



What's New at Chi Chi's

August 2017

Jayne Pecci retires after 27 years of service to Chi Chi's Kids

On July 27 at Rumba's Grill in Oldsmar board members and Chi Chi team members bid farewell to a 27 year dedicated and valued school leader. Her Academy leadership produced remarkable results over the years and the achievements of her team were recognized by the Florida Department of Education. For both our students and team members Jayme served as a wise, loving, stable role model, director and counselor in times of trouble and celebration. By her actions she improved and changed hundreds of young lives in our community and will be greatly missed. We thank our supporters for giving us the resources to have people like Jayme on our team.

From Top to Bottom: Current and past teachers catch up during the celebration; CEO Cary Stiff presents the Foundation's gift to Jayme; Jayme with former Curlew Creek Principal John Burwell, Christine Hoffman and Kathy Dickinson; COO James Poulter and Board Member Buck Jones.



2016-2017 Academy Results

- * 8th grade math scores were higher than any middle school in Pinellas County and rivaled the scores of three fundamental schools.
- * 5th grade students made impressive gains in both English Language Arts and Math and was only one of 11 schools in the County to show this much growth.

Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday, November 12th & 13th
Chi Chi Golf Club

Music 'n Mistletoe
Holiday Event
TBD

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YOUTH FOUNDATION
Preparing Students for the Game of Life

Mission: To assist at risk children by improving their self-esteem, character, work ethic, social adjustment, and academic performance using the golf course as a living classroom.

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**Chi Chi Academy Alumni
Journey to Success: Nick Cimillo**

Nick came to the Chi Chi Academy in 2010 after struggling with his reading during elementary school. During his five years at the Academy he made substantial gains in all subjects including the subjects he struggled with most. He's now a junior at East Lake High School with a 3.1 GPA and spent this summer volunteering at The First Tee of Clearwater summer camp and working for the Chi Chi's grounds maintenance crew. Nick's career goal is to work in Sports Medicine or Physical Therapy and we anticipate he'll be a success story, role model and mentor for our future students!

*"It was an honor to come to this school."
~8th grade graduation speech 2015*



Top Left: Nick meets Chi Chi at the Charity Classic event in 2010; Top Right: 8th grade graduation in 2015; Bottom Left: volunteering at this year's Summer Camp; Bottom Right: working on grounds maintenance crew 2017.



Top: The First Tee of Clearwater team (in green) and Ace Golf Team (in red) share a sportsmanship huddle before their competition begins; Right: Brandon tees off during a round against Westchase.



**The First Tee of Clearwater
participants compete in
Summer PGA Jr. League**

Fifteen golfers represented The First Tee of Clearwater throughout the summer in PGA Jr. League Matches. The League is a fun, social and inclusive opportunity for children 13 and under to play on a team. Students have competed against Ace Golf, Belleair and Westchase both at the Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club and other courses in the Tampa Bay Area. Most of the team's golfers are also in The First Tee's PAR and BIRDIE Saturday classes during the fall and spring learning interpersonal communications and self-management skills through golf. Congrats on a great season team!

Did You Know...?

The Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club 18 tee markers include Did You Know Facts that share the story of the Foundation and its educational programs to over 45,000 golfers each year. Each hole is sponsored by a supporter, like Hole # 2 below:

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is a 9:1 student to teacher ratio.