



SOUTHEAST ISLAND SCHOOL DISTRICT
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Board Report - September 2025
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Hello everyone! Hope you're all having a wonderful start to fall!!! ☀️

We've had such a fantastic and busy start to the school year, and I wanted to share a few of the highlights from the first couple of weeks:

- **First Week Back!**

We kicked off the year with lots of excitement and energy! Students got right back into routines, and it was great to see them reconnecting with each other and diving into their learning.

- **Greenhouse Adventures** 🌱

Students have been actively involved in our greenhouse work—planting, watering, and even collecting harvests! They're learning hands-on about growing food and taking ownership of their projects, which has been such a joy to watch. We're also excited that our **new elementary teacher, Mr Harrington**, has taken a leading role in our greenhouse, helping guide students through projects and expanding opportunities for hands-on learning. The students are loving it!

- **Library Walks & Community Connections** 📚

Our regular walks to the Coffman Cove Library are already underway. Students love choosing books and exploring new reading adventures, and we're so grateful for this special connection to our community.

- **Classroom Learning**

Academics are rolling along smoothly! Math and ELA groups are off to a strong start, and students are working on everything from essays to vocabulary games. We've also started civics lessons and world history discussions, building curiosity and great conversations.

- **Team-Building & Games** 🤝 🎮

We've done some really fun get-to-know-you building challenges focused on collaboration and problem-solving! Students also enjoyed a game afternoon with our friends at **Naukati School**, which brought lots of laughs and teamwork.

- **Fun Extras!**

We've had time for art projects, PE games, and even some early Clean Energy Olympics prep—students are brainstorming designs for solar houses and wind power projects.

- **Staff, Enrollment & Chickens** 🐣👩🍳🐣

We're excited to welcome **our new cook, Crystal Coley**, who has jumped right in and is already working with students on training opportunities in the kitchen. We're also welcoming a **new preschooler** to our school community! We also have a new para working alongside our amazing Mrs. Judy, her name is Megan Wakefield, and she was a Whale Pass graduate a number of years back! Our current enrollment is **18 students plus our preschooler**, and the energy around campus feels so positive. On the farm side of things, our **Coffman flock just grew by 14 new baby chicks!!!** Students are thrilled and helping take care of them as part of our agriculture and responsibility learning. These are going to be moving to another site in the district soon!

- **Upcoming Events**

Looking ahead, we've got picture day on the 22nd and some fun senior activities at Papa's Pizza coming soon.

ASC Notes

We held our first ASC meeting of the year where we went through our Title and Schools presentation and started putting together a tentative plan of events for the year. One big date to note: **Graduation will be on May 29th!!!** 🎓

Overall, it has been a joyful start to the school year!! The students are engaged, the staff are working hard, and we're building momentum for a wonderful fall semester. Thank you for your continued support—it makes all the difference!!! 😊

Thank you for your time!