

Hunt's Catch-Up

R. B. HUNT ELEMENTARY



From the Principal's Desk:

Dear R. B. Hunt Family,

The *Holiday Shop* was a huge success! Students carefully selected gifts for their loved ones and had a great time doing so. This would never have been possible without the leadership of Amanda Brawner, chair of the event. She has been shopping and wrapping for months. Volunteers who worked in the workshop and helped wrap gifts were Audrey Blakeley, Caroline Mason, Craig Flaherty, Dean Lange, Deidre Kenney, Donna Jung, Erika Steele, Heather Mowrey, Irena Logan, Jana Pearson, Jessica Hoffman, Kara Tozer, Kelly Eastman, Kim Cunningham, Lauren Leth, Lizzie Hastings, Lou Venney, Madeline Driver, Maura Morden, Melinda Conlon, Melissa Yuhasz, Doug Gibson, Sarah Gay, Shelby Decker, Sommer Escamilla, Susan Connor, Tasha Stanton, Kathy Weed, Susan Johnson, Florence Hoefner and Jo Ellen Parkey. We appreciate everyone who sent in wrapping paper to help keep costs down. A very special thanks to the Dollar Tree Stores. Please stop by and thank them. This project gives so much joy to everyone involved.

Thank you to our Sunshine Committee, River Oaks Church, PTAO and Starbucks for organizing and providing lunch, desserts and coffee for our staff. It was a nice afternoon and a chance for our staff to take a break and enjoy each other's company.

We had a great time at Breakfast with Santa and Festival of Trees! We had over 450 people attend. We appreciate Santa stopping by to see our students and get their special requests. Thank you to Aubrey Mulligan for chairing the Festival of trees and to the P.T.A.O. Board along with Susan Johnson, Caroline Mason, Marie Carlson and Susan McKinnon for their hard work pulling off a great Breakfast with Santa. Thank you to our 5th grade students who served as elves and Jo Ellen Parkey for keeping them organized and on duty.

I also want to thank Rosemary Paffumi for helping with the Holiday Luncheon last week. I accidentally left her name out of last week's Catch-Up. So sorry!

Our third grade students, led by their amazing teachers, rolled, cut, sprinkled and boxed up over 1000 cookies to share with the St. Francis House. A special thanks to the parents who helped with this project and to Ms. DeFalco and her staff for baking the cookies. It was a great opportunity for students to give back to our community.

It is our hope that you and your family have a beautiful holiday season. Please take time to enjoy your loved ones and this special time with them when they are little, because they grow up so quickly! Thank you for all your wonderful expressions of thanks and holiday wishes to our staff. We appreciate your kindness.

See you in January!

Amanda Garman
Principal

Students of the Week

First Grade: Daylynn Casey, Max Abare, Thomas West-Reynolds

Second Grade: Sophia Harp, Abe Hoffman, Reece Peterson

Third Grade: Emery Adams, Dylan Cook, Savana Florez, Giovanni Belamiza, Abbie Nickel, Summer Van Zant, Walker Whitehead

Fourth Grade: Stephen Foster, Jennifer Dumas, Julianne Calabrese, Jared Howard

Fifth Grade: Mattie Andrews, Andrew Philcox, Charlotte Sefcik, Baker Wilcox, Camille Fowler, Sammy Clark

Home of the Islanders

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Important Dates

Early Release 1:50
Every Wednesday

Winter Break Dec. 22 -
No School Jan. 5

Students Return Jan. 6
to School

A message from the PTAO....

As the clock winds down on 2014 and we are all getting ready for the Holidays, we are reminded of how fortunate we are to have such amazing families at R. B. Hunt! The R. B. Hunt P.T.A.O. Board is so thankful for all of your time and effort to make R. B. Hunt the special school that it is.

We wish you and your families the most wonderful Holiday Season and we look forward to seeing you for all or our fun school events in 2015.

R. J. Murray Middle School
Center for the Arts



Deadline to apply for admission into the Center for the Arts is February 2nd.

Lighthouse Café: January 5 - January 9**Breakfast is served daily 8:00 until 8:25.****Monday**– No School. Teacher Planning.**Tuesday**– Cheese/Pepperoni Calzonettes or Crunchy Beef Tacos or Chicken Nuggets, corn, assorted fruit, breadstick, milk*A la carte: Papa John's Pizza, \$1.85/slice***Wednesday**– Chicken Nuggets or Fajita Chicken Salad, cherry tomato & celery dippers, baked beans, fresh apple slices, roll, milk**Thursday**– Pasta & Meatballs or Fajita Chicken Wrap or Chicken Nuggets, spinach/romaine salad, peas, fruit, breadstick, milk.**Friday**– BBQ Chicken or Cheese/Pepperoni Pizza Wedge, steamed carrots, green beans, choice of 100% juice, roll, milk.**Bravo!****Thank you!
Three Cheers!
Hip, Hip, Hooray!**

Parent Volunteers
Community Volunteers
Business Partners
Event Sponsors
Great Leaps Volunteers
Room Parents
PTAO Members
Field Trip Chaperones



The P.T.A.O. Board would like to thank the families who provided yummy treats for our wonderful teachers & staff for the Coffee Cart. It would not have been possible without the generosity of Dana Baker, Sarah Gay, Amanda Brawner, Shari Johnson, Allison DuBrow, Amber Metych, and Olivier Berdoyes. Thank you to Ms. DeFalco and the Cafeteria staff for letting us use their carts. The teachers and staff look forward to and appreciate this wonderful treat, so thank you all!

There is **NO SCHOOL** on January 5th! See you back here on January 6th.

17 Days at Home...What to Do?

We spend so much time here in our beautiful city, that we sometimes forget how lucky we are! Take some time over the break to be a tourist.

Visit the fort.

(or any fort, really...Matanzas, Mose)

Take a trolly/carriage ride.

Play at the Carousel Park
(before they are too big!)

Tour the Lighthouse
(let your kids show you what they know)

Try the Zip Line at the Alligator Farm

Visit Lightner Museum

Explore Anastasia State Park

Find every historical marker in
St. Johns County.

There are 42...this is a long break!

See you in January!

School Access Success!

Thank you to everyone who has registered for School Access. Compliance without debate is at an all-time high! Please know how very much the people working in the office appreciate you and your efforts to keep our students and staff safe.

If you have not yet applied for school access, the Holiday Break is the perfect time to get that accomplished. Simply go to www.stjohns.k12.fl.us, where you will find a "Parents and Students" tab. Under this tab is a "School Access" option. Click on that choice, fill out the form and you are all set.

Remember, pre-approval is required to come into the building for ANY reason...lunch, parties, programs, even conferences. This includes grandmas, grandpas, aunts, uncles...everybody.

**The Blood Alliance**

www.igiveblood.com

Thank you to everyone who donated blood on Tuesday! If you missed the bus, it is not too late to make a lifesaving difference. Please try to take some time during the break to give the gift of life.

Mini Camps During the Break

Bricks4Kidz is offering a series of mini camps at their wonderful new location out by the St. Augustine Outlet Malls. Visit bricks4kids.com/stjohnscounty for details.

St. Augustine Lighthouse is offering a camp during the 2nd week of our break. This is a great opportunity to experience the amazing camps offered by the Lighthouse! Visit staugustinelighthouse.org for information.

Check out the Library during the break!

Today: 3:00pm

Kids Movie Time: Come watch the adventures of 4 Turtles and a Rat and enjoy some treats courtesy of the Friends of the Anastasia Branch Library!

We have a wonderful public library right here on the island! Check it out over the break...you will be glad you did!

Assistant Principal's Math Club

Congratulations to everyone achieving Level 1 and Level 2 this semester. Keep practicing!

Level 1 (Addition and Subtraction): Camille Fowler, Jared Howard, Colin Smith, Sharon Anderson, Charlie Neace

Level 2 (Multiplication and Division): Abbie Nickel, Kayla Bailey, Bella Doan, Johnathan Scott, Andrew Torboli