



CECI NEWS

THE CHILDREN'S EDUCATION CENTER OF THE ISLANDS

REOPENING FALL 2023

We have some exciting news to share, the Children's Education Center of the Islands will be opening in August for the 2023-2024 school year! The board of directors has been busy working with contractors, insurance adjusters, and remediation crews in the months following Ian. If you haven't already, please complete the [CECI SURVEY](#) to help us gauge your needs for the upcoming school year.

We had a blast at the CECI Family Gathering, thanks for joining!



UPCOMING EVENTS

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 4TH 12:00 - 1:30PM

Can you benefit from guided relaxation? Let CECI treat you to an afternoon of relaxation. Join us at the Sanibel Recreation Center. Bring the kids; childcare will be provided.

SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 11TH 9:00 - 11:00AM

Join us at the Community Pancake Breakfast for a fun-filled morning. Get creative with crafts and take a tour of a Sanibel fire truck!

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Who is running the school? Currently, the school is run by parent volunteers that hold seats on the CECI Board of Directors. In the aftermath of Ian, we are in the unique position of rebuilding and reopening the school. If you'd like to get more involved, don't hesitate to contact the board to join a subcommittee or fill a board seat. This month we'd like to introduce you to Andrea Murphy, the president of the Board of Directors. We'll be featuring more board members in future newsletters!

ANDREA MURPHY BOARD PRESIDENT



BUILDING UPDATES

The tear-out of Thompson hall is complete, and repairs will commence in the coming months. When CECI reopens, all classes will take place in this building. Unfortunately, the lower building sustained extensive water damage; thus, a complete demo and rebuild are required.

Andrea is a mom to a CECI graduate, a current student, and a future student. Part of what drew her to the area was the Sanibel School and The Children's Education Center of the Islands. She loves that she's never once felt guilty about dropping the kids off at CECI because they're not cooped up inside; every day is a preschool island adventure. A bonus: The folks she's met through CECI have become like extended family, a true community here on the island.