

The Children's Education Center of the Islands

ENROLLMENT

Coming soon for the
2023/2024 school year!

Enrollment information will be coming out in the next two weeks. This will include pricing, before & after care hours, and information regarding need based scholarships. If you are not already on our email list please sign up by emailing ceciteachers@gmail.com



CONSTRUCTION

A quick update

The new roof on Thompson Hall has been started and full mold remediation will be completed shortly after. The building will then get new flooring, bathrooms, and dry wall to ensure it is safe and clean when children return in the fall!

DIRECTOR

Announcing soon!

The Board of Directors' Executive Director selection committee is in the final stages of the interview process. Once a candidate is selected and accepts the offer we will introduce them to the community. We have multiple promising candidates and know the preschool will be in good hands.



Upcoming Events!

FAMILY EVENT

MARCH 11TH 9AM to 11AM

We will have a family gathering at Sanibel Community Park (the playground next to the community house) on Saturday March 11th. Please join us for crafts and lots of playing. We will provide drinks and some light snacks.

Please RSVP so we know how many to expect by texting Laura at 239-851-4122.



VOLUNTEER

Announcing soon!

As we get closer to reopening the school we will have many volunteer opportunities for parents and community members including painting days, planting days, and a playground cleanup. We know many of you are eager to help, but we need to ensure the property is safe before welcoming volunteers.



COMMUNITY EVENTS

See CECI at these events!

- Sanibel Easter Egg Hunt
Saturday April 8th 9am to 11am at Sanibel School
- The Ding Darling
Conservation Carnival at
Lakes Park on Saturday April
22nd
- The Sanibel School PTA's
Seahorse Festival on the
school's campus on Sunday
April 23rd



Continued Progress

HOW YOU CAN HELP



Ways to help your island preschool rebuild!

Join the Board of Directors:

We are actively seeking an additional board member to fill the seat vacated by Courtney Miller. If you are interested in joining the board and had a child enrolled at the school prior to the storm please e-mail board president Andrea Murphy at ceciboardpresident@gmail.com

Volunteer

We are looking for volunteers for the following sub-committees: fundraising and finance.

These are open to both parents and community members. If you have experience in construction, fundraising, or finance please reach out to the board by emailing ceciteachers@gmail.com

Donate:

If you are unable to give your time, please consider contributing financially to the rebuilding. The school is a 501(c)3 and all donations are tax deductible. You can donate via check or our GoFundMe page.

Board Member Spotlight

TREASURER: MATT GAUDREAU



Matt is the treasurer of the Board of Directors, the chair of the finance sub-committee, and has been the main point of contact with insurance companies following Hurricane Ian. Which many of us know is no small task!

He has also been working closely with our contractor Benchmark as the school works towards reopening Thompson Hall and rebuilding the lower building.

Matt is a father to Oliver (5) and Eliza (8). Oliver attended The Children's Education Center of the Islands from the time the family moved to Sanibel in January 2021, and Eliza has attended summer camps at the school.

To Matt, The Children's Education Center of the Islands is truly an embodiment of Sanibel; its values, its uniqueness, and what makes it special.

The school has played an enormous role in the lives of both Oliver and Eliza, not only through the philosophy of being nature/outdoor-based, but in creating long lasting friendships with students (and teachers!). Matt and his wife Allison have also met many amazing people through the school that are now close friends, and have been incredibly honored to be welcomed so readily into the CECI and Sanibel community.