



# What's New at Chi Chi's

November 2017

## Academy Students Achieve Principal's List & Honor Roll plus the 4th Grade Class Wins Best Attendance!



During the first grading period, 22 Academy students made Honor Roll and one student made Principal's List (all A's)! The transition from summer back into the school year is never an easy one, so we're extremely proud to recognize the numerous students who accomplished such a high grade level this early in the school year.

This year began the 30 day best attendance award. Throughout the year attendance numbers are monitored per class. If the entire class is at school on time, the class gets a check mark for the day. The first to reach 30 perfect attendance days wins and the first awarded was the 4th grade class!



4th graders pose with the rotating Best Attendance trophy after they were announced as the first winners during the Academy morning announcements.

Top Left: 6th graders James, David and Katrina show off their certificates for outstanding conduct in P.E.; Top Right: 5th grader Ian was the only student to achieve Principal's List this grading period; Middle: 8th graders Tiasia, Ashanti, Christian and LeAijah during Honor Roll Breakfast; Bottom: 4th & 5th graders who earned Perfect Attendance for the entire first grading period.

### Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic  
Sunday & Monday, November 12th & 13th  
Chi Chi Golf Club/Nielsen

Music 'n Mistletoe - Holiday Event  
Sunday, December 17th  
Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert- Amalie Arena



*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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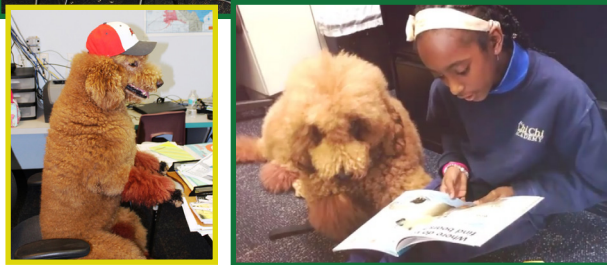
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## The First Tee Spotlight: Devyn, Sonya, Hadleigh and Tia represent High Schools at Regionals

The First Tee goes to high school! Four of our participants made their school teams as freshman and all represented their schools during Regionals at Lansbrook Golf Club this October. Devyn and Sonya play for Palm Harbor University High School and Hadleigh and Tia play for Countryside High School, where Tia averaged the best 9-hole score for the team all year. All four also give back by volunteering with younger participants of The First Tee during summer and Saturday classes. We are so proud to have these four representing us in the community not only as good golfers but great advocates of the game and the core values we teach.



Top: Devyn, Sonya and Hadleigh on the practice green before their round;  
Bottom: Tia smiling during her round.



Top: SuperDog Max and Ruby pose with the 5th grade class; Bottom Left: SuperDog Max takes the teachers chair to "teach" the class; Bottom Right: 5th grader Zay Zay reads with SuperDog Max by her side.

## Healing Paws Animal Therapy helping Academy Students

Once a week, two animal therapy trained Labradoodles join Academy students during class. Students take turns reading out loud to the class while sitting quietly and enjoying attention from the extraordinarily gentle SuperDog Max and Ruby. Approximately 20% of our students come in to the 4th grade reading at their grade level so practice is essential to improve and this really helps. The dogs provide a calming presence with the goal of increasing a child's level and quality of verbal interaction. Academy students in all grade levels eagerly embrace the visits and equate reading and spending time with the dogs as truly a pleasure. Thank you to Healing Paws Animal Therapy for providing this remarkable program.

Did You Know...? Two of our largest fundraising events are coming up!

The Chi Chi Charity Classic is a two-day golf and dinner event that raises approximately 25% of the overall education program operating budget. We still could use auction items for the Sunday night dinner if you'd like to help.

Music 'n Mistletoe is a holiday themed event featuring a dinner and live auction in the Chase Club followed by the Trans-Siberian Orchestra concert at Amalie Arena.

For more information on either event, contact Laura Tobe at (727) 726-8829 x 207 or [laura@chichi.org](mailto:laura@chichi.org).