# **- What's New at Chi Chi's?** May 2022









Top Left: 5th graders Josiah and Preston planting with Keep Pinellas Beautiful; Top Right: Aaron Martin with Helena speaking to the 4th grade class; Middle: All the students, teachers and volunteers who helped make this day great; Bottom Left: Academy Executive Committee Members Brittany Maxwell and Scott Tobe (back) with 6th graders at the Entenmann's water bottle station; Bottom Right: Melissa West with UF's IFAS Extension Pinellas County shows 4th grader Jeremiah how to place paint on the rain barrel

## Inaugural Earth Day Celebration!

The end of April marked our first ever Earth Day celebration with the whole school! All of our students moved as classes to 5 different stations. They decorated their own reusable water bottles, painted rain barrels to be used in the elementary gardens, planted Florida Native Plants and learned from Amazon Web Services (AWS) and Helena Chemical about how their companies help the environment every day.

This day would not have happened without our entire Foundation team, all the teachers and administrative staff who stepped up to make this day so unique and fun!

#### Special Thank You to the below Sponsors and Volunteers!

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## **Upcoming Events**

Chi Chi Charity Classic November 13th & 14th Chi Chi Golf Club



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Top: 6th grader Matthew with his mom getting a caricature done; Bottom Left: 4th graders Emilee and Yazmine show off their balloon creations: Bottom Right: 6th grader Tresdon works on his sand art

# **Chi Chi Academy Hosts The Spring Fling Family Engagement Night**

Back in person! After guite a few successful "drive thru" Engagement Nights the past couple of years, our team was excited to have the families back on campus for the annual Spring Fling! The night included food, balloon creations, caricatures, sand art crafts, a SuperFit Kidz station, putting and chipping contests, and a scavenger hunt! Focus for the night was the transition from elementary to middle school and middle to high school, with our Academy Counselor on site to talk with families and provide helpful literature. Our entire Academy staff chipped in to make the night so successful for over 120 guests!

> Special thanks to: **Bimbo Bakeries USA GFWC North Pinellas Woman's Club** SuperFit Kidz Foundation

# **Congratulations Kiwanis Club of** Safety Harbor Student of the Month Mekhi

"Mekhi was chosen as our student of the month for always being a good friend to others. He continues to try a new skill or improve an old one. He is not afraid to get an answer wrong and will seek out why an answer is incorrect to gain better understanding. We are so proud of Mekhi's perseverance during his time here at Chi Chi's."

~Mrs. Olson, 5th grade teacher



Mekhi at the Spring Fling Engagement Night

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