



Education Foundation of Indian River County

"Opening Doors to Student Success!"

Summer Learning for Children!



STEP into K Summer Program Prepares Children for Success!

We celebrated another great year giving young children the skills needed to be successful in Kindergarten. STEP into K is a 29 day extended learning opportunity for children who have completed Voluntary Pre-Kindergarten but need more time to build their skills before starting Kindergarten. These children will be entering Title I School (schools where the majority of children are from low income families).

Read this testimonial from a parent : "While my son was in STEP over the summer, he met so many wonderful teachers and got to understand why there was a policeman's car outside every morning. He learned songs, things about nature, how to write his name neatly and what being in a BIG school is like.....The STEP program helped him in ways we weren't thinking of. When your child is getting ready for Kindergarten, you don't think of them needing to be familiar with the car drop off line, the cafeteria line and the big playground.... I didn't cry this morning when my husband and I dropped him off for his first day of school. I wondered why I wasn't balling like a baby like I did with our daughter. It dawned on me the reason I didn't cry was because I was confident in him being prepared for Kindergarten all because of the STEP program."

[Click Here to see a video of the children and what they learned at STEP into K.](#)

New Program - IMPACT Parent Academies!



We are so pleased to have started the IMPACT for Parents Academy! This is a n extension of STEP into K and was funded by Quail Valley Charities - IMPACT stands for Inspiring Meaningful Partnerships through Academic Collaborative Teams. The interactive workshops featured a conscious discipline trainer who specializes in working with parents teaching them how to be proactive with their children's behavior rather than reactive. The sessions helped parents understand the use of 5 self-regulation techniques to lead to healthier relationships with all family members. Parents also received a take home kit to continue building their social-emotional connections with their child.

[Click Here to see a video of the parents and what they learned at the IMPACT Parent Academies](#)

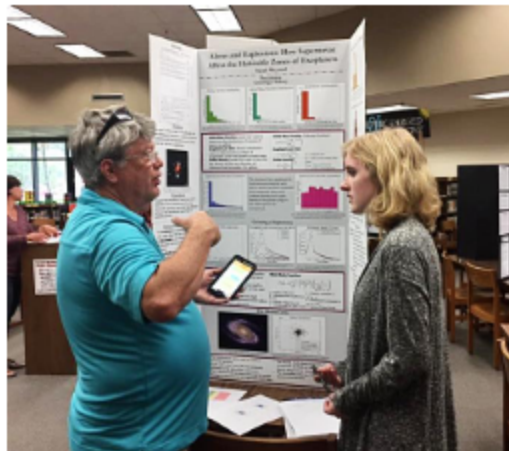
Fun at Annual Back to School Party!



Hundreds of people came out for the Back to School Party held at Riverside Theatre on August 4th. Children were treated to free lunch, snow cones, face painting, bounce houses, entertainment and much more. We are grateful for the efforts of so many people who make this a successful event. We thank Riverside Theatre and all of our School District of Indian River County departments and administrative leaders who joined us (including transportation – mini bus rides and route information).

[Click Here to the full details and photos of the Back to School Event!](#)

Save the Date and Please Consider Volunteering or Sponsoring the 2019 Indian River Science Fair - Saturday January 26, 2019



It's never too early to sign up to be a judge! We are also looking for special award and event sponsors! – The 27th Indian River Regional Science and Engineering Fair is on **Saturday, January 26, 2019** at Gifford Middle School for the event. The Award Ceremonies will be at Sebastian River High School's Performing Arts Center for Elementary winners on **Sunday, January 27th at 3:00 p.m.** and Secondary winners, **Wednesday, January 30th at 6:00 p.m.**

[Click Here to learn how to volunteer for or sponsor the science fair!](#)

We Are Hiring!



We have created a new position and are looking for the right person to assist us. As we enter our 27th year of service to the children of Indian River County, we look forward to continuously enhancing our current programs and creating even more outreach in the community. The new position of Community Engagement Officer is critical to our organization enabling us to achieve our goals.

[Click Here to learn more our new position for Community Engagement Officer!](#)

"The aim of education is the knowledge, not of facts, but of values."

William S. Burroughs

Do you want to continue to help us **grow power, knowledge and skills** for our local students and teachers? Without the help of donors like you, many needs in our education community will be unmet.

Please **make a gift for education** to help us continue to provide skills for children and their teachers ensuring they will achieve successful lives through high quality education.

Change a Life With One Gift - Open Doors To Student Success

[Yes! I would like to provide more opportunities for children and teachers!](#)

The [Education Foundation of Indian River County](#) is a 501(c)(3) charitable organization whose mission is to enhance our community's investment in our schools with the goal of achieving excellence for students and educators.

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