

# 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.

## Community Involvement

### Adopt A Class

We are pleased to support our teachers by facilitating the Adopt-A-Class Program. For a complete listing of our Adopt-A-Class participants, please visit our Cypress web page. If you are interested in adopting a class, please contact our front office.

Rio Salon Spa and Massage adopted Mrs. Van Ochten's Class.

### Community Partners

We thank the following businesses and organizations for partnering with Cypress. The University of Florida IFAS Extension has partnered with Cypress to bring a Nutrition Program to several of our primary classrooms. They are learning about basic food preparation safety, nutrition facts and the importance of eating a balanced, healthy diet.

Special thanks to the Southland Dairy Farmers for bringing the special guest presentation to our 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade students.

A proud salute to Faupel Funeral Home for our new American Flag!

### 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, Regis Lima Martial Arts, Culver's, and our newest Business Partner Mama Mia Pizzeria.

### Cypress Banner Program

Want a great advertising value? Check out our Banner Program! For \$200 we will display your banner on the recess fence! Contact Debbie Burd for more information!



### Time to Pre-Order your Mother's Day Cakes!

Look for the flier to come home with your child! Cakes

Sell for \$8.00, with \$1.50 going to the school.

It is fun for the kids, and a sweet treat for mom!

## Family Involvement

"At the end of the day, the most overwhelming key to a child's success is the positive involvement of parents."

-Jane D. Hall

Family involvement in schools covers a very broad range of school activities. Most of these opportunities occur DURING THE SCHOOL DAY! Anytime you are involved with your child's academic progress, you are modeling family involvement. Anytime you are in the school, you are modeling family involvement. Family involvement is more than volunteering or being a member of PTO. Making sure your child is in school and ready to learn is family involvement.

This year, the Superintendent of Pasco County Schools has made improving student attendance a high priority for the individual schools. We understand your child will need to be absent a day or two. When sick, they will need to stay home to rest and get healthy. Sometimes dentist/doctor appointments cannot be avoided causing a tardy or early dismissal. These should be occasional occurrences. To be considered excessive, a student would have more than 5 absences/tardy/early dismissals a quarter. Tardiness and early dismissals also affect more than just your child. Teachers must stop instruction to give tardy students directions, which interferes with all students learning. Early dismissals also interrupt learning as the teacher is pulled from teaching to dismiss the student.

For more information regarding absences, please visit our [Cypress Webpage](#)>School Information OR the [District Webpage](#).

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.

**Community Paper  
Recycling Program**



**Gates open 6 am – 6 pm**

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) name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

Your child's (children's) name (s) \_\_\_\_\_

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

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