

Weekly Principal's Message 9-18-22

Good evening, Cypress Cubs! Thank you to all our families that came to celebrate Student of the Month! We had some happy children and proud parents!

- We kick off our week with Art Club beginning at 8:25 on Tuesday morning.
- Also on Tuesday is our monthly PTO meeting to plan for our upcoming Fall Festival. We encourage parents to join and love having your ideas brought to the meeting, which will begin at 4:00 in the media center.
- We have chorus practice on Thursday, Percussion practice Friday and Friday is 3rd, 4th and 5th grade popcorn day.
- You can order your popcorn by paying on Rycor at this link <https://www.studentquickpay.com/pasco/> for the rest of the year or you can just send the cash in with your child. It's \$1.00 per yummy bag of goodness.
- Families did you know that we have Parent Involvement Coordinators at Cypress? If you need help with navigating our website, fixing your parent portal, paying for fees on Rycor, or you have needs, please reach out by calling 727-774-4515. They are there to help you! Also, our Parent Involvement Coordinators, along with our School Social Worker manage our food pantry, which comes from a partnership with Feeding Tampa Bay. We have food brought to the school every 2 weeks. If you have a need, please call our Coordinators for next steps.
- As the State transitions to a new assessment, it's important that we all know how to understand the F.A.S.T student scores. Here is a document for grades 3-5 [FAST for Families.pdf](#) and here is the one for K-2 [FAST K-2 Key Reports.pdf](#) to help you get a better understanding of Florida's Assessment of Student Thinking.
- We continue to have late busses both in the morning and the afternoon due to shortage of bus drivers. Our district has asked that we help by sharing the need to hire additional drivers. Starting Pay is \$15.38 per hour as well as paid training and benefits. Please call 813-794-1862 and check out this flyer [Bus Driver.jpg](#).
- Mark your calendars; Next Early Release Day is October 5th and Fall Festival is October 11th

Thank you for your partnerships and know that we appreciate all our family involvement!