

September 3, 2024

Library Media Updates

Vision for Excellent Instruction

Brevard Public Schools provides equitable learning experiences for all students, so that all students are prepared for success after graduation.

How can you connect resources with the curriculum to actively engage students in learning and support the classroom?



Welcome to the 2024-2025 School Year! This year is “The Year of the Squirrel”. Plan Ahead, Stay Active, Look Both Ways When You Cross The “Road”, Go Out On A Limb, It’s Okay To Be A Little Nutty. 2024-2025 is going to be a fun, fantastic school year!

AND... welcome to Maia McCabe, Palm Bay ES Librarian.

Important Dates:

September 4th, What’s on Your Mind? Elementary LMS, Optional

September 6th, Mentor/Mentee Virtual Meet & Greet, 1:45pm

September 10th, New Librarian Basic BEANSTACK Training, 2:45pm

September 11th, What’s on Your Mind? Elementary LMS, Optional

September 15th Application Deadline, [Bright Ideas Classroom Grants](#)

September 16th High School Virtual Collaboration, Optional, 9:00am

September 16th Middle School Virtual Collaboration, Optional, 2:00pm,

September 18th, What’s on Your Mind? Elementary LMS, Optional

September 20th, In-person CMA, Middle School LMS @ Jefferson MS, 10am

September 30th, In-person CMA, High School LMS @ Palm Bay HS, 1pm

Media Matters- [The BPS Library Guide](#). Access *Book Decision Trees*, Follett Destiny Tutorials, Lessons and much more.

Media Matter also provides Lessons-

<https://sites.google.com/share.brevardschools.org/bpsmediamatters/lessonsunit-plans>

Congratulations to the schools below for being recognized by Beanstack as “Igniter Schools!”



Coquina Elementary- Angela Csider

Robert L. Stevenson Elementary- Jennifer Monroe

Cambridge Elementary- Marybeth Gokee

Quest Elementary- Heather Rehner

The Igniter award is granted to schools with 25% of students logging reading through Beanstack. This first honor comes with a \$25 Reading Culture Rebate to celebrate reading at your school, a digital badge, and a certificate. Schools achieve the Pathfinder award when 50% of their students log reading.

The Reading Culture Igniter status is the first milestone in the [2024-2025 Reading Culture Awards](#)! This honor is granted to schools with 25% of their students logging reading through Beanstack each school year. Attaining Igniter status is just the beginning; we're dedicated to supporting goal-setting strategies, fostering motivation through friendly competition, and providing incentives to schools as they meet participation milestones throughout the academic year. The ultimate goal: reaching 75% student engagement and the coveted [Reading Culture Trailblazer Award](#).

BPS SSYRA Beanstack Reading Challenge- Trish and I customized Beanstack's SSYRA's template to create a BPS SSYRA Reading Challenge. (We hope we did it right, we are learning). This challenge is a validation challenge with an option to complete an activity for each title. Our goal for this challenge is to promote and encourage students to read a minimum of 3 books from the list. Students will need to read 3 books and earn 6 total badges to complete this challenge. Students may earn "Activity Badges" which will help them meet the total goal of 6 badges for completion. Students will have September 6th to April 6th to complete this challenge.



BPS Elementary and Secondary Social Studies Links- Great resource to support standards and your classroom teachers.

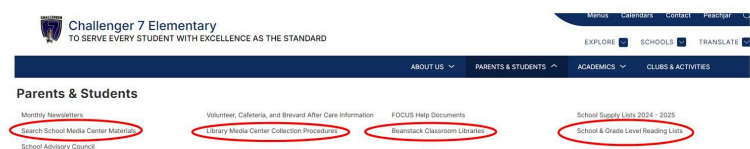
[Elementary](#)
[Secondary](#)

Website Links on School Website

Elementary:

4 links that must be listed under Parents and Students are

1. Search the School Media Center
2. Library Media Center Collection Development Procedures
3. Classroom Libraries
4. Supplemental Lists



Secondary: 1. Search the School Media Center 2. Library Media Center Collection Development Procedures

Content Level vs Reading Level

- Reading level is data used by the classroom teacher to determine reading skills to be taught. Meant to be used as data not a label for the child.
- Data shouldn't define the student when self selecting library books.
- Content level is what the story is about.
- Students do not need a permission slip to read books at a higher age/grade level.

NEW: What's On Your Mind Wednesdays for Elementary LMS

Trish and I will be available on Wednesdays, 2:30pm-3:30pm for Q&A.

This time is very casual, pop-on, pop-off, stay on the whole hour.

September 4th, 11th, 18th, 25th.

Beginning of the Year Checklist

- ☐ [State Required LM Training](#)
- ☐ [Upload state training certificate](#)
- ☐ [Share Family Letter](#)
- ☐ Start Inventory
- ☐ [Join FAME](#)
- ☐ Order/Promote SSYRA/FTR titles
- ☐ Update Media Contact spreadsheet. Open [CONTACTS](#) spreadsheet and complete the cells that pertain to you/your school.

Florida State Required Yearly LMS Training-August 30th, Complete Required State Library Training and upload certificate to this [link](#)

True or False- It's not who answers the quickest, it's who has the correct answers. Those with the correct answers names will go in a hat, 10 names will be drawn.

- 1.) State required Website links on the school's webpage, may be posted on both the media page and Parents and Students page but must be on the media page. True or False?
- 2.) Media Matters is the book we are using for our Book Study in September; may buy copies from Amazon. True or False?
- 3.) Bright Ideas Classroom grant application is due September 15th? True or False?

FAME: The Florida Association for Media in Education cordially invites you to mark your calendars for the annual conference, taking place from **November 20th to 22nd, 2024**, in Orlando! Don't miss out on this unparalleled opportunity to connect, learn, and grow alongside fellow industry professionals. Take advantage of our exclusive early bird rate and secure your spot today!

Inventory- Inventory should be started at the beginning of the year and run all year. As time allows, scan sections of the library. You do not have to wait until the end of the year to do Inventory. Name your inventory the school year (example- 2024-2025).