



Weekly NEWSLETTER

Conchs Issue #5

Principal Mrs. Rebecca Palomino

September 15, 2023

Key West High School Mission Statement

To empower all students to maximize their potential and prepare them with the skills and experiences necessary to be college or career ready and to develop those character traits that will enable them to be productive members of society.



The Homecoming Court enjoyed a dinner with their Mothers and the Homecoming Committee. The Court festivities are starting!!

Pictured left to right: Marleigh Palomino (page), Monaya Carey, Siena Wardlow, Yani Nodal, Daniella Barroso, and Petra Dor

UPCOMING EVENTS **SEPTEMBER 2023**

- September 25th— “Start with Hello” week.....see info in the newsletter
- September 28th— Early Dismissal—students are dismissed at 11:30am

KWHS SOCIAL MEDIA:

Instagram— kwhs_news

Facebook—Key West High School Athletics & Student Activities

Twitter— @kwhsnews

Website— www.keysschools.com/kwhs

Students must show their KWHS ID when entering the campus and when a staff member asks to see it. Thank you for your support and effort in keeping our school safe!

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 18, 2023

WEAR ORANGE

to show unity for kindness, acceptance,
and inclusion and to send a visible
message that no child should ever
experience bullying.

Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:26	1
8:30 - 9:20	2
9:24 - 10:17	3
10:21 - 11:11	4
11:11 - 11:46	Lunch 1-- Crimson (Bldgs 4, Wt rm, Auto)
11:50 - 12:40	5 Crimson
11:15 - 12:05	5 Grey
12:05 - 12:40	Lunch 2-- Grey (Bldgs 1,2 ,3 & Portables)
12:44 - 1:34	6
1:38 - 2:30	7

Pep Rally Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:28	1
8:32 - 9:17	2
9:21 - 10:06	3
10:10 - 10:55	4
10:55 - 11:30	Lunch #1
11:34 - 12:19	5A
10:59 - 11:44	5B
11:44 - 12:19	Lunch #2
12:23 - 1:08	6
1:12 - 1:57	7
2:00 - 2:30	Pep Rally

Wellness Wednesdays	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:22	1
8:26 - 9:12	2
9:16 - 10:05	3
10:05 - 10:35	30+
10:39 - 11:25	4
11:25 - 12:00	Lunch #1
12:04 - 12:50	5A
11:29 - 12:15	5B
12:15 - 12:50	Lunch #2
12:54 - 1:40	6
1:44 - 2:30	7

Early Release Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 8:00	1
8:04 - 8:28	2
8:32 - 8:59	3
9:03 - 9:27	4
9:31 - 9:55	5
9:55 - 10:33	Lunch
10:37 - 11:01	6
11:05 - 11:30	7

Final Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	Exam
9:10 - 9:51	Lunch
9:55 - 11:30	Exam

7th Period Exam Bell Schedule	
Time	Period
7:35 - 9:10	7th Exam
9:14 - 9:56	1
10:00 - 10:42	2
10:46 - 11:30	3
11:30 - 12:16	Lunch
12:20 - 12:58	4
1:02 - 1:44	5
1:48 - 2:30	6



~Student News~

- ⇒ If a senior missed Picture Day and needs a make up senior picture, they will have the opportunity to do so on November 8th. Mrs. Saunders will send out an email to these students so please encourage your child to check their emails.
- ⇒ If any student is requesting a retake, they will have the opportunity to do so on November 8th. Students are to email Mrs. Saunders requesting a retake. There will be a retake fee.
- ⇒ Order your 2024 Key West High School yearbook using the website yearbookorder-center.com and job #: 17196



Key West High School

SAC Meeting Dates—2023-2024

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

January 9th

February 6th

March 5th

April 2nd



All meetings are at 5:30 in the library.

KWHS TESTING INFORMATION

Date	Test	Grade Level
September 8 th	ELA FAST PM#1	9 th (Group A)
September 11 th	ELA FAST PM #1	9 th (Group B)
September 12 th	ELA FAST PM #1	10 th (Group A)
September 14 th	ELA FAST Retakes	11 th & 12 th
September 18 th	ELA FAST PM #1	10 th (Group B)
September 21 st	BEST Algebra EOC Retakes	11 th & 12 th
September 22 nd	BEST Algebra EOC Retakes	10 th
September 26 th	BEST Geometry EOC Retakes	10 th -12 th
September 29 th	ASVAB	11 th & 12 th
October 2 nd	Biology EOC Retakes	
October 3 rd	Civics EOC Retakes	
October 4 th	US History EOC Retakes	

If you are testing, you will receive an email from Dr. Veldheer notifying you of the day and location for testing.



All students testing must bring their CHARGED chromebook to testing. Testing begins AFTER 1st period.



News from Food Services:

You can sign up on MyPaymentsPlus.com to make payments to your child's account. See the below link:

[Free/Reduced Meal Price Application](#)

Show your Conch Pride!



What are Conch Pride Accounts?

They are free checking accounts with Conch debit cards help raise money up to \$1,000 per month for Key West High School. Keys FCU donates:

\$5 to [KWHS for each account opened](#).

- \$2 to KWHS for each box of checks ordered.
- 1% of each account holder's debit card transactions, up to \$15 per month to KWHS during specific promotional periods like Back to School, Spring Break and Christmas season.

Conch Pride accounts include free adult and teen online & mobile financial education programs that teach them how to save and manage their checking account and credit history and more.

Who can get a Conch Pride Checking Account?

Conch Pride Checking Accounts and Debit Cards are perfect for KWHS students- 14 years and older, parents, teachers, staff, alumni, and fans-that live or work in the Florida Keys.

Where can you open a Conch Pride account?

In Keys Federal Credit Union at 3022 N. Roosevelt Blvd. in Key Plaza, 514 Southard St., and 5300 Overseas Hwy. in Stock Island.

How can KWHS raise more money?

Create awareness of, and encourage students, staff, parents, and fans to open a Conch Pride checking account by:

- Announce/socialize account at staff meetings, school assemblies, pep rallies, sporting events, parent encounters and in classrooms
- Send flyer out in weekly newsletter and Peach jar email service
- Hang posters and banners in school/visible areas

Partner with Keys FCU to promote account openings at school events like open house, [orientation](#), [college](#) fairs, graduation, sports events, meet the teacher

- Identify promotional/sponsorship opportunities on school materials/areas
- Circulate donation photos and information

Who creates and provides the Conch Pride marketing materials?

Keys FCU will create and provide all Conch Pride marketing materials. KWHS must distribute, hang, communicate, and publish them.

Activities



**KWHS Proudly
Supports this
AMAZING Club!!**



The “Start With Hello” Campaign starts
September 25th through the 29th!

Please participate each day by:

- ⇒ **Monday, September 25th**— Stop by the SAVE table during the lunch shifts to say “Hello”!
- ⇒ **Tuesday, September 26th**— Stop by the bulletin board near the office to keep or give a kind gesture!
- ⇒ **Wednesday, September 27th**— Wear **Green** to show support!!
- ⇒ **Thursday, September 28th**— Start a conversation with someone new!!
- ⇒ **Friday, September 29th**— Share a positive message using chalk during the lunch shifts!



Academics

SENIOR WILLS 2024

What is your legacy?

DEADLINE Is September 27

Please use this form to detail the legacy you leave behind as you graduate from Key West High School. Please remember that this will be printed in the yearbook and will represent you for the rest of your life. It must be appropriate. The yearbook staff reserves the right to omit anything that it deems inappropriate.

NAME:

PHONE NUMBER:

WILL (NO LONGER than 75 words, yearbook staff reserves the right to edit for length). If you are naming people, use their first AND LAST names:

ACTIVITIES (INCLUDE WHEN YOU PARTICIPATED: ie: FRESH, SOPH, JUNIOR ETC.):

Example: I, Jane Doe, do hereby bequeath my cap and gown to my sister Amy, my Spanish ability to my best friend Patrice and my best wishes to the class of 2016. Activities: Golf, 1,2,3,4; Track, 3,4 Wake Board Club, 1 etc

TO SUBMIT:

Email your completed will to kwhsyb@keysstudents.net with your NAME + WILL in the subject line (IE: JOHN SMITH, WILL)

DEADLINE Is Septemeber 27

Attention SENIORS:: “Senior Will” pages are now available. They can be completed on the page above found outside of room 2-202..... or simply written out and sent to kwhsyb@keysstudents.net.

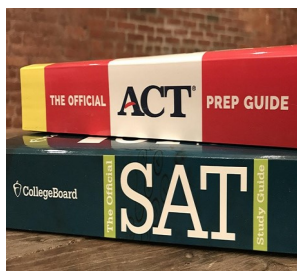
The deadline for submission is September 27th.

Are you planning to take the SAT or the ACT at Key West High School? The first test dates of the academic year are past regular registration, but you can still take either test with late registration if you act soon!

The SAT late registration deadline for the (Saturday) August 26 test is Tuesday, August 15.

The ACT late registration deadline for the (Saturday) September 9 test date is Friday, August 18.

The next test dates are in October (SAT - 10/7; ACT - 10/28). Start planning now!



SCHEDULE A TIME



TO MEET WITH YOUR

SCHOOL COUNSELOR

YOU PICK THE TIME AND DAY.




*Counselors may be with other students during certain time periods, which could impact appointment availability.

KWHS School Counselors are now accepting student appointments. They may access the booking site via the QR code below and select their counselor and meeting type from a dropdown menu. This flyer has been posted throughout campus for ease of access. School counselors continue to be available for walk-ins before and after school, as well as during student lunches.

Please be mindful of unforeseen circumstances that may require appointments to be rescheduled, which will be communicated with as much notice as possible.

Academics




**FLORIDA KEYS
AQUEDUCT AUTHORITY**
Providing Quality Water Services to the Keys

MOVE JOB FAIR

WHEN: SEPTEMBER 19, 2023
TIME: During lunches 11:11am - 12:40pm

Monroe Occupation and Vocational Experiences

What is the MOVE Program?
A partnership with local businesses to provide career training for high school students interested in entering the workforce after graduation.
Paid, on-the-job training and instruction so students will gain the skills necessary to be **career ready**.
A pipeline between schools and businesses ensuring students are career-ready and employers have a workforce to meet their needs.
As a MOVE Student Intern, you will:
Explore career opportunities with local businesses. Gain experience in your chosen career. Earn school credit toward graduation. Learn valuable skills that look great on a college or career application.
Earn a competitive hourly pay.
See Mrs. Ballard to participate in the MOVE Program.



Resume Workshop will be available after school!

Monroe County School District's MOVE Program and FKAA partnership are providing apprenticeship opportunities for our students!

Mark your calendar—September 19th during both lunch shifts.

See Mrs. Ballard for additional details!

KWHS FAST ELA PM #1 TESTING INFORMATION

Who is testing? 10th graders

When do I test? Students with last name (A-Ken) will test Tuesday, September 12th. Students with last name (Kop-Z) will test on Monday, September 18th.

Where do I test? Check your email from Dr. Veldheer.

What time do I test? Report to test location after 1st period.

What do I need to bring? A charged school chromebook and charger.

Test Taking Tips:

- *Believe in yourself
- *Get a good night's sleep
- *Do your best
- *Eat a healthy breakfast
- *Look for key words
- *Stay focused
- *Pace yourself
- *Check your work

RESUME BOOT CAMP

NEED A RESUME? WANT A BETTER RESUME?

Join the KWHS Resume Boot Camp with
Mrs. Estenoz and Mrs. Moore

Tuesday, September 19th

2:30-3:30pm

In the KWHS Media Center

BRING YOUR LAPTOP & LET'S GET TO WORK!

Why do I need a resume?

No matter what your plans after high school, you'll need a resume. Seniors especially will benefit from this workshop as they prepare for college, job and scholarship applications.

Questions? See Ms. Estenoz or Mrs. Moore in Guidance

Activities



KWSHS cheerleaders held a cheer camp to spread their conch spirit with our community. Participants will get to perform Friday night at Pre-Game of the Conchs football game. Never too young to instill Conch Pride!!



KWSHS's Algebra 1 & 2 math teachers had fun with math learning ways to use algebra tile manipulatives in their classrooms. Thank you to Amy Stanton, MCSD math curriculum director for providing the training for our teachers.



Class of 2024

SENIOR DATES

Events

Senior Classroom Visits

Thursday, Sept. 7th
Friday, Sept. 8th

**During Social Studies*

Topics:

- Review Graduation Requirements
- College & Career Important
- SUS Conference Updates

Senior Parent Night

Tuesday, Sept. 12th
6:00 - 7:30 PM
KWHs Auditorium

Topics:

- Review Graduation Requirements
- College & Career Important
- SUS Conference Updates

English Learner Senior Parent Night

Thursday, Sept. 14th
7:00 - 8:00 PM
KWHs Media Center

Topics:

- Review Graduation Requirements
- College & Career Important
- SUS Conference Updates

Spanish & Creole Support

Jr/Sr College Fair

Friday, Oct. 6th
1:00 - 3:00 PM
KWHs Gymnasium

**Students & Parents Invited*

Topics:

- Meet Admissions Representatives
- Receive College Brochures & Info

SENIOR WORKSHOP SERIES

College Resume

Sept. 19th
2:30 - 3:30 PM
KWHs Media Center
*Seniors

Essay Help

Sept. 27th
2:30 - 3:30 PM
KWHs Media Center
*Seniors

Financial Aid

Oct. 12th
6:00 - 7:00 PM
KWHs Auditorium
*Seniors & Parents

Senior Advocacy
PRESENTED BY



We are so excited that the Class of 2024 is gearing up for a season of graduation and college readiness. We look forward to working with each of you on your current and postsecondary goals.

Mrs. Lindsay Moore (Senior Counselor)
& Mrs. Lydia Estenoz (College & Career Advisor)

2100 Flagler Avenue,
Key West, FL 33040

Athletics



KWHS Fighting Conchs will play University Christian tonight!!

Come support our Conchs!!



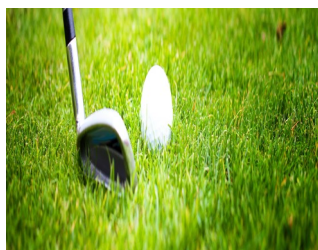
ATHLETE OF THE WEEK!

This week's athlete of the week is Lyla Holland. Lyla led the volleyball team with a .643 hitting percentage and had 9 kills in total in the Lady Conchs win vs Marathon last week.



KWHS Swim will compete against South Dade on Saturday!!

KWHS Golf Team played Marathon on Monday and Coral Shores on Wednesday!



KWHS Cross Country does not compete this week.



KWHS JV & V Volleyball play in a Conch Cup Tournament on Friday and Saturday!!

Good Luck!!

Activities

STAY INVOLVED!!!

SENIORS

- Senior Class of 2024 shirts can be purchased at Ramona's

President— Daniella Barroso
Vice President— Monaya Carey
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Scarlet Niles
Historian— Yani Nodal

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Carnetra Carey

Student Council

Please join Student Council to get involved in the planning of our pep rallies, Homecoming, student government activities, Teacher Appreciation and so much more!!!

President— Monaya Carey
Vice President— Daniella Barroso
Secretary— Siena Wardlow
Treasurer— Brooke Biskupich
Historian— Yani Nodal

Student Council sponsor: Ayesha Osborne

#CONCHSTRONG!!

JUNIORS

Class of 2025 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Junior is welcome to join!

President— Deanna Mercier
Vice President— Skye Sterling
Secretary— Haylee Brogli
Treasurer— Jada Franco
Historian— Peyton Zubieta

Class sponsor: Mrs. Kristen Condella

SOPHOMORES

Class of 2026 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Sophomore is welcome to join!

President— Jake Ferguson
Vice President— Whitney Nervilus
Secretary— Ava Rivera
Treasurer— Chloe Blackwell
Historian— Audrey Smith

Class Sponsor: Mrs. Paula Mercer

FRESHMEN

Class of 2027 Executive Board would like you to join us at our next meeting! Every Freshmen is welcome to join!

President— Jordan Greene
Vice President— Victoria Gray
Secretary— Lily Smith
Treasurer— Josephine Clapp
Historian— Pilar Rivera

Class sponsor: Ms. Melissa Hargis

PROJECT SUCCESS



PREVENTION KWHS CONCHS

Project Success
Counselor—
Shain Cormack
Room 1-109

Parent Sign up—
Bronte.Walsh@Westcare.com

Upcoming Dates:

Sept. 6th—SCHOOL WIDE MENTAL
HEALTH SCREENING

Sept. 11th—SUICIDE CHALK WALK
DURING LUNCHES

Project Success

A Partnership Program with KWHS

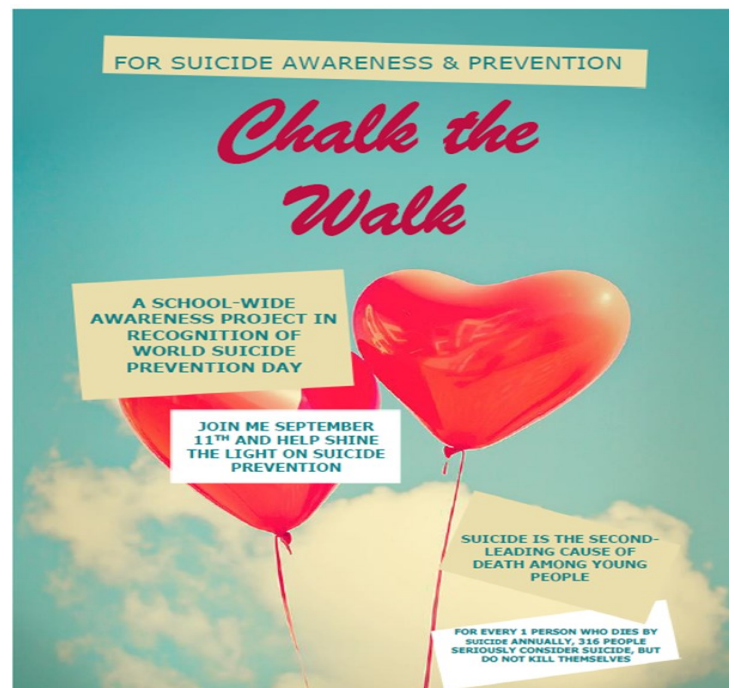
An evidence-based, school-based intervention focused on preventing and reducing substance abuse and other related high-risk behaviors among high-risk middle school and high school aged youth.

How youth succeed:

- ◆ Exploring positive coping skills
- ◆ Teaching students refusal skills
- ◆ Promoting healthy dynamics
- ◆ Providing tools for anger management
- ◆ Raising alcohol and other drugs perception of harm

The Format Includes:

- ◆ 7th and 9th grade prevention education series within the classrooms
- ◆ Individual sessions (6)—45 minute sessions
- ◆ Referral services for Therapy and Intervention Counseling with Guidance Care Center



DOWNLOAD MCSD MOBILE

Directions for Setting Up

1.

Select language to change from English. Click Save.

2.

Select Student Info.

3.

Type the *Username* and *Password* provided by FOCUS Parent Portal.

4.

Select *Log In*.

5.

Icons will have your name and the names of your child(ren). Select each of their icons to see their grades, lunch balances, class assignments and other information.

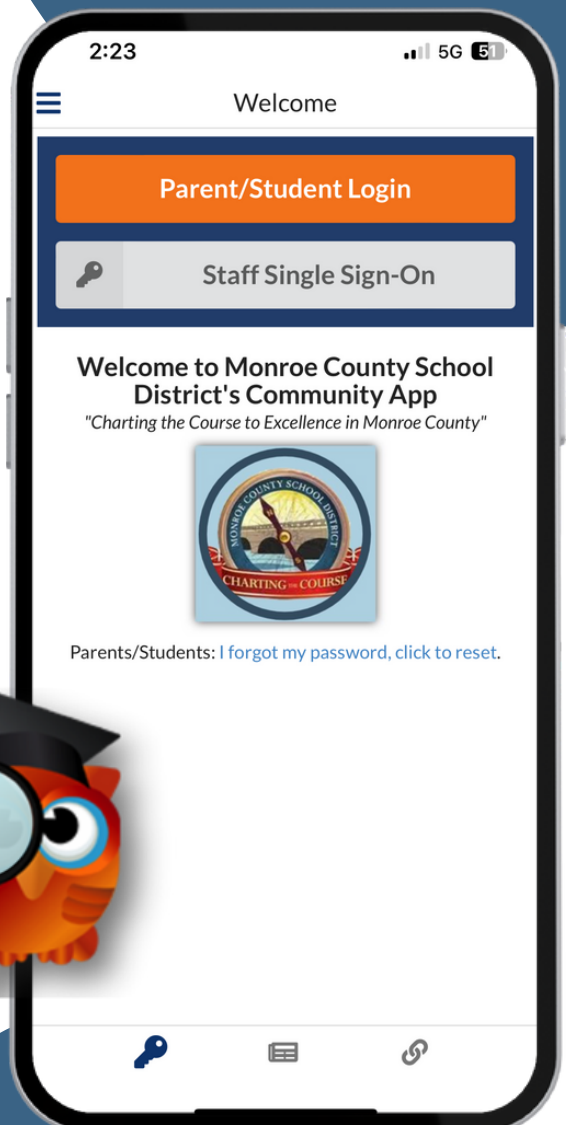
6.

In Settings, configure notifications preferences & set alerts for:

- a. missing assignments
- b. low score
- c. class grade updates
- d. cafeteria/lunch balance
- e. library book due
- f. sports events

7.

Select manage account to update information or change password.



TELEHAJE MCSD MOBIL

Enstriksyon Pou telechaj

Enstolasyon

1.

Chwazi lang pou chanje soti nan angle. Klike sou Enregistre.

2.

Chwazi enfòmasyon elèv la.

3.

Tape non itilizatè ou s ak modpas FOCUS Parent Portal ou an.

4.

Chwazi koneksyon.

5.

Ikou yo ap gen non w ak non pitit ou a (yo). Chwazi chak ikou yo pou wè nòt yo, balans manje midi, devwa klas yo, ak lòt enfòmasyon.

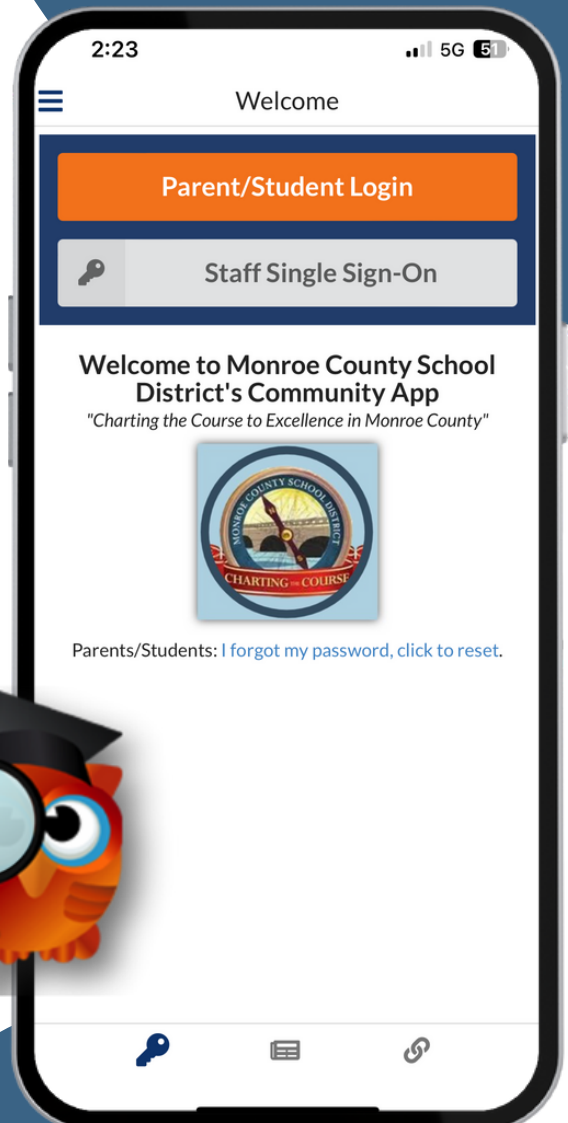
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Nan Paramet telefon pou preferans ou ka etabli notifikasyon alèt pou:

- a. devwa ki manke yo
- b. nòt ki ba
- c. mizajou klas yo
- d. balans kafeterya / manje midi
- e. liv bibliyotèk akòz
- f. evènman espò yo.

7.

Chwazi jere kont ou a pou mete enfòmasyon yo ajou oswa chanje modpas ou.



DOWNLOAD MCSD MOBILE

Instrucciones para configurar

1.

Seleccione el idioma para cambiar de inglés, haga clic en guardar.

2.

Seleccionar información de los estudiantes.

3.

Escriba el nombre de usuario y la contraseña proporcionados por FOCUS Parent Portal.

4.

Seleccionar iniciar sesión.

5.

Los íconos tendrán su nombre y los nombres de sus hijos. Seleccione cada uno de sus íconos para ver sus calificaciones, saldos de almuerzo, tareas de clase y otra información.

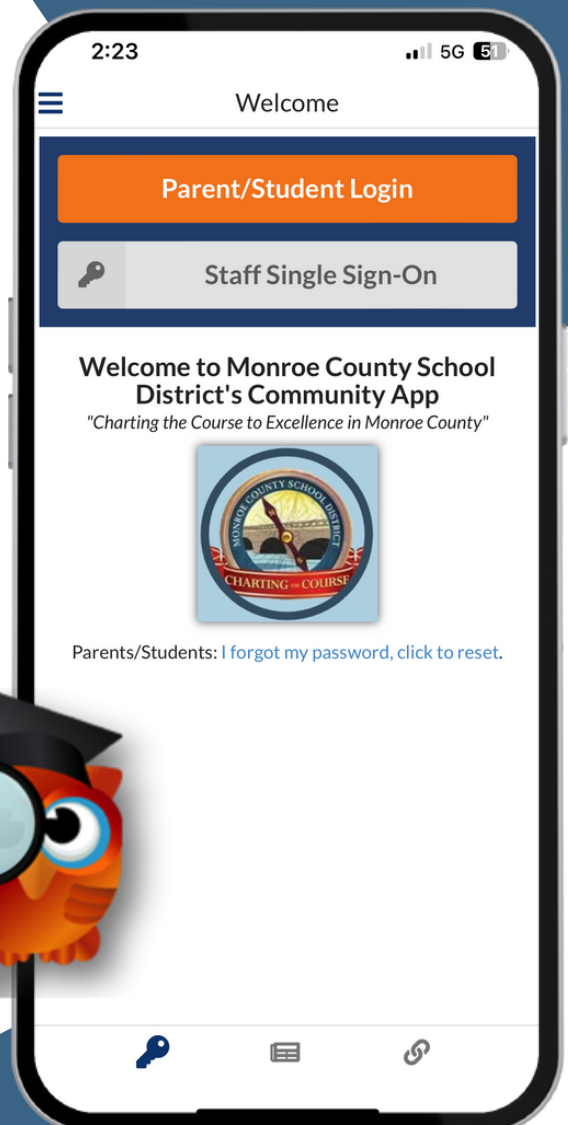
6.

En Configuración, configure las preferencias de notificaciones y establezca alertas para:

- a. asignaciones faltantes
- b. puntaje bajo
- C. actualizaciones de calificaciones de clase
- d. saldo cafetería/almuerzo
- mi. vencimiento del libro de la biblioteca
- F. eventos deportivos

7.

Seleccione administrar cuenta para actualizar la información o cambiar la contraseña.



MAKE A DIFFERENCE AS AN EDUCATOR

Apply Now to Start in October!

PARAPROFESSIONALS

- Complete a prereq for admission to the Bachelor of Science in Exceptional Education. Enroll in:
EDF2005 - Intro to the Teaching Profession
- Participate virtually or on the Key West Campus.

CURRENT TEACHERS W/ BACHELOR'S DEGREES

- Work toward FL Professional Teacher certifications, Enroll in:
EDF4430 - Measurement, Evaluation, & Assessment
- Participate in class virtually or on the Key West Campus



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cfk.edu/education/bs-ese



For more information, contact Marissa Owens, CFK Director of Recruitment,
at recruiter@cfk.edu or 305-809-3207.