



What's New at Chi Chi's

July 2019

The Academy Living Classrooms come alive thanks to visits from the Love Bee Apiary and Native Bird Boxes



In their vegetable and pollinator gardens students are often close to bees. So, garden volunteer Sue Morgan invited Jim Hirschberger to speak about their presence and what it means to our environment and gardens. Jim is the owner of Love Bee Apiary and he brought one of his bee colonies to the classroom for the students to see, touch and taste the honeycombs. They learned about the hive through clear glass windows and were able to try different honeys from his colonies. A warm thanks to Jim for taking his time to share these fascinating animals, how they live and the importance of their role in the environment and food supply.

Next, the 4th grade class spent time on the golf course with Brian Beckner of Native Bird Boxes. Brian engaged our students throughout his tour highlighting the many different species that call our 140-acre golf course campus home. The cherry on top was petting a beautiful red mom Eastern Screech Owl living in a box off hole #10. We're fortunate that these generous community members plan to bring their expertise and sense of wonder to Chi Chi's for many years to come.

You can find pictures of both days at facebook.com/ChiChiAcademy Take a fun five minutes to scroll through our Academy FB page to enjoy seeing the activities and learning experiences students receive.

Top: Jim Hirschberger of Love Bee Apiary with the 5th grade class; Bottom Left: Brandyn trying some honey; Bottom Right: Nathan, Nevaeh, Eashaan and Ms. Bartlett listening to Jim as he points out the queen of the colony

Photos to the right: Brian Beckner with the 4th grade class showing off the mom Eastern Screech Owl, a closeup of the mom in her box and Malachi petting the mom while his classmates look on



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Saturday & Sunday, November 9th & 10th
Chi Chi Golf Club



Mission: to educate students in a public-private partnership and improve their academic performance, self-esteem and character using the golf course as a living classroom.

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**First Tee Program Director
Karen Wise earns
Recognized Coach Status**

Chi Chi's and The First Tee Home Office in St. Augustine, Florida congratulates Coach Wise for achieving Recognized Coach Status. Coaches who successfully complete all three levels of training achieve this prestigious designation. Karen spent three years training around the country in courses offered by The First Tee Home Office while coaching Academy students and over 300 community participants during weekend and summer programming. She also oversees our First Tee of Clearwater National School Program in partnership with four schools in North Pinellas county. The program introduces over 1,800 children to life-skills through golf.



Coach Karen Wise, PGA with 5th grader Charles and 6th grader Kelly. Charles and Kelly won in all three categories of the Drive Chip Putt Contest at the Academy this school year.



Top: Clearing & Custody Services Support Team clockwise from top left Tara English, Ryan Scruby, Judy Capra, Tom Semanchik, Donna Tripp and Talita Avila;
Bottom Left: Judy and Ryan planting in the newly painted boxes; Bottom right: Donna, Talita and Tara paint one of the bistro tables

**Raymond James Cares Month
makes impact at Academy in May**

Raymond James' Clearing & Custody Services Support Team of six members spent the day at the Academy as a part of Raymond James Cares month. Throughout the month, associates and advisors from across the country get involved in their communities. The dedicated team members cleaned, painted and planted their hearts out in our 5th grade Pollinator garden! Our students will take enormous pride in this sparkling area when they return to school on Wednesday, August 14.

Looking for a volunteer project for you or your team? Contact Laura Tobe at (727) 726-8829 x 207 or laura@chichi.org if you'd like to get involved.

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