



What's New at Chi Chi's?

June 2021



Top Left: Team BayCare - Angel, Mitoni and Logan;
Top Right: Team General Store - Matthew, Chassidy and Jeremiah;
Middle: Team Raymond James - Elijah, Shadi and Liam;
Bottom Left: Team Bizco - Carson, Daisy, Zaiden and Christian;
Bottom Right: Team Publix - Amir, Tresdon and Ciara

5th Grade experiences Bob James Village!

When Chi Chi Academy Director Josh Meurer and 5th grade teacher Kayla Olson found out our students were unable to attend the annual field trip to Enterprise Village this year, they immediately wanted to do something special instead. The Chi Chi Team came together with some amazing sponsors and built our own version, affectionately called Bob James Village after one of our founders.

Leading up to the day, Camille York, a Financial Advisor with Raymond James spent 30 minutes on a virtual call with the entire class talking about her path to this career and the importance of financial literacy.

On the big day, students worked for one of five businesses and spent time at each of the stores during their "breaks". The day focused on teamwork, building relationships and developing a basic understanding of personal finances. The students absolutely loved their village day and you can watch the video below!

Bob James Village video: <https://youtu.be/SjxHw588eLc>

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Publix #1341 (Boot Ranch)
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Raymond James
UPS Store #6278

Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
November 14th - 15th
Chi Chi Golf Club

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Youth Foundation

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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Top: Sarina Fazan and Sam Rockwell in the studio live on the On the Record podcast; Bottom: 7th grader Nevaeh interviews live from the Academy

Academy Career Day Interview change up with former Television Anchor Sarina Fazan!

When our Career Day Committee approached Sarina Fazan about doing a zoom interview for the middle school, she not only said yes, but she made it even more exciting! Sarina invited Academy Executive Committee Member Sam Rockwell on her podcast and had one of our 7th graders Nevaeh interview her live! Sarina is a four-time Emmy Award Winning former television anchor and reporter with a new podcast on youtube called "On the Record". After a short interview with Sam, Nevaeh was able to talk to Sarina about her 23 year career, how she came to be in the business and her future plans. It was an amazing experience! And the middle school students enjoyed watching one of their own live on a podcast! Thank you Sarina for this amazing experience!

Watch On the Record featuring Sam and Nevaeh here: www.youtube.com/watch?v=paOBDeZMUbQ

The Foundation benefits from Beer & Burger Throwdown!

Since year 2 of this event, the Foundation has been providing volunteers to assist Simply Events & Promotions with entry gates at this amazing Safety Harbor waterfront event. Over \$7,500 has been donated back to the Foundation's educational programs. Thank you so much Sonya and Simply Events, we are looking forward to the 7th annual Throwdown in 2022!



Left: Chief Development & Financial Officer Mallory Hubbard and Chief Executive Officer James Poulter accept a check from Simply Event's Sonya Bradley for \$1,900; Right: Academy Executive Committee Members John and Monica Kobasic volunteer at Beer & Burger Throwdown

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