# What's New at Chi Chi's?

## March 2022







Top Left: 4th graders Emilee, Yazmine, Adrianna and Caleb; Top Right: 5th graders Harmanii and Yaretzi; Middle: Mr. Evan with the 4th grade class after they finished planting in their garden; Bottom Left: 5th grader Mikhail; Bottom Right: Evan working with the 4th graders Emilee, Mariyah, Cornelius, Yazmine, Jeremiah and Da'Montae

#### Spring is here and the Academy Elementary Gardens are back!

With the start of spring, the students and teachers were ready to get in their vegetable and pollinator gardens to start planting! Insert Master Gardener Evan Earle, Jr. Evan worked with the Foundation team to prep the spaces and specifically chose Florida Native Plants.

The day before Spring Break, Evan worked with both classes, showing how to properly dig, prep and plant in their gardens. As you can see in the photos, the students absolutely loved the day! Evan also brought some fun swag from Keep Pinellas Beautiful for each student.

Huge thank you to Evan for bringing our gardens back to life! The teacher's utilize the gardens for science classes and incentives for their students.

> Be sure to check out our facebook page to see pictures of the gardens progress over the next couple of months! www.facebook.com/chichiacademy

#### **Upcoming Events**

Chi Chi Charity Classic November 13th & 14th 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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Left: 5th graders Da'Shon, Josiah, Preston, Jamie, Mekhi and 7th grader Korbin; Top Right: 4th graders Yazmine and Mariyah; Bottom Right: 7th grader Adrian

#### **Fun February Celebration!**

Each week, our students have the opportunity to earn "Fun Friday" through good behavior over the entire week. Celebrations are usually the last 30 minutes of the school day on Friday with outdoor and indoor games as well as a snack. To help with the long stretch between Winter and Spring Break, students can also earn "Fun February" with over 85% of their behavior grades being Excellent, Very Good or Satisfactory for the month. Students who achieved this enjoyed an outdoor celebration with a cotton candy machine! Huge thank you to MiniMelts for donating ice cream for the day!

### Congratulations Kiwanis Club of Safety Harbor Student of the Month: Mia (February)

"Mia is a model student for Chi Chi Rodriguez Academy. Her natural kindness and enthusiasm for school shines through every day. Mia is always helping others and looks to put everyone ahead of herself. She is a leader among her peers and is highly respected by all staff and foundation members on campus. We love having Mia be apart of our Chi Chi Rodriguez family and look forward to continue watching her grow."

~ Mrs. Olson, 5th grade teacher



Mia with Academy Director Josh Meurer

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