



What's New at Chi Chi's

September 2019

Chi Chi Academy new school year off to a great start!



Officially back in session on Wednesday, August 14th the Academy roared to life with some fun student activities.

Photos - Left: 5th grader Alyssia; Right: 5th grade assistant Ms. Lucas shares a moment with her former students Brandyn and Nevaeh before they go to their middle school classes on the first day

WaterVentures Learning Lab was on campus for a full day of exploring for all grades. This amazing vehicle is a 53-foot semi-trailer customized for educational outreach programs. The exhibits focus on water education and increasing awareness of how water moves through our lives.

Photos - Left: 5th grader Emeral learning about Earth Force; Right: 6th grader Charles working on an interactive recycling screen with WaterVentures Courtney



Healing Paws Animal Therapy's Super Dog Max, Ruby and Hope continue to provide a safe environment for Academy students to work on their reading skills.

Photo: 4th graders Trianna and Jeremiah read together with Super Dog Max, Ruby & Hope providing support



The General Store hired its newest 8th grade employees and opens its doors for the first day of shopping. Every two weeks, students purchase items with school currency earned by good behavior achieved throughout the year.

Photo: 8th grade employees Mark, David, Katrina, Javan and Nathanel



Upcoming Events

Chi Chi Charity Classic
Saturday & Sunday, November 9th & 10th
Chi Chi Golf Club

Music 'n Mistletoe - Holiday Event
Wednesday, December 18th
Cirque Musica presents Holiday Wishes - Amalie Arena

 **Chi Chi Rodriguez**
YOUTH FOUNDATION
Preparing Students for Success in the Game of Life

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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**Program Spotlight:
The First Tee Summer Camp**

The First Tee welcomed 318 campers for the Life Skills Experience this summer! Students enjoyed course time at least one day each week, along with driving range access and various games designed for fun as well as learning core values and healthy habits. Thanks to grantors like the Florida Junior Golf Council, Pinellas County Business Technology Services, Paradise Golf and the Salvatore Mascari Family Fund, we offered camp at a discounted rate to all families and provided 40 scholarships for youth in need!

*“The First Tee does such an amazing job at making golf fun and teaching kids in a way that they can understand.”
~ 2019 Scholarship Parent*



Top: James, Will, Brody and Corbin of the purple group take a break on the course; Bottom left: Samantha, Emily R., Olivia, Emily S. and Annie from the red group show off their putting; Bottom right: Panagioti lines up a putt in front of Coach Austin and his playing group Zachary, Jakob, Mikey and Luke



Top: The Banquet's Emcee WFLA's Leigh Spann, CEO Cary Stiff, AEC Member Carlos Guerrero, Dir. of Development Mallory Hubbard, AEC Member Ian Peterson, Community Liaison Laura Tobe and UTB Chamber President/CEO Jerry Peruzzi ; Bottom: Academy Director Josh Meurer, Chris Butler, Dir. of Golf Al Arrigoni, Dir. of Development Mallory Hubbard, Board Advisor Jon Alexander and Board Member Elliott Ross at the Raymond James Community Impact Award game at the Rays

**Foundation honored with
Upper Tampa Bay Cup and
Raymond James Impact Award**

In May, the Foundation celebrated winning the Upper Tampa Bay Cup during the Upper Tampa Bay Chamber Awards & Installation Banquet. The Cup is in recognition of a business that has gone above and beyond for the community. The night also awarded Businesses and Citizens of the Year, Chamber Awards and Scholarship Awards to five local high school students.

In June, the Foundation was honored to be one of five local charities awarded the Raymond James Impact Award. Raymond James partners with the Rays to honor and highlight the positive impact of non-profit organizations in the Tampa Bay Community. Foundation team members and supporters joined the other worthy recipients: Big Brothers Big Sister of Tampa Bay, Boys & Girls Club of the Suncoast, Ronald McDonald House Charities Tampa Bay and the YMCA of Greater St. Petersburg at a Rays game and threw out the first pitch!

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