

Cypress Elementary Community Tracks

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

Family Involvement

Staying in the Know! One of the easiest ways to encourage your student's success is to be informed as to what is happening in the classroom, as well as school programs and activities. You have many ways to get school wide information:

- Our school webpage is ces.pasco.k12.fl.us
- Twitter account @cypressTonello
- Cypress Weekly Calls (to your primary phone number)
- Pasco County School SMS text messaging (text the word JOIN to the number 56360)
- Fliers distributed in backpacks (CHECK YOUR CHILD'S BACKPACK WEEKLY!)
- OFFICIAL Facebook Page

To keep up to date with teachers, many offer a webpage, twitter, class dojo, emails, class newsletters and text notifications.



Volunteers If you are interested in volunteering, please visit our school web page>Parents>Volunteer for all you need to know about volunteering, including a link to complete a volunteer application.

After you have submitted your volunteer application, please visit our Cypress Elementary Volunteer Facebook page. It is a new tool we are using to help improve communication between volunteers and the school.

Your newest Cypress Cubs are our first priority this year! We have several students who need 500 books read to them in the first 30 days of school. The Kindergarten teachers have books ready and waiting on volunteers to stop by and read!

Cypress PTO Welcome back Super Cubs! Looking for a way to get involved with our school? Join Cypress' PTO and help us make this a great and memorable school year for our children! Our annual family membership is only \$5. What a bargain!

Meetings are held monthly at 4:15 with our first one being Tuesday, August 30th. This month we will be discussing our future events and begin planning our fall festival.

Any questions feel free to contact Brandy Stubblefield or Lisa Jones at Cypresselementary.pto@yahoo.com



School Advisory Council

If you are interested in serving on SAC, please contact the front office. SAC is a vital component to each school. They are responsible for creating school improvement plans, school needs assessments and how lottery funds are spent.

Community Involvement

Thank you to the following community members for partnering with Cypress: Marjorie's Hope, Daughters of Penelope Eros 365, Right at Home and Gina Olampo for the donation of backpacks and school supplies, and Mama Mia Pizzeria for feeding our Cub Leadership Groups during their training day!

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 Class!

The Laman Family adopted Mrs. Sowash's Class

Dr. Jennifer Laman adopted Mrs. Sowash's Class

Forensic Technologies, Inc adopted Mrs. Sowash's Class

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!

T-Shirt Sponsor

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.

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.

Just a few required s to our School Community

Respect and Civility Statement

The District School Board of Pasco County believes that a safe, secure, nurturing and civil environment is essential in accomplishing its mission to **posting**

create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.

This policy promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all district employees, students, parents and the general public. The policy is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression. Rather, it is intended to maintain, to the extent that is possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free workplace for students, families, and staff that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening, or aggressive behaviors.

1. District staff will treat students, parents, fellow staff members, and members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return.

2. District staff will not conduct business with those who use obscenities or otherwise speak in a demanding, loud, insulting, or threatening manner.

3. Volatile, hostile, or aggressive actions and words will not be tolerated, and individuals who engage in these activities may face penalties up to, and including, criminal prosecution.

District students' rights and responsibilities are further defined within the Student Code of Conduct.

Authority: 1001.41(2), F.S. PCSB Policy: 1380, 3380, 4380

NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for *Cypress Elementary* have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

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 6am – 6 pm

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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!