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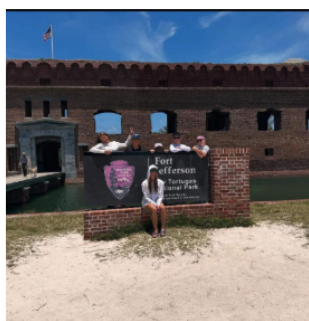
Highlights From Monroe County School District



Summer's here, teachers! ☀️

We're so grateful for the passion and dedication you bring to your classrooms every single day. As the school year winds down, things are ramping up here in the Florida Keys—our principals are already deep into interviews and making hires. If you've been dreaming about making the move to paradise, now's the perfect time to apply and start exploring housing options. This newsletter is packed with highlights from our schools to give you a glimpse of what life is like down here—and let's just say, you're definitely going to catch a case of FOMO! 🌴💙

Dive Into Marine Science at Big Pine Academy



Why just learn about the ocean when you can live it? At Big Pine Academy, marine science isn't just a subject—it's an adventure. From hands-on exploration to real-world experiences, students dive into the wonders of our local marine ecosystems in a way that brings science to life.

Here, science class goes beyond the textbook and into the water. 🌊🐠

Small Classes, Big Impact at Big Pine Academy





At Big Pine Academy, big things really do happen in small classes. With a low student-to-teacher ratio, every child gets the attention, guidance, and support they need to thrive—both academically and personally.

It's one of the many ways BPA creates a learning environment where students feel seen, supported, and empowered to grow. 🏠❤️

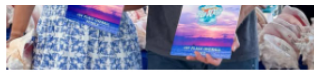
Swimmers Take On the 2025 CFK Swim Around Key West



Last Saturday, a determined group of swimmers hit the open water for the 2025 College of the Florida Keys Swim Around Key West. This 12.5-mile swim around the island tested endurance, mental strength, and teamwork, as participants pushed their limits in one of the most unique race settings in the country.

Huge congratulations to all the swimmers, kayakers, and supporters who made the journey possible. What a way to celebrate community, challenge, and the beauty of the Keys!





CFK's Future Heroes Camp Wraps Up with More Fun and Learn



The College of the Florida Keys recently wrapped up its Future Heroes summer camp—and it ended on a high note! Campers had an exciting week filled with engaging presentations from the Key West Police Department, the SOS Foundation, and the Monroe County Sheriff's Office.

The camp gave students a firsthand look at what it means to serve the community and inspired them to dream big about future careers in public service. It was the perfect mix of fun, learning, and leadership-building.



Summer Camps Kick Off at CFK with Future Heroes

Summer adventure camps are officially underway at The College of the Florida Keys, starting strong with the always-popular Future Heroes camp! This week, students got an up-close look at careers in public service through exciting presentations from the Navy Branch Health Clinic, Trauma Star, and the Key West Fire Department.

It's been an awesome way to launch summer learning—with hands-on activities, real-world connections, and plenty of inspiration for our future heroes.





CFK Academy Celebrates Inaugural Graduating Class

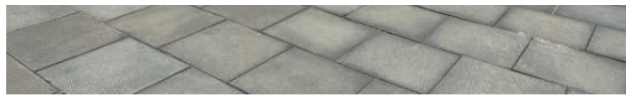


Yesterday marked a special milestone as The College of the Florida Keys celebrated the very first graduating class of CFK Academy. The Class of 2025 made history as the inaugural group to complete this unique high school program, and we couldn't be prouder of their achievements.

Congratulations, graduates! We're excited to see all the great things ahead for you and wish you the very best in your next chapter.

Beach Day Fun for May Sands Montessori





Students from the Great Blue Heron and Blue Tang classes at May Sands Montessori enjoyed a sunny and memorable beach day at Fort Zachary Taylor! With sand between their toes and the ocean breeze in the air, it was the perfect way to celebrate the end of the school year and connect with nature in true Keys style.

Days like these remind us how lucky we are to live and learn in such a beautiful place!

Summer Fun in Full Swing at KLS



Summer Recreation is officially underway at Key Largo School—and it's been non-stop fun ever since! From pool days and silly games to arts and crafts and making new friends, students are soaking up every moment of sunshine, laughter, and creativity.

These smiling faces say it all: summer is in full swing, and the memories are already piling up.

A huge thank-you to the Ocean Reef Community Foundation and The Keys Children Foundation for their continued support in making this program possible. Be sure to check out some snapshots from our summer adventures so far!

The Florida Keys: Fun for Families of All Ages! 🌴👨‍👩‍👧‍👦



The Florida Keys offer so much more than just beautiful beaches and thrill rides—they're the perfect place for



families of all ages to explore together. From young kids to grandparents, there's a whole world of nature, history, and adventure waiting to be discovered.



You can step into the past at Hemingway's Home & Museum and meet the island's famously quirky six-toed cats, dive into fun with water activities the whole family will love, or get up close with local wildlife through hands-on outdoor experiences.



No matter your age, the Keys have something memorable to offer. It's the kind of place where every family adventure becomes a story worth telling.



📌 **Don't forget to explore the [new employee resource guide](#)**

We're already well into hiring season, and now's the perfect time to lock in your spot for the 2025–2026 school year in beautiful Monroe County, Florida. If you haven't applied yet, we recommend getting your application in soon—and don't forget to start exploring housing options early.

A quick heads-up: our Get to Know Monroe virtual sessions have wrapped up for the season and will be back in November 2025. In the meantime, if you have any questions about certification, requirements, or the application process, feel free to reach out to:

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We hope to welcome you to paradise soon—where you can grow your teaching career and enjoy an unbeatable quality of life!

Serious About Living and Working in the Florida Keys?

Begin your **housing search NOW!** Use the [New Employee Resource Guide](#) to find housing resources and start planning your move.

Athletic Trainer Needed – Coral Shores High School

Coral Shores High School in Key Largo is searching for an **Athletic Trainer!**
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