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A Bold Approach to Learning Is a Success

Ohana Institute and Ohana Day School Lead the Way

Ohana Day School, a branch of the Ohana Institute educational system for children ages 3 to 5 years, recently hosted an Open House at its secondary location in Grand Boulevard Town Center to welcome families and celebrate the beginning of the 2025–2026 school year.

Miramar Beach, Fla. - (September 12, 2025) Families were invited to explore the "Ohana way," while enjoying local vendors like Anthea Le Jardin's Jewelry Pop-Up, Coastal Coffee Bar Co., and Kinems' interactive learning platform. The event also featured the announcement of this year's tuition lottery winners, congratulating Travis and Jessica Laxton and their son Archer Laxton, who will receive free tuition for one year.

Ohana Day School is also excited to announce another special Lottery for all new Spring 2026 applicants, in which we will choose one student to receive free tuition for half a year. The chance to win is open to anyone who wishes to enroll between now and January 2026. To enter, please fill out the application at OhanaDaySchool.org and select the Grand Boulevard – Miramar Beach location. A winner will be announced later this fall.

Ohana Day School will host another Open House for prospective students and parents on Thursday, September 25, from 2:30 to 5:00 p.m. at the Grand Boulevard location. The Open House offers the community a chance to discover Ohana Day School and be part of the Spring 2026 Semester Lottery.

“Ohana is a beautiful place to learn,” said Lettye Burgtorf, Ohana Institute and Ohana Day School co-founder. “It helps transform education for students so they can truly find their passions, the things that they do, and really have a personalized learning path for each student.”

The mission of Ohana Day School is to respect the individual needs of all children, foster a caring and creative environment, and use innovative technology to deliver an experiential, student-centered blended education model. Ohana Day School believes that the paths of learning include social, emotional, physical, and intellectual development, which invites the passionate pursuits of each child’s interests. Ohana Day School’s vision is to ensure each child has successful experiences every day, give them a positive self-concept, and ensure a lifelong love of learning. Young children learn through play and direct involvement, and Ohana Day School is designed to meet each child’s physical, social, emotional, and cognitive needs.

At the core of Ohana Day School’s philosophy is the “SHELL Model,” developed along Florida’s Gulf Coast, which serves as the foundation of all operations and practices: Safety and Security. Holistic Education. Experiential. Loving Yourself. Loving Others.

“Every year is something different and exciting for our students,” Burgtorf added. “It really helps them be great people because our core values drive our learning. And when they leave school, they really know who they are and what they want to do.”

Ohana Institute, the parent school of Ohana Day School, recently joined Kaplan Education Company, a global education leader. This partnership provides students access to a wide range of academic and college-preparatory resources, such as nationally recognized SAT and ACT preparation, Advanced Placement (AP) courses, and comprehensive career-readiness tools. Kaplan also brings a renewed focus on STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) education.

We welcome you to learn more by getting in touch, visiting our website, and touring our school! We hope you will consider enrolling your child in our comprehensive day school program.

About Ohana Institute
Ohana Institute is a fully accredited private school and recently became a part of the Kaplan Education Company. Ohana Institute Foundation, the school’s fundraising branch, is a nonprofit organization that supports long-term educational innovation. Ohana Institute’s goal is to provide a creative environment where learning happens organically. We believe that through individualized learning plans, students feel supported in all areas of their lives.
www.ohanainstitute.org

About Ohana Day School

Ohana Day School was created by the founders of Ohana Institute in South Walton, Florida, and operates as a subsidiary of the Ohana Institute education system. Ohana Day School, with locations in Grand Boulevard, 30Avenue, and Masse Corner, offers an innovative preschool experience and holistic education for children aged three to five years old. Ohana Day School's goal is to provide an inclusive, whole-child approach to early education, respecting the unique needs of every individual child.

Please share this information with your friends and colleagues, as we are excited to meet our new students! www.ohanadayschool.org

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