

# 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.

**T-Shirt Sale!** We have marked our school t-shirts down in price to eliminate our inventory and prepare for next school year. Please look further in the newsletter for the order form!

**Car Rider Line Courtesies** Car Riders, we ask you follow the speed limit and traffic patterns on Sweet Bay Court and Tanglewood Drive when dropping off/picking up your child from the car loop. Passing cars with a solid yellow line and speeding could potentially put our students and families at risk.

**Volunteers** With many end of the year activities planned, please communicate with your child's teacher if help is needed prior to the day of the event. On event days, the teachers need to have their full attention on the students. If you have recently submitted a volunteer application, please remember to email [dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us) so your application can be processed.

**Taking Photos at Cypress** Parents, while you are attending activities at Cypress, it is important to only take pictures only of your child.

**LOST and FOUND** Each month, one of our staff members goes through the lost and found items. If the item has a student name, it is given back to the student. All items without a name are bagged, laundered and given to a local charity. We love helping the community, but we would prefer our cubs keep their belongings. Please label your child's sweaters and jackets.

**PAWS for Reading Update** As of 4/25/17 Cypress Students have logged 1,387,981 minutes!

192 Students have reached the 2,000 Minute Milestone	39 Students have reached the 10,000 Minute Milestone
124 Students have reached the 4,000 Minute Milestone	25 Students has reached the 12,000 Minute Milestone
79 Students have reached the 6,000 Minute Milestone	11 Students have reached the 15,000 Minute Milestone
57 Students have reached the 8,000 Minute Milestone	4 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](tel:727-774-4500)/[dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us))

**Boosterthon** We are still collecting pledge monies from Boosterthon. If you have an outstanding pledge, please look for letters to come home with your child.



## Community Involvement

### 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.

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#### 2016-17 Cypress Shirts \$6.00 (while supplies last)

\_\_\_\_youth xs    \_\_\_\_youth small    \_\_\_\_youth medium    \_\_\_\_youth large

#### 2015-16 Cypress Shirts \$4.00 (while supplies last)

\_\_\_\_youth xs    \_\_\_\_youth small    \_\_\_\_youth medium    \_\_\_\_youth large

\_\_\_\_adult small    \_\_\_\_adult large    \_\_\_\_adult XLarge

Student Name \_\_\_\_\_ Student Number \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher \_\_\_\_\_ Phone Contact \_\_\_\_\_

# Counselor's Corner

## Reflecting on the year and preparing for the future.

What a great year it was at Cypress Elementary School! It's been a pleasure getting to know each of your children and I look forward to seeing them again next year. As these final few weeks tend to fly by, make the most of it by helping your child **finish** the year **strong** with good rest, nutrition, and homework routines.

Mrs. Allen M.S.C.



Testing season is almost over!  
It's time to **CELEBRATE** all of our CUBS  
**hard work!**

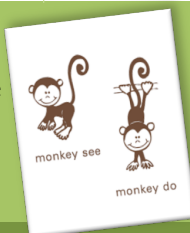
\*On May the 4<sup>th</sup>, we will have our annual  
Cypress Stars Talent Show!

\*On May 22<sup>nd</sup>, we will be having our final  
On-Track party for all hard-working,  
3<sup>rd</sup> quarter On-Track Cubs.

\*Watch for more information on grade level  
field day, field trip, and other end-of-year  
activities!

## Did You Know?

Our summer vacations may be short, but nearly all students will experience the dreaded *Summer Slide*. What's that? The Summer Slide is when students aren't exposed to, or practice any academic activities over the summer months. It's the classic truth of 'use it or lose it'. So how can the Summer Slide be avoided? Be intentional. Make time every single day, even if it's only 10 minutes to work through a few grade-level appropriate math, reading, and ELA problems. There are hundreds of free, printable worksheets online; just Google a topic. Prepare a packet now and have it ready for the first day of summer break. Great homework habits over the summer give kids the confidence to return to school in the fall!



**cLic Student Leaders** for the 2017-18  
school year *have been selected.*

I can't wait to begin training these amazing kids!  
Watch for information to come home regarding  
May Development Training Day!

**Congrats cLic Cubs!**

## FUN & FREE IDEAS FOR SUMMER

*Sometimes the most valuable things  
don't cost any money at all!*

- Take a walk or go for a bike ride around your neighborhood.
- Go to the park. Pack lunch and invite some friends!
- Go fishing. Have your child learn about the different types of fish they catch.
- Go to your public library. READ READ READ
- Start a family book club. Read the same book as your child and discuss your favorite parts.
- Have your child keep a journal, or make a memory book.
- Teach your child how to cook/bake.


## Words to the wise:

*Children are great imitators.*

*Give them something great to imitate.*

~Anonymous

## Cypress Elementary 2016-17 Calendar of Events

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
STAFF APPRECIATION WEEK	<b>May 1</b> 8:40am Robotics Club <b>FSA GRADE 5 SCIENCE</b> Book Fair	2 <b>FSA GRADE 5 SCIENCE</b> Book Fair	3 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:40am-9:25am Book Fair  Superhero Day Ice Cream Social and Cypress Student Art Show 5:30 pm	4 Book Fair Talent Show 10-11:30 am 1-2:30 pm	5 Chorus 8:40am-9:25am Book Fair	6
7	8 Robotics Club 8:40am Book Fair <b>Kindergarten Registration</b> <b>9am-1pm</b>	9 Book Fair Grade 3 to Lowery Park Zoo	10 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:40am-9:25am One Blood Blood Drive 8am-12pm Kinder Cubs Parent Celebration 1:30pm	11 Mother's Day Cake Decorating Grade 4 to Crystal Springs	12 Chorus 8:40am-9:25am Primary & Intermediate Popcorn Grade 4 to Crystal Springs	13
14	15 Robotics Club 8:40am Kinder Cubs Field Activities	16 PTO Meeting 4:15pm	17 Tone Chimes/Percussion 8:40am-9:25am	18 Spring Concert at RRPAC 7pm	19	20
21	22 Sunshine State Reader Field Trip Take Your Child to Work Day Quarter 3 On-Track Party	23 Grade 5 Field Day SAC Meeting 4:30 pm	24 Grade 5 to Busch Gardens	25 Kinder Cubs Water Day Grade 1 Water Day Moving on Ceremony at RRPAC 6 pm	26 Kinder Cubs Ice Cream Party Last Day of School for Students	27
28	29	30	31	<b>June 1</b>		