

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.

Family Involvement

Superhero Day! The first Wednesday of each month is officially SUPERHERO DAY! Students and staff are invited to dress as a superhero for the day. As always, no masks and no toy weapons.

Cypress PTO Next PTO Meeting 12/20 at 4:15pm in Media! Love to see you there!

Dress Code To view the entire DSBPC Dress Code, please visit our Cypress Web Page<School Information. The most common dress code issues seen in the elementary setting are:

- Shoes. To participate in PE AND RECESS, students need to have shoes with backs and closed toe. Students with sandals will need to sit out of activities.
- Pants/shorts should not have holes or rips, and should be worn securely at the waist.
- Shorts/skirts should be long enough to reach fingertips or 4 inches above the knee. *****In the elementary level, we understand children are growing quickly, and keeping to the fingertip guideline would be difficult. We respectfully ask parents to monitor the length of shorts to help ensure an appropriate length, the entire day without needing to pull them down after sitting down.*
- Shirts should be long enough to overlap the waistband without exposing skin during the school day.
- Shirt necklines should not fall lower than drawing an imaginary line between both armpits.
- Straps should be 2 adult fingers wide, over the shoulder. Backless and shoulder-less clothing is best worn at home, and bra straps should not be seen.

Family Holiday Night December 6th 5:00-7:00pm

Kindergarten Choral Performance **BOGO Book Fair** **Gingerbread Shop** **Milk & Cookies with Santa**

Gingerbread Shop Walk through 12/5 & 6 **Open for Sales 12/7-9 10:00am-2:00pm daily**

Volunteers If you are an approved volunteer and have not received an email from the Volunteer Coordinator, please email dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us. If you applied to volunteer and waiting approval but want to come help with an event, please email the volunteer coordinator so we can get you approved!

Cypress is honored to have Becky Rattee, our Outstanding Adult Volunteer of the Year also receive the Pasco County Schools Adult Volunteer of the Year award! We love our Becky!!

**Community Paper
Recycling Program**



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



Community Involvement

Thank you to the following community members for partnering with Cypress: Riverwalk Publix, The Kole Gentry Family, The Ward Family, Culver's, The Holebeck Family, Dr Joe Gigilo, Mrs. Stegsndpoulos

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. For a complete listing of participants, please visit our webpage.

- Ms. Robinson and Mrs. Rawlings have been anonymously adopted
- Inn on the Gulf adopted Mrs. Santagata's Class
- The Devine Family adopted Mrs. Mehring's Class
- A1 Southern Plumbing adopted Ms. Ferris' Class
- The Levesque/Morrison Family adopted Ms. Blank'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.

2016-17 Business Partners

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

Fundraising Recaps August-November

- Cookie Dough Sale \$6850 *also \$61,000 in savings towards participating students college tuition costs!
- Fall Festival \$2354
- Beef's Nights \$464
- McCypress Nights \$220.56
- Culver's Nights \$285
- Astro Skate Night \$535
- Popcorn Sales \$565
- Book Fair \$1982





PAWS for Reading Update

As of 11/24/16 Cypress Students have logged 433,708 minutes!

76 Students have reached the 2,000 Minute Milestone
12 Students have reached the 4,000 Minute Milestone
3 Students have reached the 6,000 Minute Milestone
2 Students have reached the 8,000 Minute Milestone

2 Students have reached the 10,000 Minute Milestone
1 Student has reached the 12,000 Minute Milestone
0 Students have reached the 15,000 Minute Milestone
0 Students have reached the 25,000+ Minute Milestone

If you have questions about PAWS for Reading, please contact your child's teacher or Debbie Burd (727-774-4500/dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us)

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is your
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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!

Special shout-out for Mrs. Asbell!

"She really goes above and beyond to make sure that my son is achieving his highest goals. I sincerely admire her patience and commitment."

Special shout-out for Mrs. Perez!

"Mrs. Perez has gone above and beyond to make learning fun & each day exciting to be at school. She is excellent with making each day special!"

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 (s) _____

Your child's (children's) names (s) _____

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

SCHOOL COUNSELOR ^{CT}



Hello Cypress Families!

November seemed to fly by with all the activities and weeklong Thanksgiving break. From Student-of-the-Month ceremonies, Cub 100 Mystery Prize parties, the Holiday Food Drive, and the Kindergarten students' Thanksgiving dinner celebration, our month of November was packed with excitement. Thank you so much to all who donated to the Food Drive! Classroom winners with the most food items were Mrs. Brissey's 3rd grade and Mrs. Papadopolous' 2nd grade. Together, Cypress raised over 600 items for families in need!

Wrapping up our monthly Safer Smarter Kids (SSK) lesson on Cyber Safety and Citizenship, now is a great opportunity to talk with your kids about these important life-lessons.

As we head into December with anticipation of another long break, the 5th grade student leaders, along with the Chorus members, have the opportunity to spread some holiday joy to local nursing home/independent living residents through songs and crafts. We look forward to this experience not only for the residents, but also for our Cypress Cubs.

I hope you have a wonderful holiday break filled with family and friends, and take every opportunity to make unforgettable memories.

**Mrs. Allen M.S.C.
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