



the MANATEE ROLL



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Community Parent Meetings to be Held to Discuss New K-2 Reading Policy

What:

Several community parent meetings will be held throughout the city to communicate the update to the Student Progression Plan for K-2 students and how the Florida Assessment for Instruction in Reading (F.A.I.R.) assessment will impact instructional and promotional decisions. The primary purpose of the meetings is to help parents understand how they may support their child in becoming a better reader and to learn more about the F.A.I.R. assessment. District employees will be in attendance to answer questions and facilitate a community conversation around F.A.I.R. and share resources that will help students improve their reading skills. For more information about F.A.I.R., please visit <http://www.fcrr.org/FAIR/index.shtm>

When and Where: February, 27th - *Jacksonville Public Library*

(S. E. Regional Branch) 10599 Deerwood Park Blvd., Jacksonville, FL 32256

March 26th - *Jacksonville Public Library*

(West Regional Branch) 1425 Chaffee Rd. S, Jacksonville, FL 32221-1119

April 30th - *Jacksonville Public Library*

(Main/Downtown Branch) 303 N. Laura St., Jacksonville, FL 32202

**All meetings are from 5:30 p.m. - 7 p.m.*

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- **February 1-10- Manatee Moments**
Yearbooks on sale-\$20 cash only-bring money to school to be re-ceipted
- **February 6-5:00 PM**
Parent Computer Workshop
- **February 8-EARLY DISMISSAL**
February 14-Buy a dozen Krispy Kreme Doughnuts from Student Council as you drive through to drop off your child.



February 17-Flag raising
9:15 AM



RECORDERS

Fourth grade students demonstrate their musical skills on instruments called recorders. As they improve, they get to add a colored karate ribbon to the bottom of the recorder. The top ribbon is black. Music teacher **Mrs. Sylvester** says students can play solo, in groups and with accompanying music. Bravo!



**WEDNESDAY EARLY
RELEASE DATES-dismissal at
1:45 pm**

**Feb. 8, 22
Mar. 7, 28
Apr. 11, 25
May 23**

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FIREFIIGHTERS

Mrs. Saoud's (left) second graders got first hand experience handling fire fighting equipment on campus recently. Pictured left is ELA dad Mr. Bilodeau, Bailey's dad, helping James with the fire hose.



Jeanne Blaylock

First Coast News Anchor, Jeanne Blaylock, helped us celebrate Literacy Week January 26, 2012. She stressed the importance of reading to gain knowledge and the love of reading to gain imagination.

Charles Dickens

Below, Charles Dickens, a.k.a. Michael Gaylor, read to students from his well known books such as CHRISTMAS CAROL, GREAT EXPECTATIONS



- Invite your child to read with you every day.
- When reading a book where the print is large, point word by word as you read. This will help your child learn that reading goes from left to right and understand that the word said is the word seen.
- Read your child's favorite book over and over.
- Read many stories with rhyming words and repeated lines. Invite your child to join in on these parts. Point, word by word, as your child reads along with you.
- Discuss new words. For example, "This big house is called a palace. Who do you think lives in a palace?"
- Stop and ask about the pictures and about what is happening in the story.

NEW SCHOOL BOARD POLICY

Students in kindergarten, first and second grades must score 54 percent or higher on the state reading test called F.A.I.R. in order to be promoted this year. Students who are retained based only on this F.A.I.R. assessment will be required to attend an intensive summer reading program for a minimum of 25 of the 29 instructional days. Do you know your child's score?