

## EVERGLADES ELEMENTARY House System

## Four Houses, One Family

At Everglades, we strongly believe in the house system. We have four houses that make up smaller communities within our school. Every staff member and all 3-5 grade scholars belong to a house. Our k-2 scholars cheer for the house of their teacher, learning about all four houses, until their 3rd grade year when they will get to spin the wheel and see which house chooses them. Each house represents different cultural/character traits, history, and traditions.



## Why the House System?

The house system builds character and school wide community. It provides opportunities for scholars to socialize with peers outside their classes and positive adult role models beyond their classroom teacher. It also provides leadership opportunities. Lastly, it promotes a culture of constructive competition. Scholars learn how to be team players and how their actions affect the group.

## House Points

In 3-5 grade, each scholar's personal accomplishments are rewarded with points that collectively count toward his/her house. This gives scholars an opportunity to be recognized and thanked by their peers for their individual contributions to the overall team. At the end of each trimester, one house is celebrated for being the house in the lead and at the end of the school year the house with the most points becomes the house champion. Last year this honor went to the House of Isibindi! Bindi Whoop! Bindi Whoop!

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