



Cypress Elementary Community Tracks



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Cypress Elementary is more than a building with students and teachers. Cypress is a community. A community involved WITH our students FOR our students.

Student Involvement

To be a successful student, children need to be involved with their education. The best way to keep children involved, engaged and eager to learn is to help ensure they have a full academic day at school. Once again this school year, District Leaders have put an emphasis on attendance. Being at school on time and staying the entire day. Of course it is understandable and expected that emergencies happen and illnesses occur, which is why it is vital that attendance be consistent to allow for those few days. To be On-Track for attendance, Quarter One, students can miss up to two days, excused or un-excused. Please remember tardy and early check-out minutes turn into hours, which turn into days. You can check your child's attendance on myStudent.

myStudent This year, the district has implemented the myStudent platform which includes a parent portal for you to view important information about your child. As a part of this portal, there is a tab on the left navigation panel called Child Info. Under this tab, there will be another tab called Local Assessments. Results from the Quarterly Checks will be uploaded to this tab each quarter that Quarterly Checks are administered. For students who take a District Final, these results will also be reported in this area. **Detailed instructions for setting up your myStudent portal can be found on our school webpage under the Parents Tab.**

Family Involvement

Fall Fundraiser We begin October with our Fall Fundraiser. The first part of the fundraiser was the booklets students brought home to fill out addresses, which would lead to magazine subscription sales. For returning this, students receive the bling emoji. Part two is the Catalog Sale. A packet went home with the cookie dough/magazine catalog. Great American Fundraising also has more items available online. Visit our school web page/Facebook page for convenient links. You can also share the Facebook Page to reach friends and family! Please join us in making this successful! **ALL MONIES RAISED GO TO NEW TECHNOLOGY!!!**

Volunteers Volunteer applications are beginning to get approved. It is great to see our returning volunteers and we are enjoying getting to know our new to the school volunteers. Cypress has a strong tradition of utilizing volunteers. In classrooms, they work with students needing extra help or enrichment. They help with clerical duties for our classrooms, preparing materials for teachers, allowing our teachers to have more time teaching! Volunteers also help run school events like the Fall Catalog Fundraiser, Picture Day, Health Screenings and Mother's Day Cake Decorating.

How will you know when volunteers are needed? Follow the Cypress Facebook Page. When a need for volunteers arise, we will post. You can sign-up through messenger. When the volunteer slots are full, the post will be revised. If volunteers are still needed, an email will go to the approved volunteers.



School Advisory Council

We welcome our SAC Members for the 2016-17 School Year!

Lisa Jones Laura Drew
Maria Luna Heather Renna
Tracy Graziaplene

Wes Fisher
Shole Steel

Desiree Carter
Kim Spinuso

Sarsha Brantley
Miquel Velasquez

Rev. Dr. Joshua Edwards
Erika Tonello

Community Involvement

Teach Flu a Lesson October 11th is the day students who have returned a completed permission consent slip receive the flu shot. If you would like your child to receive the flu shot and have not returned the permission form, they are still available in the school office.

Adopt-A-Class We are pleased to support our teachers by facilitating the Adopt A Class Program. The following families/businesses have sponsored a teacher/special area at Cypress by donating \$100-\$150.
The Harrison Family adopted Mrs. Quina and Mrs. Asbel's Classes
The Laman Family adopted Mrs. Sowash's Class
Dr. Jennifer Laman adopted Mrs. Sowash's Class
Forensic Technologies, Inc adopted Mrs. Sowash's Class
Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Rawling's Classes have been anonymously adopted

Cypress Banner/T-Shirt Program Program Want a great advertising value? Check out our Banner Program! For \$200 we will display your banner on the recess fence! This year we are offering a new sponsorship for businesses looking for inexpensive advertising. In the spring we will be having a school wide Boosterthon (a fun innovative fundraiser) in which all students receive a t-shirt. To help lower our cost, we are looking for sponsors. Think of it- 900 mini billboards walking throughout the community with your name proudly displayed. Contact Debbie Burd for more information!

Business Partners

We are truly grateful for all the support we receive from our Cypress community! Without the donation of volunteer time, goods/services, and of course financial donations, many of our programs would not be as successful.

2015-16 Business Partners

Riverwalk Publix, McDonald's (Jose Hernandez/HMCC MGMT. Corp), Beef 'O' Brady's, Inn on the Gulf, Astro Skate, Mama Mia Pizzeria, Stassi's Restaurant, Regis Lima Martial Arts and Mathnasium.

PAWS for Reading has begun! An easy way to be involved in your child's education is to read daily and help your child log the reading minutes. Visit our school website for convenient links to Scholastic Read 100,000.



Cypress Elementary Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments October 1, 2016

Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/in-service towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student.

The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing course work/testing: Nichole Carter, Cherry Smith, Meghan Santagata, Marilyn Fluke, Suzanne Lee, Amanda Pangburn, Brenda Perez, Gina Thompson

The following teachers have completed the requirements and their certificate is pending:

The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Nichole Carter, Marilyn Fluke, Suzanne Lee, Amanda Pangburn, Brenda Perez, Gina Thompson

Recycling items that can go in the Recycling Dumpster: Brown paper bags, cardboard, cereal boxes, construction paper, gift wrap, magazines, newspaper, paper, and phone books may be placed loosely in a participating school's GreenFiber recycling container. Please do not place glass, metal, plastic bottles, plastic bags, aluminum, string, or foam in the GreenFiber recycling container.



Gates open 6am – 6 pm

What is your SUPER CUB POWER?



Shop Office Depot and Help Cypress! We participate in Office Depot Give Back to School Program. When shopping, tell them you are with Cypress Elementary and 5% of your purchase is given to Cypress!

Has a staff member at Cypress Elementary gone above and beyond for you, your child, or family?

If so, please take a few minutes to fill out this form, and send the form back to the school so that the administration can convey this recognition to that special person.

We would love to hear from you!

_____ (name of person you wish to recognize)

Your name _____ Your Child's (children's) names _____

What did the person you wish to recognize do to exceed your expectations?:





October 2016

October is finally here! With the temperatures starting to cool down (a little) and the kiddos settling into the school year, it's a great time to be a Cypress Cub! We have so many exciting things coming up and we don't want you to miss any of them. We had our first Mystery Prize celebration for Cubs who not only earned a Cub 100 ticket, but also got their ticket pulled to be on the bingo board by the main office. Ask your child about this incentive program and how they earn Cub 100 tickets. It's a great conversation starter and it's so fun to be able to celebrate when students do their very best work to follow our Cub Expectations.



Calling All 4th & 5th Grade Girls

On Friday, October 21st we will have our first Girl-cLic sleepover right here at Cypress Elementary! Invitations with additional details were sent home and should be signed and returned by October 14th. Permission slips must be returned for your daughter to attend. Please bring all necessary sleepover gear to school that Friday. It's going to be a great night of connections, food, and FUN!



Social Skills and Changing Families Groups

On October 3rd I will be starting a 6 week Social Skills Group on Mondays along with a 6 week Changing Families Group on Tuesdays. If you believe your child would benefit from one of these groups throughout the year, please contact me and we can discuss which group would be a best fit for them. Space is limited in each 6 week session so if they are not able to attend the first round of meetings, we will do our best to include them one of the following sessions.



The 5th grade leadership teams have been so fantastic this year! We not only have our Peer Mentors working with our younger Cubs, our Cub Ambassador Team (CAT) giving tours to our newest Cubs, but also have our Cub Crew planning an exciting Red Ribbon Week celebration coming up during the last week of October. We will have themed dress-up days again this year for Oct 24th-29th, and the Crew is anxious to reveal what those will include. Have your child watch for the posters throughout the school and be ready to sign our "Super Cubs Don't Touch Drugs" poster during their lunchtime.



Finally, we will be continuing Counselor Connection lessons from the Safer, Smarter Kids curriculum. Did your child get to tell you all about the 'Trusted Triangle', or what a 'Safety Stop Sign' is? They are learning very valuable lessons on how to stay safe and smart, at home and out in the community. I bet they'd love to share what they know with you, so just ask.

Thank you for the opportunity to help your child be successful. Together we can accomplish so much! If there's anything I can help you with, please feel free to call or email me at any time.



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Cypress Elementary 2016-17 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30	October 1
October 2	3 ONEBLOOD Blood Drive 8:30am-12:00pm 	4	5 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:84am-9:25am	6	Chorus 8:40am-9:25am	7
9	10	11	12 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:84am-9:25am	13	Primary Popcorn	14
16	17	18	19 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:84am-9:25am	20	Chorus 8:40am-9:25am	21
23	24	25	26 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:84am-9:25am	27	Intermediate Popcorn Grade 4 & 5	28
30	31	November 1	2 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:84am-9:25am	3	Girl's Sleepover	4
	K/1 Storybook Character Parade		Picture Re-takes	3 Beef 'O' Brady's Night	Chorus 8:40am-9:25am	5
				Night BEEF O' BRADY'S	Fall Festival	