



Braden River Elementary
September 2019
Wrangler Roundup
HOME OF THE WRANGLERS!

Message from the Principal

Dear BRE Families,

I want to take a moment and welcome all our families back to Braden River Elementary School. I have truly appreciated learning and meeting all the staff, students and families at BRE. Everyone has been so kind and warm in welcoming me to the school community.

We are off to a great year at Braden River Elementary with students and staff hard at work in each and every grade level. We are so happy to have so many Wranglers return to us as well as many new families joining us from across the district, state and nation!

So often you hear about parents and communities supporting their schools. It often seems to lead to a connotation of financial support. Although there are monetary ways in which a school needs support, it is certainly not the only way. Please consider which way(s) you can support our school?

BE THERE: Being there for your child is a critical way of supporting your school. They need and want to know that you care about them and their success. Effort is critical to reward as you push them towards their own personal best potential.

VOLUNTEER: We appreciate and love our volunteers! Volunteering does not have to be time in a classroom, although our teachers do appreciate that help as well. We are looking for volunteers to assist with the numerous Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) events that are held annually. All you need to do is complete an online volunteer application located on the district website and then stop by the office with your I.D.

HOMEWORK: Parents' job is not to do homework; it is to provide the time, place and support to meet this responsibility. If homework is taking your child more than a reasonable amount of time, please talk to your child's teacher. We all realize families are busy, and there are many tasks and activities outside of school that are important for family life. Homework should NOT be taking time away from these activities. It is meant to support their learning and provide practice of what was learned.

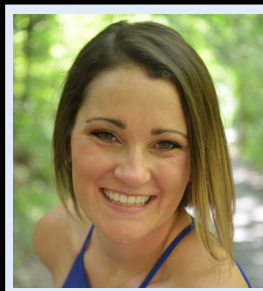
RESOURCES: If you have a business (or have connections to a business or organization) that can provide materials, resources or money to our school, please let us know. Money can support field trip scholarships, fund staff recognitions, buy library books, art supplies, update technology equipment or buy basic supplies. Resources of businesses would contribute to our overall school's achievement.

I am honored to continue the tradition of excellence at BRE as the principal. I can also see a bright future and some new directions that will have long term positive impacts for our students, parents and the school community. We appreciate you all for supporting our school's great opening to the year!

Joshua Bennett

Principal

Meet the new BRE Staff



Mrs. Chandler
3rd Grade

How long have you been teaching?

I have been teaching for 6 years. Took 8 off to be with family.


What's your favorite book?

Love the Harry Potter series!

What do you like to do in your free time?

Love to spend time with family on the boat or at the beach!

Mrs. Wilkinson
4th Grade



How long have you been teaching?
This is my sixth year teaching.

What's your favorite book?
My favorite book is *Mr. Peabody's Apples* by Madonna

What do you like to do in your free time?
In my free time I like to be outdoors... fishing, hunting, scuba diving, etc.



Mrs. Earnest
2nd Grade

How long have you been teaching?

This is my 14th year of teaching first and second grade, all in Manatee County

What is your favorite book?

Bridge to Terabithia by Katherine Paterson and The Notebook by Nicholas Sparks

What do you like to do in your free time?

Spend time with my family, do puzzles and go to Disney



Mrs. Kendzior
Sr. Secretary/
Bookkeeper

How long have you been at your position?

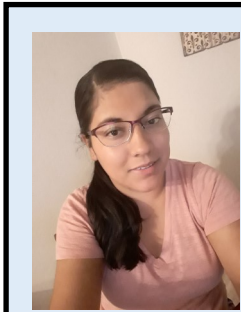
This is my 4th year, but my 13th year working for the district. I have been a paraprofessional, working in a classroom, a computer tech, then moved to the front office.

What is your favorite book?

Dr. Seuss Books

What do you like to do in your free time?

Spend time with family, do crafts, decorate and shop!



Mrs. Fabiola Cruz
ESOL Paraprofessional

How long have you been at your position?

This is my first year

What is your favorite book?

The Red Tent

What do you like to do in your free time?

I like to spend time with my Family & Friends



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Ms. Teigland
VE/SC
Paraprofessional

How long have you been at your position?
I've been with the school system for 11 years

What's your favorite book?
My Favorite children's book is "Charlotte's Web"

What do you like to do in your free time?
I enjoy spending time with my family and traveling nationally and internationally in my free time




Mrs. Jackie Long
Speech

How long have you been at your position?
6 years between middle school and elementary schools

What's your favorite book?
Where the Crawdads Sing

What do you like to do in your free time?
Hanging out with my family (2 kids and husband)




Mr. Bennett
Principal

How long have you been at your position?
This is my 10th year as an elementary school principal. I was the principal of William H. Bashaw Elementary for 9 years. Before that I was the Assistant Principal at Bayshore Elementary School and Kinnan Elementary School. I was a special education teacher for seven years at Oneco Elementary, Bashaw Elementary and Virgil Mills Elementary School.

What's your favorite book?
My favorite book is "The Secret" by Ken Blanchard. In this book it highlights the secret to leadership that I try to follow. I revisit the book often as I work toward leading through service.

What do you like to do in your free time?
I enjoy spending time with my family. We love to travel and make memories from those traveling experiences. The activity we love to do locally is boating. When the sun is out we enjoy boating, fishing, tubing and anything that gives us time on the water.



Mrs. Withers
Office Clerk

How long have you been at your position?
This is my first year at the front desk, but I have been a substitute at BRE for the past 3 years.

What's your favorite book?
My favorite childhood book is Charlotte's Web

What do you like to do in your free time?
Anything that involves family time together. Hot summer days on the boat and family game nights are some of my favorites.



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Mrs. Danke Registrar

How long have you been at your position?

This is my second year at this position but I've worked for the school district for a total of 15 years, first as a Paraprofessional, then Guidance clerk and now Registrar.



What's your favorite book?

The Series of Winnie the Pooh books were my favorite as a child and I look forward to sharing them with my grandchild.

What do you like to do in your free time?

I love to paint and do crafts. As a family we go camping as often as we can and go four wheeling.

Ms. Adrienne Olmstead Cafeteria Manager

How long have you been at your position?

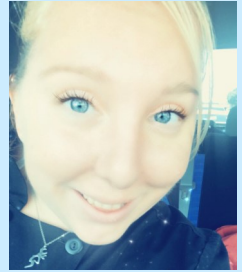
I have been in my position as cafeteria manager for 9 months

What's your favorite book?

My favorite book is Harry Potter

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time I like to listen to music and play with my animals



Ms. Nussbaum occupational therapist

How long have you been at your position?

I have been an Occupational Therapist for almost 13 years and worked in both pediatric outpatient and school settings

What is your favorite book?

My favorite children's book is Epossumondas by Coleen Salley

What do you like to do in your free time?

In my free time I like to spend time with my family, enjoys the outdoors, eat ceviche, try new restaurants, and sing loudly in the car



Mrs. Eidson 3rd Grade substitute for Mrs. Cochran

How long have you been teaching?

I taught 5th grade in Georgia for 10 years!

What's your favorite book?

Anything by Elin Hilderbrand

What do you like to do in your free time?

Go to the beach with my family



Mrs. Nicole Wells Clinic Nurse

How long have you been at your position?

I've been in nursing for 11 years. This is my first year as a school nurse.

What is your favorite book?

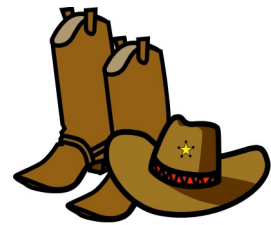
My all time favorite book is Matilda by Ronald Dahl

What do you like to do in your free time?


I enjoy reading, baking and being outside in my free time.



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Ms. Kayla
 2nd & 3rd grade
 Paraprofessional




How long have you been at your position?
 This is my first year as a para.

What's your favorite book?
 Kobe Bryant

What do you like to do in your free time?
 Coach basketball

Mrs. Walker
 3rd Grade Teacher



How long have you been teaching?
 This is my 5th year teaching 3rd grade.

What's your favorite book?
 Fly Away Home by Eve Bunting

What do you like to do in your free time?
 I love playing board games, swimming, and playing with my children.

Ms. Marla Entelisano
 Occupational Therapist




How long have you been at your position?
 I've been a COTA for 3 months

What's your favorite book?
 The Night Before the Night Before Christmas

What do you like to do in your free time?
 Run with my daughter

Ms. Rizzo
 Kindergarten & 1st grade
 Paraprofessional




How long have you been at your position?
 I have started my career this year as Paraprofessional for KG-1

What's your favorite book?
 My favorite books would be cook books of all kinds

What do you like to do in your free time?
 In my free time I love to be around my family and friends. I also LOVE cook!!!

Ms. Benton
 Curriculum Support/Media Specialist



How long have you been at your position?
 This is my first year in this role, but I have taught 4th grade for 3 years, 2nd grade for 6 years and 1st grade for one year.

What's your favorite book?
 Adult book— Where the crawdads sing?
 Children's book— Giraffes can't dance

What do you like to do in your free time?
 I like to watch football, play with my 2 granddaughters and read!

Ms. Doerner
 Speech Therapist



How long have you been at your position?
 I have been a speech therapist for 8 years.

What's your favorite book?
 Cross Creek by Marjorie Kinnan Rawlings

What do you like to do in your free time?
 I like to go to the gym and also enjoy arts and crafts!

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Ms. Lisa Hicks
Physical Therapist

How long have you been at your position?
 I have been with the school district for 1 year. I have been a physical therapist for 19 years.

What's your favorite book?
 Chronicles of Narnia by C.S. Lewis

What do you like to do in your free time?
 I love to read and play tennis with son.



Mrs. Jones
Student Support Specialist

How long have you been at your position?
 I have been a Student Support Specialist for 6 years. I have been with Manatee School District for 31 years.

What's your favorite book?
 The Lion's Paw

What do you like to do in your free time?
 I love to go to the beach!




Mrs. Maria Escalante
Physical Therapist Assistant

How long have you been at your position?
 I have been a PT assistant since 2012.

What's your favorite book?
 Chasing Excellence by Ben Bergeron

What do you like to do in your free time?
 I like to run and do CrossFit.



Ina High
Cafeteria

Not pictured, but please stop by the cafeteria, introduce yourself and say 'Hi'



Flu Shots cancelled

We regret to inform you that Healthy Schools is discontinuing its in-school flu shot clinics for the 2019/2020 school year in Florida. We know the timing is poor, and we wanted to let you know as soon as possible. Please make an appointment with your primary doctor or go to a walk in clinic.

Thank you for your understanding!

BRE Volunteers

If you would like to volunteer, please fill out an online application located on the "Volunteer Page" of the district website, www.manateeschools.net This page can be found by locating "Community" at the top of the website.

BRE teachers and staff would like to thank all of our wonderful volunteers who give so much of their time and talents to help make Braden River the best school for our children.

We truly appreciate you!!!



Build the Habit of Good Attendance

Early School success goes hand in hand with good attendance!

Regular school attendance is a partner to academic success! Parents and students are urged to recognize the need for promptness each day and attendance in all classes throughout the school year, unless a student is ill. When students miss classes, they lose valuable instruction and form poor habits that can result in problems for them later in school or in the work force.

Did you know that within one minute of the bell ringing a teacher directs students to take their seats and starts instruction? When a child comes late to school, it disrupts the class and takes focus away from the teacher. Please make sure your child is on time to school every day.

We understand there may be times for appointments, but habitual early pick-ups could also result in falling behind in academics.

Shared Values

The BRE staff values respect and trust, collaboration, innovation, family, and fun in order to promote the highest student achievement.

Vision Statement

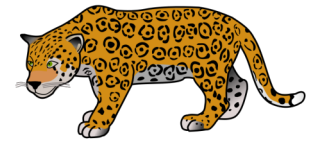
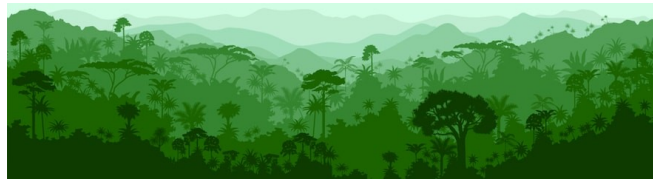
BRE attains exceptional academic achievement from our students by providing a safe, positive and highly engaging learning environment, where we differentiate instruction and foster critical thinking skills.

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LEARNING!**