

Cypress Elementary Community Tracks

November-December 2017

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Cypress Elementary School is a learning partnership dedicated to encouraging high achievement and lifelong learners.

Congratulations

Mrs. Nancy Trumble
Teacher of the Year

Mrs. Adrienne Vanselous
SRP of the Year



A teacher takes
a *Hand*, opens
a *Mind* and
touches a *Heart*

Family Involvement The months of November and December are a virtual cornucopia of Family Involvement opportunities. We have academic workshops, family fun events and entertainment venues. A handy calendar is attached!

Box Tops for Education We had a great response with our three-week classroom contest! During those three weeks 2997 Box Tops were turned in. That is \$299.70! Mrs. Sowash and Ms. Pitkoff won for the top intermediate and primary classrooms and enjoyed their ice pop party! Keep clipping!

Volunteers We are excited to announce Mrs. Eve Denk as our Outstanding Volunteer of the Year! At Cypress Elementary, Eve Denk is one of our favorite volunteers. The contribution she makes to staff and students impacts school climate and student learning. Coming in very early, she always begins her volunteer day by making two pots of coffee in our Staff Lounge. This is an example of one of the little things she does to make the staff feel welcomed for the day. She helps prepare the kindergarten classrooms for the day by getting the chairs out, tidying up the student tables, and getting things ready for the teachers. For the office, she spends a portion of her days preparing information going home to parents. Besides the positive indirect impact on student learning (the prep and clerical work she does allow the teacher more time to teach), she directly works with students on reading and other academic areas. Eve completes all tasks asked of her with a cheerfulness that is contagious. She is happy to volunteer at Cypress and strives to make those around her happy also. Additionally, we know we can count on Eve to complete any task with efficiency and without much direction. She is also looking ahead, gathering materials for the next few weeks to prepare. The efficiency and thought to detail help to keep us organized. Eve give us about 2 days a week, or around 11 hours, She is primarily with the kindergarten team and front office, but she is not one to shy away from other volunteer jobs. Picture Day, Book Fair, Staff Appreciation are all examples of those benefiting from her time here at Cypress. On behalf of our students and staff, thank you Eve. Thank you for the 5 year of dedication you have given our students and staff!

"P"arent "T"eacher "O"rganization

Who? You! Our wonderful Cypress Cub families!

What? PTO meeting to plan for our upcoming Holiday Night as well as the Holiday Shop that will run from December 4th through the 8th

When? Tuesday, November 7th at 4:15pm

Where? In the Media

Why? Help us make this the best school year for our teachers and our students by joining PTO. We sponsor family oriented events throughout the year as well as raise money to give back to our student's classrooms.

Mark your calendar! All meetings are held on Tuesdays at 4:15pm in the media center. Here are the dates for our next few meetings: November 7th, December 12th, January 16th and February 6th

Community Involvement

Thank you to the following community members for partnering with Cypress: Timber Greens Nifty Niners Golf Association, Riverwalk Publix, Culver's, Ruby Tuesday, Sonny's BBQ, Christo's, McDonald's, Johnny Bruscos, Stassi's, Queen Nails, Hair Obsessions, Ruby Tuesday, Inn on the Gulf, Kumo Japanese Steakhouse & Sushi, Lane Glo North, Sioux City Steakhouse, and Beef 'O' Brady's.

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.

Yankee Candle Fundraiser Update Thank you to all our families purchasing items in our Fall Fundraiser. We have raised over \$7000. All for new technology!

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.

2017-18 Business Partners

Riverwalk Publix, McDonald's (Jose Hernandez/HMCC MGMT.Corp), Culver's, Beef 'O' Brady's, Mathnasium, Astro Skate, Mama Mia Pizzeria and Hair Obsessions.

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.

Forensic Technologies adopted Mrs. Sowash's Class

Karen Dilfield adopted Mrs. Livingston's Class

Mr. and Mrs. Nitti adopted Mrs. Anderson's Class

Dr. Jennifer Laman and Family adopted Mrs. Briskey's Class

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Cypress Elementary 2017 Charity Drives drives to benefit the community!

This year we have five charity



November Food Drive Between November 1-14 we will be collecting non-perishable food items for Metropolitan Ministries and the Volunteer Way. Bring items in to your child's teacher. The Primary and Intermediate class that has the most items will win a class prize!



Turkey Drive We are needing 30 turkeys to benefit Cypress Students. If you are able to donate a frozen turkey please call the School Office for details.

Toys for Tots We are a collection site for Toys for Tots! Send in NEW, un-gift wrapped toys in with your c



hild before December 15.



The **One Community Now Hunger Walk** is the primary funding for Pack-A-Sack in our Pasco County Schools. Held on March 10, 2018 at Gulf High School, donations will be accepted. **Vendors and sponsors are needed.**

Relay for Life has been a longtime favorite of our Cypress Staff. Look for the Relay for Life benefit events, beginning with the Relay for Life Movie Night on Friday, December 1. It will be the perfect time to get a little shopping done while your Cypress students enjoy pizza, a movie and popcorn!

If you have any question regarding any of the above events, please call our school office at 727-774-4500 or email the secretary at dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us .



School Fees- Acorn

Cypress Will begin using Acorn November 1, 2017

A Simpler, Safer Way to Pay

At the start of the 2017-18 school year, 22 schools implemented a new student fees payment system called Acorn. In the coming weeks, you will be able to access your new Acorn account online via a link on this page.

This secure, streamlined system will replace SchoolPay and enable parents to add school purchases to their shopping cart for multiple children at different schools, and complete transactions through credit card, debit and e-check. Our goal is to transfer all of our K-12 schools to Acorn by the end of the year.

In order to use Student Fees - Acorn to make payments for your child(ren), you must first have an account setup in myStudent. If you do not have an account in myStudent, go to PascoSchools.org, go to the Parents Tab and select [Check Grades/Attendance](#). Once your account is established in myStudent, you will have an account ready the following day to be activated in Student Fees - Acorn.

To activate your Parent Portal Account:

1. Go to <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/>
2. Select "Activate Account"
3. Enter the email address associated with your myStudent account and select Send Email
4. This will generate an email to you to activate your account
5. Go to your email and select the link
6. Continue by creating your password and activating your account
7. Once this is completed, you will be able to see Fees and Other Items that can be purchased

Partial payment plans and financial assistance options also are available.

Please note, this will not change the process for putting funds on your student's meal account.

Directions to myStudent also available on our Cypress Webpage>Parents>myStudent Help

Acorn link on our Cypress Webpage

Pay your School Fees!
Pay for ASTRO Skate Night!
Pay for Field Trips!
Pay for Movie Night!
Pay for school t-shirts!





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SCHOOL FEE MANAGEMENT



Cypress Elementary 2017-18 Calendar

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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	November 1 Percussion/Tone Chines 8:40am 	2 Chorus 8:40am Sonny's Spirit Night 4-7pm SONNY'S LOCAL BARS BBQ 	3 Primary Popcorn 	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11
		PTO Meeting 4:15pm FSA Parent Night 5:30-7pm	Percussion/Tone Chines 8:40am	Chorus 8:40am Astro Skate Night 4-7pm 	Progress Reports go Home Primary Popcorn 	18
12	13	14	15	16	17	18
			Percussion/Tone Chines 8:40am 	Chorus 8:40am	24 Week!	25
19	20	21	22	23	24	25
	Thanksgiving	Break	School	Students	Week!	
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Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
26	27	28 Make-up Pictures  SAC Meeting 4:15 PM	29 Percussion/Tone Chines 8:40am  FREE BOOK FAIR!	30 Chorus 8:40am  Beef 'o' Brady's Night 4-9pm	December 1 BOGO Book Fair Primary Popcorn Relay for Life Movie Night	2 
3 Watch for Family Holiday Night Information!	4 BOGO Book Fair  Holiday Gift Shop	5 BOGO Book Fair Holiday Gift Shop 	6 Percussion/Tone Chines 8:40am BOGO Book Fair Holiday Gift Shop  FREE BOOK FAIR!	7 Chorus 8:40am BOGO Book Fair Holiday Gift Shop	8 BOGO Book Fair Holiday Gift Shop  FREE BOOK FAIR!	9
10	11 BOGO Book Fair	12 PTO Meeting 4:15pm	13 Percussion/Tone Chines 8:40am STEM Fair Parent Night 5:00-7:30pm	14 Chorus 8:40am Winter Concert 7pm at RRPAC 	15 Intermediate Popcorn 	16
17	18	19 SAC Meeting 4:15pm	20 Percussion/Tone Chines 8:40am	21 Chorus 8:40am	22 End Quarter 2	23
24	25 No School	26 No School	27 No School	28 No School	29 No School	30