

# The Children's Education Center of the Islands

## **ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!**

*Enroll now for 2023/2024*

**SPACE IS LIMITED**

Enrollment information is available on our website. Our 2-year old class is **full** and we have just a couple spots open in the 3 & 4-year old rooms.

To enroll for the 2023/2024 school year please fill out the form and email it to Executive Director, Michelle Keltner, at [cecidirector@gmail.com](mailto:cecidirector@gmail.com) and send deposit check to 350 Casa Ybel Rd. Sanibel FL 33957.

**\*\* The deadline for the Sanctuary Scholarship is April 28, 2023\*\***



## **CONSTRUCTION**

*A quick update*

Outside, our new roof is on Thompson Hall and looks terrific.  
Inside, demo work continues. The flooring has been removed and Benchmark has begun remediation.



# Upcoming Events!

## **ISLANDS NIGHT**

**May 3, 7:00PM, Hammond Stadium**

The game starts at 7:00PM, however, arrive early for their pre-game parade. Be sure to stop by CECI's table before watching the Fort Myers Mighty Mussels play the Dunedin Blue Jays.

This year, the team will be auctioning off special jerseys designed by Rachel Pierce!



## **UPCOMING EVENTS**

- **May Family Gathering** - We are planning another family gathering for May! Please be on the lookout, as there will be an email with details coming out shortly

## **VOLUNTEER**

As we get closer to reopening the school we will have many volunteer opportunities for parents and community members including painting days, planting days, nature trail cleanup, 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.



# THANK YOU!

2003-2023 **20<sup>th</sup>** ANNIVERSARY  
*Sanibel Captiva*  
**COMMUNITY BANK**

Last week, CECI received a donation in the amount of **\$50,000** from Sanibel Captiva Community Bank! Many of their employees' kids attended CECI over the years, making our preschool a special place, not only to the island but to the bank as well!





# Board Member Spotlight

BOARD MEMBER AT LARGE: LAURA GALES



Laura Gales is a board member at large for the CECL Board of Directors. She serves as the chair of the fundraising subcommittee and is an active member of the community outreach subcommittee.

Since the school closed for Hurricane Ian, Laura has helped by assisting in the continuation of scholarships for CECL families at other schools and by establishing the Sanctuary Scholarship Fund to continue to ensure CECL provides equitable access to nature based early education.

Laura is also an active member of the community service on the Lee County School District Curriculum Advisory Board and being an active member of the Sanibel School PTA.

Laura grew up in Fort Myers where she met her now husband, Tyler, before relocating to Florida's east coast to attend college and graduate school, where she completed a doctorate degree in Marriage and Family Therapy. Laura and Tyler have two children, Gavin (7) and Beau (4). Beau will attend PreK at the school this coming fall.

Laura believes that kids should get to be little as long as possible and loves the school's guiding principle of fostering curiosity, creativity, and love of our Island's unique ecology.





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# ISLANDS NIGHT NONPROFIT SHOWCASE

Set up-5:15 Doors Open-6:00 Game Begins-7:00



## NONPROFIT SHOWCASE

We want to give the nonprofits the opportunity to spread the word how YOU want!

The stadium will be providing two chairs and one table. A free parking pass will also be provided upon entry .

## WHAT TO BRING

- Table Cloth
- banners or signage for table
- flyers or brochures to handout
- stressballs, pens, other small branded items

## WHAT NOT TO BRING

Due to stadium rules, we ask that you refrain from bringing big objects that can be thrown into the field, any noise makers, or popup tents.