



What's New at Chi Chi's

July 2018

Students enjoy an educational day with Native Bird Boxes on their Living Classroom

The golf course living classroom, home to over 50 animal species of mammals, reptiles and birds, is a perfect place for our students to get an up close and personal experience with nature. In May, the 4th grade class was escorted by Brian Beckner of Native Bird Boxes, Golf Club Superintendent Eric Dixon and Foundation team members for a wildlife education tour. On the tour, students saw over 15 bird species, including a close up with a mom and baby Screech Owl. The class documented all they saw and following their tour went over what they learned with Eric and Brian. Sometimes it's hard to tell if the students or adults enjoy this day more, but it is safe to say it is a favorite by all. Thank you to Brian and Eric for continuing this program and introducing our kids to so many amazing things on our campus!



Top: Brian talks about the baby Screech Owl to the students and team members; Middle Left: Nevaeh and Tay Tay write down species seen on their tour; Middle Right: Brian holds the mom Screech Owl for students to see her beautiful wings; Bottom left: Brian points out a Purple Martin bird to Brandyn; Bottom Right: Eric, Brian and the 4th grade class show off all the species they saw on their wildlife tour



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Sunday & Monday, November 11th & 12th
Chi Chi Golf Club



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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**Nielsen rocks another Global
Impact Day at the Academy**

Twenty volunteers stepped out of their air cooled comfortable offices and into the simmering humid June heat as they eagerly began work at Chi Chi's for their 7th Nielsen Global Impact Day. Projects included painting the middle school portables and planting sod throughout the parking lot medians. The portable classrooms and parking area were in desperate need of some love, just see the before/after photos below. As the Foundation continues capital improvements throughout the campus (including a major golf course renovation this summer), volunteer groups like Nielsen really help move the needle!



Top: Nielsen's team takes a picture before getting started on their projects; Bottom Left: Volunteers paint the portable doors; Bottom Right: Volunteers pull apart Perennial Peanut sod to plant in the medians



Left: Drew takes a break from painting to take some photos in front of the Academy; Top Right: Drew by the portable he was working on; Bottom Right: Drew as a 5th grader at the Academy in 2001

**Academy Alumni Spotlight:
Drew Scott (2001)**

We had a pleasant surprise during Nielsen's Global Impact Day...que Drew Scott. While painting the portables, Drew casually mentioned he had attended the Academy as a 5th grader in the early 2000's...naturally we found a year book and spent another thirty minutes learning what he has been up to over the past 17 years! We are proud to say Drew works for Nielsen as a Production Support Engineer and is currently finishing up his Associates of Arts degree at St. Petersburg College. This fall he plans to transfer to the University of South Florida to earn a Bachelors of Science in Information Technology!

Did You Know...?

The Chi Chi Rodriguez Golf Club's 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 #14 below:



The Academy has two gardens students maintain and enjoy eating as part of the hands on learning method.