

## What's New at Chi Chi's?

**March 2021** 











Top Left: Honor Roll Celebration included delicious lunches from Chick-fil-A;
Top Right: Academy Director Josh Meurer hosts a virtual middle school Awards Ceremony;
Middle: Bimbo Bakeries USA Takis Truck visited campus the week before the Super Bowl and
handed out treats for our students; Bottom Left: Fun February ice cream from Daddy Dawgs;
Bottom Right: Kona Ice for all student just before their winter break in December

### **Celebrating our Students!**

At the Chi Chi Academy, we love to celebrate our students achievements in academics, behavior improvements and attendance. This year has been tough for all and our students continue to amaze us every day with their hard work and accomplishments!

#### **Award Ceremonies:**

Though we have moved any ceremonies to virtual programs, all teachers and Director Josh Meurer still take time to celebrate all students achievements. Each teacher has awards within their classrooms and Mr. Meurer shares those who earned Perfect Attendance, Chi Chi's List, Honor Roll and Principal's List. Those honored with these are also awarded a delicious lunch thanks to our local Chick-fil-A Countryside!

#### Fun Fridays & Fun February:

Weekly celebrations happen on Friday afternoon's for students who earn all E's and S's (or V's for elementary), known as "Fun Friday". During these celebrations, students enjoy the last little bit of school playing outside and usually a special treat from supporters, including Bimbo Bakeries USA Takis and Kona Ice. Our latest celebration was for all of February, with students having to earn over 75% E's and S's/V's for the whole month to participate. Over 70% of our students accomplished this and enjoyed an hour free time with classmates and delicious ice cream from Daddy Dawgs with any toppings they wanted.

## **Upcoming Events**

Chi Chi Pro Am Wednesday, May 5 Locations TBD

All other events are currently postponed. We will update on future dates as we have them.



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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Left: Coach Karen with 7th graders Carmon and Nevaeh during golf at the Chi Chi Academy; Right: Karen's official announcement with the North Florida PGA Chapter

# Congratulations to our own Coach Karen Wise, PGA!

In February, First Tee - Clearwater Program Director Karen Wise, PGA was honored with the 2021 Youth Player Development Award for the North Florida PGA! This Award recognizes the PGA Professional who is a leader in junior golf and who reflects the ideals of those who work with youth. Coach Karen oversees all programming of First Tee - Clearwater, including the weekly programs at the Chi Chi Academy. Congrats Karen!

## Congratulations Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor Student of the Month: Matthew (November) & Amir (January)

"Matthew was chosen to represent the First Tee Core Value Confidence. He is kind to everyone and a good all-around kid!"

"Amir represents Perseverance. He started the year online and then transitioned to class learning. Amir did a great job switching from one learning style to another and adapted very quickly."

~ Mrs. Olson, 5th grade teacher





Left: Matthew and Right: Amir in front of a video from Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor members Dan Marigoni and Janine Brown announcing their award

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