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November 2017

Madeira Beach Fundamental K-8

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At A Glance

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Student Hours:

K-5th 7:55 a.m. - 1:55 p.m. 6th-8th 7:45 a.m. - 2:15 p.m.

Mission:

Madeira Beach Fundamental will provide a rigorous student-centered learning environment to ensure 100% student success by working collaboratively with all faculty, staff, and community stakeholders.



Dear MBFS community,

It's November already? Hopefully the school year has settled into a productive and positive routine for your family. Recently, we completed our first grading period. On the elementary side, parent/teacher conferences are being held. On the middle side, you are welcome to schedule one anytime you feel a need. It's important that students see your support and communication regarding their academic progress. It shows students that you understand how important their education is, and helps them view learning as a priority as they become increasingly more responsible for their education as they grow older.

Our FALL FESTIVAL was a huge success thanks to PTSA leadership and all who volunteered. Thank you to all the students and parents who attended and/or helped out. We look forward to our Daddy/Daughter Dance on Nov. 3rd here in our gym which will be transformed into a wonderland. Join us on Saturday, November 4th for our first ever Manta Run at Walsingham Park. Congratulations to our students who will be inducted into our National Junior Honor Society.

On behalf of our staff, we hope you have a great Thanksgiving holiday with your family and friends. This year, we are once again very thankful for the opportunity to lead a student-centered staff, work with supportive parents, and with your incredibly talented children within a strong community.

Proud to be a Manta Ray! Your Administration Team



November Important Dates

11/02 - High School Magnet Fair - MBFS, 5:30-6:30 p.m.

11/03 - Daddy Daughter Dance - Gym, 6:00-8:00 p.m.

11/07 - Student Picture Day

11/07 - Spirit Day - Jotos, 11:00 a.m.-10:00 p.m.

11/09 - Progress Reports Distributed

11/15 - Great American Teach In

11/20-11/24 - Thanksgiving Break

Spirit Days

11/3 - Rock & Roll

11/10 - Red, White and Blue

11/17 - Flannel Friday

Please mark your calendars and plan for regular school days on:

Hurricane make up days-

January 8, 2018 March 12, 2018





Spirit Day at Joto's Pizza

We are having a Spirit Day at Joto's Pizza on Tuesday, November 7th. You may dine-in, take-out or even call for delivery from 2 locations. The Seminole store is 13050 Park Blvd and the Pinellas Park store is located at 9119 Belcher Road. The proceeds of this spirit day will help our Manta Store.

Thank you and enjoy some Pizza.

YEARBOOKS ON SALE!

Be sure to reserve your copy of the 2016 Madeira
Beach Fundamental Middle School yearbook! THE COST IS \$35.
Choose one of the options below:

<u>OPTION 1:</u> Books may be purchased <u>IN FRONT OF THE ELE-</u> MENTARY CAFETERIA on

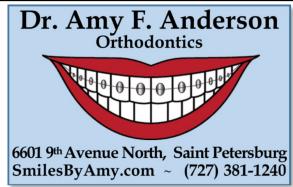
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Please note that these are the ONLY dates the books will be sold IN PERSON!

<u>OPTION 2:</u> Books may also be purchased online for \$35 by credit card on or before **FRIDAY**, **DECEMBER 16**. Log onto www.yearbookordercenter.com and use order number 15039.

Only a limited number of books will be ordered. Preserve your memories for a lifetime by purchasing a book today. We know that you don't want to miss out!





Picture Day

Due to Hurricane Irma Picture Day is rescheduled for Tuesday, November 7th with Retakes on Tuesday, December 12th

Help Needed!!

We are in need of mentors at our school. We are looking for volunteers who are committed to the development of our students. If you can help a student gain new insights and work towards their goals, please contact Stacie Allen, Family and Community Liaison at 727-547-7838 or allen-sta@pcsb.org.

Just a Reminder ...

Students must have everything they need when they are dropped off for school. This includes projects, homework, PE clothes, etc. If these items are dropped off after the start of the student day, they will not be given to the students. Please see Page 4 of your agenda for more details regarding this Fundamental Guideline.

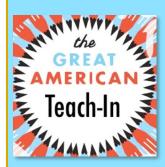
Attendance Awareness

The school will be closely looking at student attendance each month. Students with 100% student attendance for the month of October will receive a Shorts Day, and or Hat Day Friday, November 3 (any styles, as long as they meet the no more than 3 inches above the knee, no holes requirement). We will notify all students of their reward in advance of November 3.

Advocacy

"Support your Education Professional who is running for public office. They are the ones who know what is really going on in public schools, not the current elected politicians who are only interested in unaccountable charter schools that use taxpayer's money to their own advantage. Know who you are voting for, and why! Exercise your right to VOTE!"

Great American Teach-In



Volunteers needed this year for the Great American Teach-In. If you or someone you know has an interesting career or job please contact our school, we would love to hear about what you do. The date of our Great American Teach-In is Wednesday, November 15th.



KUDOS -

Thank you to all of the wonderful volunteers that helped in the month of October. We had a lot going on and we could not do it without you. To name a few of the activities: Student Council Campaign Day, Elem. Manta Store, Dock Lunches, C2C Breakfast, being a Mentor, Fall Festival, office help and classroom help. THANK YOU TO EVERYONE WHO HELPED US OUT, WE TRULY HAVE THE BEST VOLUNTEERS IN PINELLAS COUNTY!!!!

MBFS has the best Volunteers!

Wanted all registered volunteers!!

Please remember to log in your volunteer hours so that Madeira Beach Fundamental gets credit for all your hard work. If you are not a registered volunteer, please contact Stacie Allen, Family and Community Liaison, at allensta@pcsb.org or 727-547-7838

REPORT ABSENCES

Now on our school website you will find a new icon that says "Report Student Absence". This icon will be on each of our website pages. When families click on this icon it generates an email that will go to the Outlook mailboxes of our office staff notifying us of a student absence. Families should be informed that they can use this method to report absences in addition to all the existing ways such as calling and writing notes. They will also be able to include an attachment such as a doctor's note.



FROM THE MUSIC DEPARTMENT

Save the Date for Night Under the Stars!! It is Monday, December 11th and will feature Elementary and MS drama clubs, Kindergarten, 1st Grade, 4th Grade, and 5th Grade Chorus. More detailed info to come.

Tea Room

- · Open for Lunch & Afternoon Tea
- Special Events by Reservation
- Tea Trimmings Gift Shop

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GUIDANCE CORNER

The month of October was Bully Prevention Month. It is important to recognize the key components of bullying and to know what to do if your child is experiencing bullying. The three key components of bullying behavior: Involves an aggressive behavior, typically involves a pattern of behavior repeated over time and imbalance of power or strength. Bullying must include all three components to be considered a bullying situation. Also, there are many types of bullying which include physical, verbal, emotional, among others. In a bullying situation, there are three roles in the situation, the student that is displaying the bullying type behavior, the victim and the bystander. We highly encourage our students to speak up to an adult that can help if the student is in the victim or bystander role.

As we approach the Holiday's, please speak up to your child's School Counselor if you should need any assistance. We are happy to help.

From Future Business Leaders of America (FBLA)



As November arrives, we want to take a little time to express the things we are thankful for:

We are thankful for the group of dedicated students we get to work with through FBLA. This group of students has risen to meet every opportunity to be leaders that has come their way, and their school and community is better for it.

We are thankful for the incredible support our chapter has received from parents and the school community. Our school supply drive for Lealman was able to provide almost every item asked for, and then some. Our car wash at the Fall Rally sold out in a matter of hours, and raised enough to provide our transportation costs for our first field trip.

We are thankful for our chaperones and parent volunteers, and can't even count the amount of support they have provided.

We are thankful for our generous sponsors. Because of them, our students will be able to engage in a wide range of activities throughout the year without the need to worry if we can afford to participate fully. We want to take a moment to thank them individually:

Manta Ray Level:

Dr. Mohamed I. Ali, Pasadena Center for Asthma & Lung Disease

Seth Bedell, United Roofing & Construction Services

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Cindy and Tom Sullivan

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Michelle Hintz-Prange

Your kind financial support really lets us know that we are on the right track. We appreciate the encouragement!

Wishing everyone a joyous and peaceful Thanksgiving holiday.

---Your FBLA sponsors and officers.

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MANTA MINUTES FROM YOUR PTSA:

November Highlights

Daddy and Daughter Dance

Friday, November 3, \$20 per family

Our third annual MBFS Daddy Daughter Dance is back! It's an evening of music, magic and memories. Tickets sell fast, so stay tuned for upcoming sale date information!

Mad Fun Run and 5K

Saturday, November 4, 9:00 am 5k Race, 10:00am Fun Run

Join us for our Inaugural Mad Fun Run and 5k! It's a beautiful opportunity for families to come together in the spirit of health and wellness as a mad fun community! Pre-Registration will begin soon for individuals and families.

Did you know there are no general membership meetings in November or December?

But you could attend a November event, or volunteer in November or December for January General Membership meeting credit! Here are ways to earn credit---

- 1. Attend our school High School Magnet/ Fundamental Fair Tuesday, November 2, 5:30 PM in the gym. High School representatives who have reached out to us will be present to provide information about their programs.
- 2. Attend our Daddy Daughter dance (or male role model) Our third annual Daddy Daughter (or male role model), Dance will be held on Friday, November 3 from 6-8pm in our Gym. We invite all K-8 students to attend with their daddy or adult role model. There will be dancing with a live DJ, refreshments, a special photo session to help capture the lasting memories of the night, and much more. Don't miss out on this magical evening. Ticket price is \$20 per family and can be paid through both front offices. Please keep in mind space is limited for this event and signups will be taken on a first come, first served basis. Forms will be going home with students on Monday 10/23 and must be received by 10/27.
- 3. Are you interested in earning meeting credit without attending a night time meeting? Our IAC needs you! Be a part of the IAC committee that meets on Tuesday and/or Thursday. You don't have to be free all of the time but serve when you can. Please email Mrs. Crandall, assistant Principal (K5 interest) and Mrs. Ivy (middle grades interest) to be added to the list of volunteers. If you serve on two IAC meetings then it will equal one month's meeting credit.
- 4. Participate in the first Manta 5K and Mad Fun Run! This run will take place Saturday, November 4, at Walsingham Park located at 12615 102nd Avenue, Seminole, Shelter #7.

The event begins at 9:00 AM for the 5K with the Fun Run beginning at 10:00 AM. The cost is \$5.00 per participant. A link for online registration and hard copy forms will be going home with students.

5. Attend your child's National Junior Honor Society induction ceremony, November 14, 5:30pm.



High School Application Programs Info

The Pinellas County School's Open Application for Magnet/ Fundamental Program begins January 10, 2018, and concludes January 19, 2018. As students make high school decisions for the 2018 -2019 school year we highly suggest students and families review all programs, and to visit all high schools. We encourage you to attend school tours if offered. Our school will host a High School Magnet/ Fundamental Fair Thursday, November 2, 5:30 PM in the gym. High School representatives who have reached out to us will be present to provide information about their programs. Pinellas district sponsored magnet fairs (November 9 at Boca Ciega High School and November 11 at Pinellas Park High School), so you may make an informed decision. Please do NOT dissuade them from any program, as all high school programs offer great things.

Please be reminded 8th grade students/ families are required to apply for magnet and fundamental options if not planning to attend a neighborhood school. One of the greatest mistakes our families make is to assume that because they are currently in a fundamental seat, they are guaranteed a fundamental, or magnet seat for high school. You will not be invited into a magnet, or fundamental seat without applying.

The following schools have reached out to us related to 8th grade shadowing opportunities. As additional shadowing opportunities are announced I will communicate these with you.

Osceola Fundamental High School

"Shadowing will take place at Osceola Fundamental High School on Tuesdays and Thursdays beginning October 10, 2017, through December 8, 2017 for all 8th grade students interested in attending the school next year. Parents can register via the Osceola Fundamental High School website (www.pcsb.org/osceola-hub) starting Monday, September 25, 2017. Osceola Fundamental High School's Discovery Night will be held on Monday, December 11, 2017, beginning at 6:00 pm in the Osceola Fundamental High School Auditorium."

St. Petersburg High School

Shadowing is open for students interested in the IB Program at St. Petersburg High School. The application is available on www.stpetehigh.com.

Lakewood High School

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Preparing students for careers in, Engineering, Architecture, Medicine, Multimedia Technology/ Production, Scientific Research, Computer Programming, Computer Graphic Design/Production, and Television Production

For a shadowing date visit the CAT website at www.cat.pcsb.org. Shadowing is one on one with a current CAT student (10th graders). Parents are allowed to request a student. Lunch is served in the cafeteria or from the al carte. It is the parent's responsibility to contact their student's middle school to report the student's absence. All shadow students will receive an excuse note for their shadowing date. Note: Students are expected to observe the Pinellas County Schools Code of Student Conduct. Dress Code: We have a modified dress code here at Lakewood. Please dress accordingly.

Shadowing opportunities:

September 5, 2017 - January 11, 2018, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, or Thursdays, 6:45am - 2:05pm

Dear Friends,

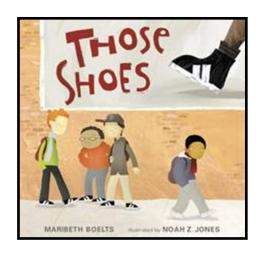
Thank you to those of you who have already asked about our annual "Wishing SHOE Happy Holidays" new sneaker drive, based on the book **Those Shoes** by Marybeth Boelts. **Yes, we ARE doing it again this year!** The kick-off will begin as soon as Thanksgiving Break is over.

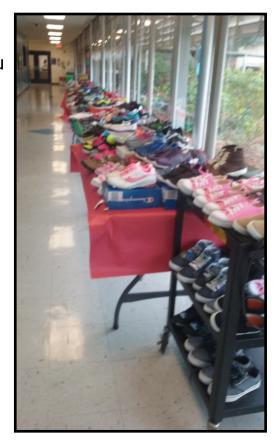


It all started as a class project about seven years ago, collecting about 20 pairs of new sneakers. The next year it emerged into a "Madeira Beach Fundamental SCHOOL project" with more and more new sneakers being donated every year. Last year, in 2016, we set a record of 198 pairs of new sneakers in less than one month!!!!! (Here are some pictures of just some of the sneakers that we collected in years' past.)

If you are new to this, here are the guidelines: any NEW (preferably in the box) sneakers, any gender, any size because eventually, they will fit someone. From there, we donate them all just in time for the holidays to Blanton and Pinellas Park Elementary Schools. Just send them in with your student or send them to either front office. As a school, we are going to watch the collection grow in the mural hallway of the elementary building.

If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to ask either Mendy Jones (MS Student Services) or Brooke Crandall (ES Assistant Principal). Thank you once again for making this, **one of MBFS' favorite traditions**, a realization once again.





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SALE DATES

OCTOBER 10, 2017
(SAC MEETING, IN THE LIBRARY)

OCTOBER 20, 2017
(FALL FESTIVAL 5:30-6:30 IN THE LIBRARY)

JANUARY 16, 2018

(SAC MEETING, IN THE LIBRARY)

DEADLINE TO ORDER BOOKS ONLINE IS **JANUARY 20, 2018**.

Questions? Contact the school bookkeeper at 547-7697







English Classes

ESOL classes offered by Pinellas County Schools

Madeira Beach Fundamental School is hosting English Classes for adults 5 mornings a week right here in the portable in front of the elementary school building. The classes are being taught by Pinellas County Schools certified teachers. The fee is \$30.00 per semester. Tell your friends and family about this wonderful opportunity. Call the adult education office at 547-7872 for more information.



Counselors' Corner

Any families in need of school supplies, we have plenty of backpacks, pencils, pens, glue sticks etc. Please contact your Guidance Counselor.





Fishing Club Needs You!

Are you an experienced fishing guide or experienced Angler??

Mad Beach Fishing Club NEEDS YOU!!

We would like experienced fishing guides or experienced anglers to come and talk to our fishing club!

Topic Suggestions:

- Cast net techniques
- Fishing rigging and presentation
- Offshore and Inshore strategies
- Knot tying
- Artificial baits and how to use them
- Cleaning fish
- Cooking fish and recipes

The fishing club meets from 2:20-4:00 every other Thursday. Speakers could attend for the whole meeting or parts of the meeting. If you could help us out please contact Mr. Bardes at bardese@pcsb.org

Flying Mantas Sport Kite Club Meeting Dates

See Mr. Volland if you would like to join the Flying Mantas Sport Kite Club. Club meets Tuesdays 2:15 until 3:45

Remainder of the 1st Semester Schedule

November 7th

November 11th & 12th Veterans Day

Fall Fly Kite Festival Treasure Island Kite Festival

November 28th December 5th



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Happy November Birthdays!!!

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Nicole Julia **Amelia** Isabella Erik **Avery** Mason Luke **Analicia Ariana Emma** Savannah **Aiden** Cara Adelaide Ashley **Ashton** Gregory Joshua Cara **Adelaide Ashley Ashton** Gregory Joshua Hannah Andrew **Mariana** Emilee Michael **Alexis Brianna** Colton Avery Donovan Jake Brooklin **Elliana** Bella **Brody Preston** Reese Aden

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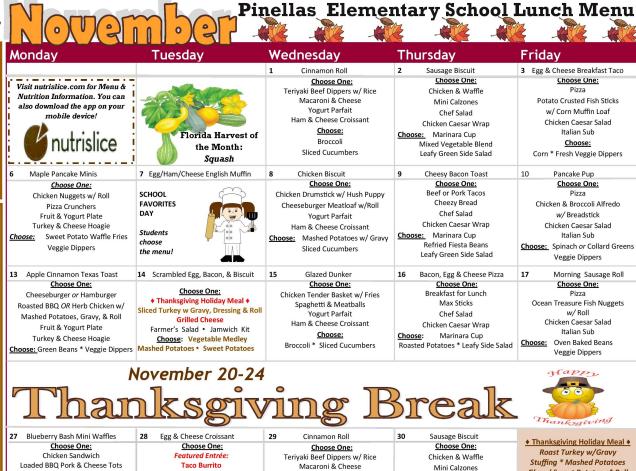


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DAILY BREAKFAST **CHOICES** Hot or cold breakfast choices are available daily i.e.: Breakfast Sandwich. Pancakes, Cereal & Toast, or Cereal Bar & Toast. Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Juice. May choose 1: Milk Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate. **DAILY LUNCH CHOICES:** Choose 1: Entrée, Must choose at least 1: Fruit or Vegetable (may choose up to 2 servings each of fruits & veggies with their lunch meal) May Choose: 1 Milk: Skim, Low Fat White, or Fat Free Chocolate. Available for lunch daily: Meat or Meatless Entrée Entrée Salads, Cold Sandwiches, Hot & Cold Vegetable choices, Variety of Fruits (fresh or cupped) &

All menus are subject to change! We do our best to provide our customers with all of our planned options; however, sometimes crops, weather & availability have other ideas!

Juices



In accordance with Federal Law and U.S. Department of Agriculture policy, Pinellas County School Food Service is prohibited from discriminating on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, age or disability. (Not all prohibited bases apply to all programs.) To file a complaint of discrimination, write USDA, Director, Office of Civil Rights, Room 326-W. Whitten Building, 1400 Independence Ave., SW., Washington D.C. 20250-9410 or call (202) 720-5964 (voice or TDD).

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Choose: Broccoli

Yogurt Parfait

Ham & Cheese Croissant

Sliced Cucumbers

SHOPPING PROGRAMS

Choose:

w/Roll

Fruit & Yogurt Plate

Turkey & Cheese Hoagie

Veggie Dippers

Carrots

Target Thanks a Billion Campaign: As part of the social campaign, guests are encouraged to share a message of appreciation through <u>Target's Facebook page</u> or the <u>Thanks a Billion website</u>, honoring a teacher who has made an impact on their life. When a guest submits a note of gratitude (certain <u>terms & conditions apply</u>), Target will donate \$25 to the teacher's school with the opportunity for each school to receive up to \$25,000. But here's the best part: Target won't stop until it's given away a grand total of *\$5 million*. For more information please go to this website: https://corporate.target.com/article/2015/05/thanks-a-billion

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Corn Dog

Farmers' Salad

Jamwich Kit

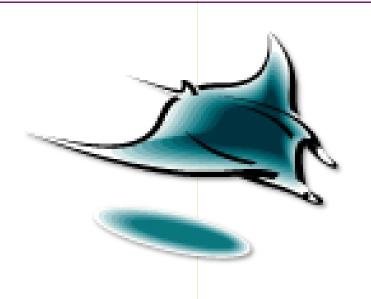
Romaine Side Salad

Choose: Oven Baked Beans

KULA has partnered with Red Robin to create the "Burgers For Better Schools" program that is an extension of their loyalty, or "Royalty" program. Royalty members can login using their existing royalty account, or create a new one. From there they can select any school of their choice as their designated school to automatically receive 1% of the total bill from their meal each time they dine at any Red Robin locations. The donation is automatic and the customer only needs to notify the Red Robin employee of their royalty account number at the time of payment. Because we do not track individual patrons donations to separate clubs or organizations, the donation is to be used at the school's discretion. Please visit www.redrobin.com/betterschools for information and FAQ's.

School Attendance Awareness

- As a reminder, parents/ guardians are required to contact the school in writing for any and all absences, otherwise the school will consider your child's absence unexcused.
- Did you know you can Report a Students Absence on our website at www.pcsb.org/mb-ms?
- Simply click the link (at the top of the page directly to the right), to send an email to the school to report this absence. Include the Student's Name, Date of Birth, Grade, Date Absent and Reason. If applicable, please send any documentation to support the absence. When complete, click the send button.
- If you wish to have an absence excused in advance, please refer to the Pinellas County Schools Code of Student Conduct pages 33-36, and our school fundamental handbook, located in the front pages of your student agenda for a full and more detailed explanation of Pinellas County Schools attendance policies and what can and cannot be considered excused. Related to student attendance, please remember the earliest student drop off in the morning is 7:15 AM (middle grades), and 7:25 AM (K5). The latest student pick up in the afternoon is no more than 30 minutes from the end of the student day.
- Good attendance helps children do well in school and eventually in the workplace. Good attendance matters for student success as early kindergarten and throughout elementary school.
- By middle school, poor attendance is a leading indicator of dropout. Developing the habit of attendance prepares students for success on the job and in life.
- Each month MBFS will look at student attendance closely. All students with 100% attendance for the month of October will receive a Shorts Day as a reward Friday, November 3. (All award recipients can select any style of shorts to wear) and/or Hat Day.
- Excused and Unexcused absences quickly add up to too much time lost in the classroom, starting in kindergarten and even pre-k, especially for the most vulnerable population.
- Students are at risk academically if they miss 10 percent of the school year, or about 18 days. Once too many absences occur, they can affect learning, regardless of whether absences are excused or unexcused. Avoid unnecessary absences. Some absences are unavoidable. Occasionally, children get sick and need to stay home. What is important is getting children to school as often as possible.
- Sporadic, not just consecutive, absences matter. Before you know it just one or two days a month can add up to nearly 10 percent of the school year.
- Chronic absence, missing 10 percent or more of the school year does not just affect the students who miss school. If too many students are chronically absent, it slows down instruction for other students, who must wait while the teacher repeats material for absentee students. This makes it harder for students to learn and teachers to teach.





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November 2017

Mosquito Bite Protection **in Florida**

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Not all mosquitoes are the same. Different mosquitoes spread different diseases and bite at different times of the day. Some mosquitoe species bite during the day, such as those mosquitoes that can spread chikungunya, dengue and Zika Viruses. Other species of mosquitoes bite most often at dawn and duzik, including those that can transmit West Nife Virus.

itoes can live indoors and will bite at any time, day or night. 🥿 😉 Use Environmental Protection Agency (EPA)-registered insect repellents USE INSECT REPELLENT WITH ONE OF THESE ACTIVE INGREDIENTS Wear repellent when you are outdoors. Use products with active ingredients that are safe and effective. DEET-)-) Offi, Cutter, Sawyer, Ultrathon #Always follow the product label instructions. Picaridin (KBR 3023), Bayrapal and icaridin Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus ■Do not spray repellent on skin under dothing. If you use surscreen, put sunscreen on first and insect repellent It is safe for pregnant or nursing women to use EPA-appro repellants if applied according to padage label instructions. Skin So Soft Bug Guard Plus Expedition, Skin Smar IR3535->-> ■Learn more: wwwz.epa.gov/insect-repellents. If you have a baby or child: Cover up with clothing Always follow product instructions when applying insect repellent to children. Wear long-sleeved shirts and long pants.

Spray insect repellent onto your hands and then apply to a child's face.

Do not apply insect repellent to a child's hands, mouth, cut or intrated skin.

Do not use insect repellent on babies younger than 2 months. Dress bables or small children in clothing that covers arms and

Mosquitoes can bite through thin dothing Treat dothes with permethrin or another EPA-registered insecticide for extra protection

Use permethrin-treated clothing and gear

nethrin is an insecticide that kills n

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