and our large public areas with SMARTBOARDS and their attendant cameras. IF ANYONE KNOWS of a company or a benefactor who would consider this gift of the 21st century learning for Imagine-Chancellor's kids, PLEASE help us to contact them.

New School "Moves":

The last day of school for our little ones is June 3rd. Our teachers will be in need of LOTS of HELP to box up and carefully label their ENTIRE classrooms! We will supply the materials in the hope that many of you will supply the labor-with-love that we have always been able to count on! PLEASE let your classroom teacher know of your availability both in June AND AGAIN in early August when we will be hoping for some 'small boxes' moving assistance!

New School Opening!

One of our goals to facilitate a seamless transition for all of our children is to have each of them become a part of our "WELCOME WALL"! It will be comprised of custom-designed and signed tiles by EVERY CHILD who is part of our opening population.

Toward that end, Ms. Francoeur has volunteered to devote some of her art classes to having each child paint their own tile. In order to simply cover the costs, we are asking every family to donate \$1.00 for each of their children. For those of you comfortable enough to do so, we are asking that you to consider donating "Tiles for Two [or Three or Four or more...]" since some of our families will not be able to underwrite the costs for their children. These are the times when Imagine-Chancellor shines in the embrace of others less fortunate!

Our PTO and our SAC members have been coming up with some fun possibilities-like a "Family Field Day" to be held on May 15th; and some fundraisers such as: "Change for Imagine" or "Imagine a Change" large jugs strategically positioned...

Please watch for their evolution...and please offer some suggestions which will help with getting ready for #3333 High Ridge Rd with the greatest possible support-physically and fiscally!

News and Information from each Grade Level:

Kindergarten:

The Kindergarten Team has been busy testing the children on FAIR. These progress reports will be posted on the district's Education Data Warehouse (EDW). We are all practicing our special song for Earth Day and will make special hats to wear for this event. We are all looking forward to teach new concepts in science about Force & Motion, and Matter!

First Grade:

It's hard to believe that it's already almost the end of the school year! We've all heard that "time flies when you're having fun;" and our first graders would have to agree! Last month, we visited the South Florida Science Museum and had an amazing time. From our

Third Grade:

The third graders have begun studying Ancient Rome, Greece, and Egypt in preparation for their annual Ancient Civilization Festival this will be held at the end of May. We are asking parents for donations of large cardboard boxes to serve as "props" in our classrooms. Please contact your child's teacher for more detailed information.

We will be attending the annual Education Day at Roger dean Stadium on Thursday, May, 13th. Lunch is included in the price of this field trip. Permission slips need to be returned to school by May 7th. We recommend that students have sun screen applied at home prior to arriving at school.

classroom discussions, it seems that our favorite exhibits were "Diggin" Dinosaurs, the Twister Exhibit, and last but not least, the Egypt Gallery. The first grade teachers were so excited that the kids enjoyed this exhibit because our next major unit in social studies is Ancient Egypt. Remember, the 100 Book Challenge will need to be completed during the month of May. We will continue to have weekly homework packets up until the end of the year, so please work with your child each night and turn it in on the last day of the school week.

As we bring this school year to a close, we are in need of some supplies to get us through until June, so if you are able to help out, please see your child's teacher!

Second Grade:

Suggested Learning Activities

In second grade, children do such things as reading simple written materials, making lists, writing complete sentences, and doing computations with whole numbers. You could help children develop these skills in various ways.

For example, you might ask the children to:

- read a story aloud;
- tell the story in their own words;
- draw a picture illustrating an event in the story, and write a sentence that describes the picture;
- list new words from the story and explain what they mean, then list other words that mean the same or the opposite;
- make a puppet representing one of the characters in the story;
- write a new ending for the story.

You could prepare a shopping list and ask the children to:

- spell the words on your shopping list by cutting out letters from a newspaper or magazine and gluing them onto a piece of paper;
- estimate the cost of each item, and then add the prices;
- draw the items and label them;
- choose a recipe using the items on your list, and help to make it.

You could also ask the children to:

- measure the width, length, and height of objects in the house;
- draw various objects in the house, label them, and write in their measurements;
- make lists that classify objects in each room

Fourth Grade:

Fourth grade has many exciting learning activities taking place. In honor of Earth Day each class performed innovative poems, songs, and stating facts about ways we can keep our earth clean and beautiful for years to come! Our children are studying various forms of poetry. Fourth grade is becoming impressive adept at creating and understanding various types of poetry! Stop by Mrs. Barker's room for a terrific display of "All About Me" poems. We are all excited to visit Billie Swamp Safari. Not only will this trip be fun, but it will be a terrific "hands-on" learning experience. Historically, this has always succeeded in bringing our social studies lessons about Florida geography come to life.

Fifth Grade:

The fifth graders have many exciting experiences coming up in the month May. The J.A. BizTown culminating visit will be on May 5th and 6th at the Lantana Recreation Center for both days. Students have completed their interviews, have received their

Sixth Grade:

The Sixth Grade teachers are asking for donations of any Legos for future engineering projects. Please see Mrs. Sites or Ms. Sellers to further information.

JA BizTown Jobs, and along with electing two mayors to lead them through the JA BizTown ceremonies. We are all excited about being able to apply new learned economy skills and procedures on these special days. Just a reminder; students must come dressed up for business and bring a bag lunch as well. We want to thank all parent volunteers in advance for all your help and hard work.

Second, our Science Fair winners will be going to the Regional Competition next Monday, May 3rd and our wonderful Safety Patrol leaders will be visiting Washington D.C. the week of May 10th. Last, as a reminder, the 5th Grade "Stepping-Up" Ceremony is just around the corner. We will be preparing a series of events leading up the special day. It is mandatory that each student pay \$5.00 for the events. The funds will be used for the food and beverages. A calendar of events went home with each child.

These are the latest news bits from the 5th grade.
From,
The Fifth Grade Team