

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 4th and 5th Grade Winter Writing Workshop A great way to learn WITH your student how to become a better writer! Donuts, Juice and coffee are provided! For more information, please visit the Cypress Website. Workshops will be held January 12, January 26, February 9, and February 16 in the Cypress Media 8:45-9:20am.

Cypress PTO Next PTO Meeting is January 17th at 4:15pm in the Media! Hope to see you there!

Dress Code We apologize for not including this information in last month's newsletter. We do need to share that flip flops are not proper shoe attire for students in the pre-k and elementary school setting.

Yearbooks for Sale! Yearbooks have officially gone on sale. We have ordered a limited number of yearbooks, so please get your order in! Additional order forms are available from our Cypress Web Page, as well as in the school office. **5th Grade Dedications** are due January 30! These forms are also located on our Web page.

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 are waiting for approval but want to come help with an event, please email the volunteer coordinator so we can get you approved!

Community Involvement

Thank you to the following community members for partnering with Cypress: The Daughters of Penelope Eros 356, all the families who generously donated for our Angel Tree, The Waters Edge Book Club, Pasco Hernando State College Synergy Club, Riverwalk Publix, Culver's, Ms. Coviello, Dr. Joe, Valic and Ms. O'Connor.

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.

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!



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

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.

PAWS for Reading Update

As of 12/16/16 Cypress Students have logged 605,353 minutes!

104 Students have reached the 2,000 Minute Milestone	3 Students have reached the 10,000 Minute Milestone
28 Students have reached the 4,000 Minute Milestone	2 Student have reached the 12,000 Minute Milestone
12 Students have reached the 6,000 Minute Milestone	1 Student has reached the 15,000 Minute Milestone
4 Students have reached the 8,000 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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Happy New Year Cypress Families!



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I hope this first newsletter of 2017 finds you happy, healthy, and ready for a fantastic new year. We are so excited to start 2017 off strong and ready to learn!

In January, I will continue the Safer, Smarter Kids lessons for all grades. I hope the kids who have received lessons 1-3 were anxious to share what they've learned. Your K-2 students may have even brought home their Safety Stop Sign and Trusted Triangle. If you would like a great conversation starter, ask your child who their 3 'safe adults' are, or teach them their address, and one important phone number. Knowing this information can help build confidence as well as aid in the event of an emergency.

Grades 3-5 have recently been discussing not only topics like Body Boundaries and Personal Space, but also, Internet-Safety Awareness, and the rules of being a good digital citizen. The kids have been doing an amazing job discussing these concepts and learning why they are so important in today's digital age. Talking to your child about with whom they chat, text, tweet, and/or interact via the internet or social media is a great opportunity for families to discuss the positives and negatives of technology.

A huge shout out to our 5th grade leaders and chorus kids who brought over 700 positive holiday messages written by our Cypress Cubs to area nursing homes and schools. It was an amazing experience! Check out the pictures on our Cypress website.

Can you believe our 100th day of school is approaching? It is a great time to gauge your child's academic progress and set goals for the end of the year. If there is anything we can do to help in your child's success, please don't hesitate to call. Let's make 2017 awesome!

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