

# The Children's Education Center of the Islands

## ENROLLMENT IS OPEN!

*Enroll now for 2023/2024*

Enrollment information is available on our website. 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.



## CONSTRUCTION

*A quick update*

Construction is moving forward one step at a time. Our contractor, Benchmark, has filed permits for the Thompson Hall renovation and is working to restore power and water to campus.

## GET INVOLVED NOW!

Board subcommittees are available to all parents **and** all community members. Please contact board chairs for more information and how to get involved!

Finance chair - Matt Gaudreau  
Building chair - Brad Andres  
Fundraising chair - Andrea Murphy  
Bylaws chair - Chelsea Sweiss  
Community Outreach - Laura Gales



Free Little Library dedication  
at the Bell Tower Shops

# Upcoming Events!

## EASTER EGG HUNT

APRIL 8th 9AM TO 11AM

We are co-sponsoring this year's City of Sanibel Easter Egg Hunt with the Sanibel Rec Center and The Sanibel School PTA. There will be crafts, live bunnies, and a special appearance from the Easter Bunny for pictures.

The fun starts at 9am with the Egg Hunt starting at 10am. Please see attached flyer for additional details.



## 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, 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.



March Family Gathering!

## UPCOMING EVENTS

- On The Table discussion at Sanibel Community Park March 30th 8am to 9am
- Volunteer Expo at Big Arts on March 30th at 4pm
- 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



# The Sanctuary Scholarship

SCHOLARSHIPS AVAILABLE FOR 2023/2024



Access to  
nature based  
education!

## **Thank you to the Sanctuary**

Since 2020 the Sanctuary Golf Club Foundation has funded our scholarship program to allow all children to have access to nature based learning. Both the Sanctuary and our school believe that the best place for our children to learn is out in the natural beauty of our amazing island. We are grateful for their generosity, support, and ongoing faith in our school!

## **Additional Scholarship Availability:**

Thanks to the amazing generosity of the Sanctuary there are additional scholarship funds available for this upcoming school year. These funds are limited, so if you are in need of support please apply as soon as possible.

## **How to apply:**

If you have not previously received scholarship funds but need financial assistance for the 2023/2024 school year please email Executive Director, Michelle Keltner, at [cecidirectore@gmail.com](mailto:cecidirectore@gmail.com) for more information on the application process.

# Board Member Spotlight

SECRETARY: CHELSEA SWEISS



Chelsea is the Secretary of the Board of Directors at The Children's Education Center of the Islands. She also serves as the chair of the Bylaws & Administrative subcommittee and is an active member of the Fundraising subcommittee.

Chelsea has helped to organize several events for the school including the initial cleanup of the campus via boat and the upcoming Sanibel Easter Egg Hunt.

Chelsea is also actively involved in the local community serving on the board of the Sanibel Captiva Business Women's Association and as a member of The Sanibel School Fund.

Chelsea is married to Miles Sweiss and has two children, Scarlett (6) and Christian (4). Christian has attended The Children's Education Center of the Islands since August 2021, and both children have been lucky enough to attend the amazing summer programs the school has offered.

Chelsea believes the school is the foundation that leads to a lifetime love of nature and conservation, and she feels honored to carry on the almost 50-year tradition.