

## Isle of Hope School Names New Leaders

Isle of Hope School recently named Dr. Lawrence Butler, Principal and Dr. John Sutlive, Assistant Principal. Dr. Butler and Dr. Sutlive are moving from the same positions at Hesse School. The leaders have a combined 50-plus years of experience in education—in both the classroom and administration—that makes them a strong team of educators.

They were eager to talk to us about their goals for the school. One of their first goals is to work with the community and listen to all stakeholders. In fact, they want the IOH community to understand they expect to hear your hopes and concerns for the school.

Dr. Butler and Dr. Sutlive said they are excited to have a strong faculty and staff for the coming year. Like Dr. Sutlive, many IOH staff mem-

bers live on Isle of Hope or in the surrounding areas served by the school. Additionally, Dr. Sutlive has family members attending the school.

Both administrators stressed that a part of their vision was to promote the school curriculum—especially the accelerated middle school coursework and the gifted program by focusing resources that will equip IOH teachers to receive gifted certification and training. Also, they hope to plan and help with community events and tours of the building. They'd love to meet you and are excited to continue to work with the families of Isle of Hope and the traditions of the Isle of Hope Community.



*You can reach them at [Lawrence.butler@sccpss.com](mailto:Lawrence.butler@sccpss.com) and [John.Sutlive@sccpss.com](mailto:John.Sutlive@sccpss.com). Feel free to contact them with your comments, questions, and concerns and give them a warm Isle of Hope welcome!*

## Congrats Class of 2016!



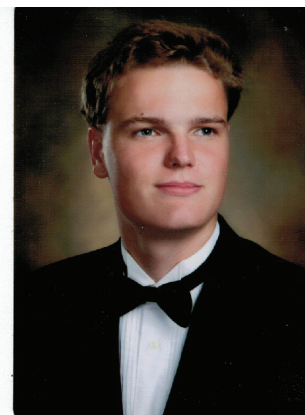
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# Editor's Note

First, we'd like to congratulate the Class of 2016 and welcome Dr. Butler and Dr. Sutlive the new Principal and Assistant Principal for the Isle of Hope School.

## You Can Still Send Pictures

We didn't get as many pictures as I had hoped, but I'm sure there are a few more out there. If you missed the deadline due to the busyness of the end of the school year and your child graduating (who could blame you?) then feel free to send us one now. We will post it to our Facebook site and our website.

## Bethesda's Dr. Tribble

We'd also like to recognize Dr. David Tribble, who recently retired from Bethesda after 25 years of service. (Please take some time to read the excerpts from his article in the Savannah Morning News, as he has some great wisdom about educating young people.)

## Manatee Sighting

And don't miss the piece on the Manatee sighting. Thanks to Noel Wright for the photos and his thoughts, as well as Clay George

who had some interesting insights on a rare sight for Isle of Hope residents.

## IOH Marina Fun

The Isle of Hope Marina also kicked off the summer with a great night at the Isle of Hope Marina. Lots of folks showed up and enjoyed fun, food and live music by Cannellis. The Pavilion Series will continue on the THIRD Thursday of every month until further notice. So plan to attend the next one, July 21st. Get more details on page 9 or at [iohmarina.com](http://iohmarina.com).

## Isle of Hope Business of the Month

Also, we'd like to congratulate **ReTail Retreat Dog Bakery & Boutique**, which received the Isle of Hope Business of the Month for this issue. You can learn more about Barbara, Juno and the business on page 10. If you'd like to apply, go to [www.isleofhopenews.com/businessofmonth](http://www.isleofhopenews.com/businessofmonth) to learn more.

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-Chris Brantley, Editor Isle of Hope News

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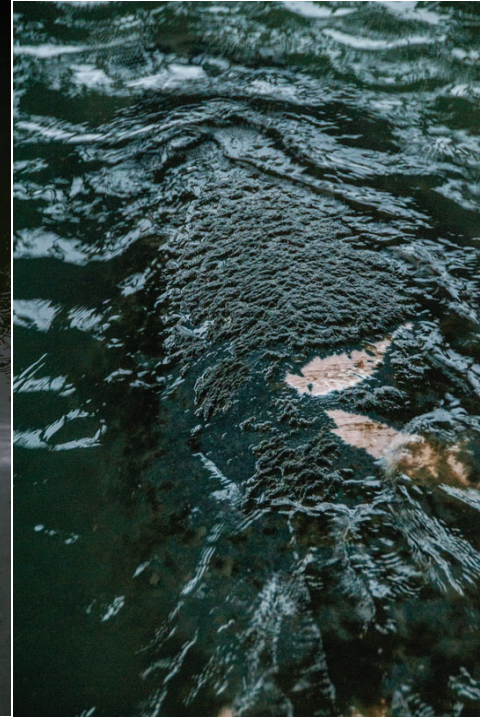
Recently, Noel Wright a long-time Isle of Hope resident, spotted a Manatee in the marsh at high tide in front 61 Bluff Drive (Daniels). Here's what he saw:

"It was munching on marsh grass and gradually moving north. It was gigantic, in the 10 foot' range, weighing around 1,000 pounds. Its tail was approximately 3 feet wide. Several white spots were evident on its back, apparently minor healed wounds from propeller strikes. Its back was covered by a very dark mat of algae. It was not shy and would approach people on the docks without hesitation and would often roll over on its back in a playful fashion. It slowly moved past the marina and was last seen at my dock at 3 Bluff Drive."

Mr. Wright, who has lived on Isle of Hope since 1944, said this was the first time he had seen a manatee in the coastal area.

Interestingly, Clay George, a wildlife biologist with the Georgia Department of Natural Resources saw the manatee photos and shared this:

"Based on the white scars he appears to be a manatee known as BC-257 "2-Leaf." This is very exciting for 2 reasons. Firstly, he has been sighted in GA waters going back to 1997. Secondly, the last time he was photographed in GA was in 2009 at Thunderbolt Marine. At that time he was listing strongly to one side, which is often an indication of a recent boat strike. We were discussing rescuing him but he disappeared before we could respond. His sighting history up to that point was quite



*Photos by Noel Wright*

consistent, so after a few years of no sightings I suspected he must have died."

When I followed up with Mr. George, he asked me to stress that people should never feed, play with or give water to manatees. He said, "manatees are docile and can be inquisitive, but they are still

wild animals. Giving them food and water and water can cause them to be attracted to people, boats and docks, which places them at higher risk of injury from boat collisions. It's also illegal because manatees are listed as endangered under the Endangered Species Act."

# Isle of Hope Marina Launches the “Pavilion Series”

The Isle of Hope Marina kicked off the Pavilion Series with a great night of fun, food, drink and live music by Cannellis. Marina boat owners and other locals packed the Marina Pavilion to enjoy the festivities.

Charlie Waller, who owns the Marina along with his sister Kathryn Waller, organized the event with the help of Jenna Raynor and Stephanie Boaen. The marina plans to continue the event through the coming months. So make sure and come by July 21 for the next event. (See page 9 for more info or go to [iohmarina.com](http://iohmarina.com))



*Isle of Hope “Pavilion Series” organizers Jenna Raynor and Stephanie Boaen with Isle of Marina owner Charlie Waller.*

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# Bethesda's Tribble Retires After 25 Years

Dr. David Tribble, the President of Bethesda Academy retired this year after 25 years. He recently penned a farewell to Bethesda in the Savannah Morning News. Here are a few of the highlights:

"I well remember the first time I saw Bethesda, known then as Bethesda Home for Boys. It was late 1990 and like many other potential suitors, I had arrived on campus to interview for the job of executive director. The live oaks, Spanish moss, the Moon River,

the cattle and pastures all exuded a place where time stood still. It was easy to be mesmerized by the sheer beauty of Bethesda. It still is for that matter. However time does not really stand still, does it?

Bethesda's timelessness is now mea-



sured in its relevance to the young men enrolled in our school, known today as Bethesda Academy."

"We must take great care to remember children are not commodities and their value should not be calculated only in terms of market conditions or the currency of market environments...When George Whitefield established Bethesda Orphan House in 1740, he did so with an understanding that every child, regardless of the needs preceding their admission would be exposed to grounding values he succinctly described as: 'A love of God, a love of learning, and a strong work ethic.' Though Bethesda is no longer a home for orphans, these same timeless values guide our school today."

"Children are gifts and Bethesda has been about the mission of finding the giftedness in each child regardless of any other qualifying condition since 1740...I am proud of Bethesda's timelessness, but I am even more proud of Bethesda's relevance...I am most grateful to the staff, boards, donors, parents, and our young men, who over these past 25 years have safeguarded Bethesda's passage."



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Do you want to increase the value of your home and/or sell it faster? Updates can help you do that, but if you don't invest in the right improvements you can spend money on things that have a high cost and low resale value. So here's a quick list of the best updates to make in 2016 according to Remodeling Magazine:

**Kitchen** - Buyers love kitchens, but not as much as they used to. Remodeling advises you to make modest kitchen improvements. This means spending about \$20,000 for updates, like new cabinet doors and hardware, fresh paint, new flooring, and an energy-efficient oven/stove. This type of update recoups 83% of its cost at resale.

**Attic** - Insulating your attic is the single best improvement you can make in terms of cost vs. value. Remodeling found that this update earns you about \$1482 on an average investment of \$1268, so you recoup 116% of your

investment.

**Siding** - Replacing vinyl siding for a manufactured stone veneer returns about 93% on your investment. You'll spend about \$7,500 on average. If you stay with vinyl siding, but replace the worn siding with new, you will still get back a healthy 77% of the cost.

**Garage door** - A garage door may not seem like a big deal, but it is. It adds to your home's curb appeal. Before updating your garage door consider how you use your garage. If you're just storing cars, you may not need insulated doors, which cost more. But if you use your garage as a workshop or laundry room, you probably need to spend the extra for insulated doors. The average cost for this project is about \$1,650 and its resale value is about \$1,510.

**Front door** - Updating to a new steel front door can increase the security and energy efficiency of your home. A

steel door brings a 91% return on cost (\$1335 value vs. \$1217 cost), while a new fiberglass door returns about 82% (\$3126 vs. \$2574) of its cost

**Deck** - Wooden decks are more popular than composite decks, but both can increase the value of your home. Wooden decks raise the value of your home by \$7,850 and cost \$10,470. Composite decks return 64% or \$10,819 on a \$16,798 investment.

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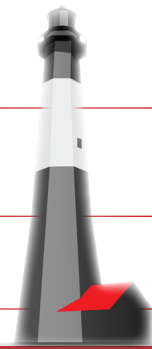


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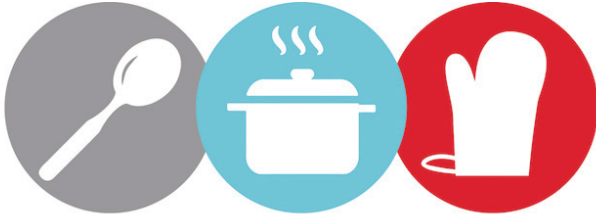
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# Summer Break: Help Your Child Retain What They've Learned

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While a break from school is great for recharging your children's batteries, students still need to use the skills they acquired in the classroom. Otherwise, they may lag behind once school starts back.

Here are a few tips to help your child make the most of summer break.

**Writing** - Encourage your child to start a diary or write letters to a grandparent or friend to sharpen writing skills. If you go on a vacation, ask your child to keep a travel journal recording where you stayed and what you did. At the end of the day, talk through the activities and help him or her with a journal. It improves writing skills and creates great family memories.



## Education Matters

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**Mathematics** - Helping with grocery shopping offers opportunities to use math skills, such as making change, weighing fruits and vegetables, etc. Assisting with cooking can also familiarize children with weights and measures, organization and planning, and following a recipe. Perhaps you and your children could make a special dessert for the whole family. Help children pick a recipe, create an ingredients list and go shopping together.

**Reading** - You can't start too early. You can't read too much. Reading to young children nurtures an interest in language, words and communication. For older kids, reading together can be fun and interesting. Children also learn by example. If parents are setting time aside to read, it reinforces the fun and enjoyment of reading. Local libraries offer infinite resources for children. Librarians can recommend books appropriate for your child's reading level and interests, and many libraries offer free children's programs and clubs.

**Research** - There are an abundance of sites that provide summer reading lists for children. At BookAdventure.com, children (grades K-8) create personalized books lists from more than 7,500 recommended titles, take quizzes on the books they've read at school or at home, and earn points towards prizes for their reading comprehension. The program is designed to motivate students to read more often, for longer periods of time and with greater understanding.

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**Summer Enrichment Programs** - There are many enrichment activities available for children when school is out-of-session. Sylvan Learning offers engaging programs that keep the interest and fun in learning alive through the summer and into the school year.

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