

What's New at Chi Chi's

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Program Spotlight: Hands On Science with Bat Houses and Rehabilitated Animals

Thanks to Carl Albritton from Wild Birds Unlimited and Superintendent Eric Dixon the Academy students were fascinated by another hands on science education this February. Students helped autograph and install bat houses (holding up to 600 bats each) on holes 2 and 13 of the golf course. Two more houses will be placed at the Sports Complex controlling the mosquito population and providing a safe home for our local bats. During the same science class, Kris Porter from Owl's Nest Sanctuary for Wildlife introduced a Screech Owl & a rehabilitated rabbit that students released back to the wild.

"It was really cool to be outside and decorate the bat houses. My favorite part of the day was learning about and seeing the Screech Owl."

~Triston, 4th grade



Top: Carl Albritton explaining how bats use different levels in the box for males, females & babies. **Middle:** student signatures are featured on the bat house up on hole # 2; **Bottom Right:** Kris Porter answering questions about the Screech Owl; **Bottom Left:** Carl Albritton and the 5th grade class installing the first bat house.



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Award Spotlight: Clearwater Regional Chamber of Commerce selects Chi Chi's as Medium Nonprofit of the Year

Before an audience of over 500 business leaders Foundation Board Members Frank Chivas, Griff Braddock, Ron Ciganek and COO James Poulter joined Cary Stiff, Senior VP to accept the award (all pictured left). We're grateful to our sponsors, the City of Clearwater, the Pinellas County School District and our volunteers for the opportunity of making our community a better place to live.

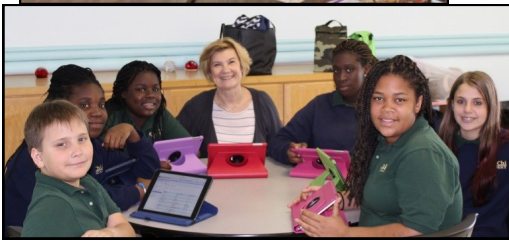
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Program Spotlight: Title 1 Grant Money spent on Math and Reading Remediation

Welcome Gail Griffin and Bobbie Hill! These two teachers have been hired through the school system with a Title 1 grant to support classroom learning. They work with individual and small groups of students to raise reading and math achievement levels as measured by district and state testing.

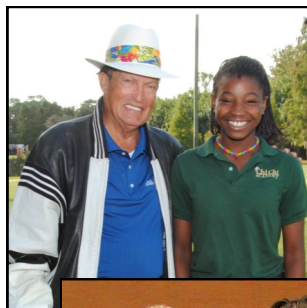
An Extraordinary Achievement: The Academy's 7th grade class scored the 2nd highest out of any 7th grade class in the county in the math midterm this December. This counts all middle schools, including traditional and charter schools.



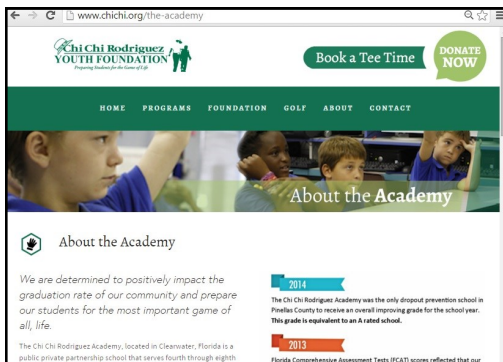
Top: Gail Griffin and 4th grader DJ working on reading; Bottom: Bobbie Hill with a group of 6th grade students enjoying the benefits of the Academy's iPads.

Student Spotlight: 8th grader Asaiya named Chi Chi's Boys & Girls Club Youth of the Year

On February 15th, community business leaders and Boys & Girls Club supporters joined together for the annual Youth of the Year luncheon. Each of the seven Clubs in Pinellas County chose a student to represent them and be honored at the lunch. Congratulations to Chi Chi's representative Asaiya! We are so proud of the character and values you show both in and out of school!



Top: Asaiya with Chi Chi during the 2015 Charity Classic Student Breakfast; Bottom: Asaiya receiving her Youth of the Year certificate from Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast President/CEO Nita Smith and Site Director Raven Johnson



Donor Spotlight: Farmore Marketing Donates Fresh Design for chichi.org

Debuted on February 1, the site brims with informative stories, events, history and financial information showing donors exactly where and how their dollars are spent. A big thank you to the Founder of Farmore Marketing, Luke Fortin and his team for positioning our now mobile friendly site to visually and audibly engage our supporters.

Check out the new site at www.chichi.org!

You can see more of Luke and his team's work at: www.farmoremktg.com



Top: Screen shot of our newly designed website; Bottom: COO James Poulter with Farmore Marketing's videographer Daniel Bryant and CEO Luke Fortin following a testimonial shoot at the Golf Club.

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Academy Mission

To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course and its business as living classrooms.

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Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Pro Am
Wednesday, March 9, 2016

Valspar Championship
March 10 - 13, 2016

Safety Harbor/Dunedin Waterside
Annual Rotary Golf Tournament
Saturday, March 19th, 2016

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday
November 13 & 14, 2016

Did You Know...?

Many companies match individual donations or volunteer hours their employees give to charities! Some companies, like IBM, even donate to charities that their retired employees volunteer for each year.

If you donate or volunteer, check with your employer about their matching gift policies. This is an easy way to increase or double your gift to the Foundation every year.