

Welcome back to school Cypress Elementary Families!

August 2023

I want to say thank you for an amazing 22-23 school year and let you know that I am looking forward to another year full of partnerships, making memories, and most importantly student learning! Communication is the key to a strong home/school relationship. Please know that your first communication should go through your child's teacher to find a solution to any academic or behavior concerns. Teachers spend most of the day with your child and have a firsthand account of their day to better answer your questions. Our front office is there to help by listening and directing you to the right person when you have unique situations. You can find all staff emails on our website, which also has a ton of other information, and I will be sending my weekly call/email every Sunday evening as well as a monthly newsletter. Cypress is a community that loves its children, and my staff and I pride ourselves on helping shape our students into future contributors of this lovely little hometown. We are truly dedicated to helping in any way possible so that your child's learning path is one of enjoyment and monumental accomplishments!

This will be our second year in a State Turn Around situation and it's the year to make the biggest difference. The State will now be able to use this year's F.A.S.T assessment scores to compare them against last year's scores and calculate learning gains for every student in our intermediate grades. I know our staff is committed to ensuring every single student at Cypress grows at least 1 level on their State F.A.S.T assessment and therefore showing a year's worth of growth. As equally as important, our primary grades are committed to teaching students to master the learning benchmarks and ensuring every student in kindergarten through 2nd grade is a proficient reader.

I would like to ask families to help make this the best year ever by making attendance a priority in your household. Send your child to school and if you need any support at all we have many trained staff members that can help with any hurdles your family faces. Just give us a call and we'll figure it out together! The next biggest thing you can do to shape your child's future success is to read with them whenever you can. Take turns reading pages, read recipes, add the captions onto the bottom of your television, have older siblings read to them, allow them to practice reading to you, have them call grandma and read and just make reading a part of your home. Thank you again for all partnering together and let's make it another fabulous year!

Jeanne L. Krapfl
Principal Cypress Elementary
jkrapfl@pasco.k12.fl.us
727-774-4500



Cypress Elementary Community Partners

Cypress Elementary School is pleased to partner with our community to enrich our educational programs and offer the best possible opportunities to help our Cubs become successful scholars.

- **Volunteer:** Become an approved volunteer to lend a helping hand in your child's classroom, support field trips and school activities. Look for the volunteer button on our school website to apply and for more information on our Volunteer Program.
- **Join PTO:** Our Parent Teacher Organization hosts many fun activities for our students and families throughout the year. Look for the PTO Flier for more information!
- **Business/Community Partners:** Do you own or are you affiliated with a local business that could benefit from a school partnership?
- **Adopt A Class:** Each year we invite our parents to participate by adopting a class, team, or special area within the school. Family adoptions are \$100; Business adoptions are \$150. This donation goes directly to the classroom.
- **Fence Banners:** You provide the banner, donate \$100 and we will display your banner on our fence for the school year.
- **Participate in school fundraising:** This year we are offering many new fundraising opportunities. Participation is optional. All students benefit as funds are used to provide classroom materials, student incentives, staff recognition, recess equipment, and much mor!

If you would like more information on how you can partner with Cypress, please feel free to reach out to Mrs. Hemby, School Secretary.

*Phone: 727-774-4500 * Email: dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us *Or in person

You can also complete the bottom portion of this flier and send to school with your child.

RETURN TO THE OFFICE

Parent Name: _____

Student Name: _____

Parent Phone Number: _____

Parent Email Address: _____

I would like more information on:

Adopt A Class Fence Banners Volunteering

PTO Business/Community Partnership

Thank you for partnering with Cypress Elementary School!



SECTION III: REGISTRATION REQUIREMENTS

All students must attend the school in the district where their parents/legal guardians reside unless they have an approved assignment to another school or program (e.g., School Choice). Applications for School Choice may be obtained by visiting the Pasco County School: Educational Options website. Completed applications must be submitted during specified application periods.

The school district expects residence information submitted regarding students to be truthful and accurate and district forms pertaining to residence and household membership shall be verified under penalties of perjury.

Section §837.06, Florida Statutes, provides that, "Whoever knowingly makes a false statement in writing with the intent to mislead a public servant in the performance of his or her official duty shall be guilty of a misdemeanor of the second degree." Additionally, a person who knowingly makes a false declaration under penalties of perjury commits a felony of the third degree, pursuant to section 92.525, Florida Statutes. Providing school officials false information regarding your residence when enrolling your child may result in your child being withdrawn and/or reassigned to the appropriate zoned school and referral of the matter to law enforcement for possible criminal prosecution. Additionally, falsification of this information may result in the permanent revocation of your child's privilege to engage in extracurricular activities, including organized sports.

Parents/legal guardians are responsible for notifying the school principal if there is a change in residence or parental responsibility of the student within five (5) days even if the parent thinks the student is still in the school's zone. Failure to give timely notice may result in a reassignment to the student's zoned school and/or loss of eligibility for athletics and other activities.

Additional information regarding registration requirements can be found at:
http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/registration_requirements

SECTION IV: PARENT & STUDENT ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

The legal notices, policies and procedures listed and described can be found in their entirety online at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/parent_notices. A hard copy of each may be obtained in English or Spanish by contacting your child's school.

It is vital that parents and students are aware of their rights, as well as the rules and procedures that are required of all Pasco County School District students and families. We ask that each student and a parent/guardian sign this acknowledgment and return it to your child's school. Failure to return this acknowledgment will not relieve a student or the parent/guardian from the responsibility of obtaining the knowledge of all notices, policies and procedures of the Pasco County School District.

I understand that I can access all legal notices and policies and procedures, including the Student Code of Conduct, at http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/ssps/parent_notices. I understand that I can request a copy of any piece of this information by contacting my child's school.

Parent/Guardian Signature

Date

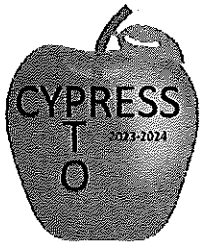
Student Signature

Date

Signed Parent Acknowledgement Form to remain with teacher for the 2023-2024 school year.

Student _____

Teacher _____



PTO Membership Form 2023-2024

We have a great PTO that relies on parents to help plan and execute school events and activities.

Major events for the 2023-2024 School Year

- Popcorn Fridays
- Fall Festival
- Winter Wonderland Family Night
- Holiday Gift Shop
- Sweetheart Gala
- Art Show/Ice Cream Social/Board Games

2023-2024 PTO Meeting Dates

Tuesday, August 22nd at 4:15 PM

Tuesday, February 27th at 4:15 PM

Tuesday, October 17th at 4:15 PM

Tuesday, April 16th at 4:15 PM

Tuesday, January 16th at 4:15 PM

Parent/Guardian _____

Phone _____

Email _____

Student(s) _____

Student(s) _____

Yearly Membership Dues are \$10. Membership dues are used to offset free PTO activities and provide Teacher/Staff Grants.

Payment Information

Cash/Check (checks made payable to Cypress Elementary School)

Payment made in RYCOR. Receipt Number: _____

Credit Card (MC/VISA) Payment in School Office

Thank you for partnering with Cypress Elementary School!

Important Phone Numbers

School Main Phone 727-774-4500



- Clinic 727-774-4505
- Bookkeeper 727-774-4504
- Data Entry (registration/attendance/grades) 727-774-4506
- Cafeteria 727-774-4578
- ESE Secretary/Parent Involvement 727-774-4509
- **Transportation Call Center 727-774-2500**
- Pasco County Schools Technology Support 813-794-2859
(mypascohelp@pasco.k12.fl.us)
- PLACE, housed at Chasco Elementary 727-774-1200
(<https://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/asep>)

****helpful hint!** If you cannot reach the main office during school hours, email the school secretary Debbie Hemby (dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us) OR send a PM through our social media (<https://www.facebook.com/Proudtobeacub>).

It is very important to keep your phone numbers and email addresses up to date in your Parent Portal! Ms. Krapfl sends a **weekly communication** out every **Sunday at 6:00 PM**. You will also get the message emailed to you at the same time. If you do not receive this message, please touch base with the office to make sure your information is accurate. This is the same communication system used for transportation messages about late busses and other important communications from Cypress Elementary and Pasco County Schools.

Navigating the Cypress Website

Looking for school information? First stop should be our website ces.pasco.k12.fl.us

We utilize sliders (moving pictures) for current events.

- Our **Home Page** has convenient links to the most used sites parents would use:
 - Report an Absence Online
 - Electronic Backpack (all fliers we send home are also housed here)
 - Weekly Principal's Messages
 - HMH (language arts/Math parent letters/homework help)
 - School Supply List
 - Parent Portal
 - Pasco County School Website
 - myStudent
 - RYCOR (this is where you can pay for school activities)
 - Volunteer Application and Information
 - Adopt A Class and Business/Community Partner Information
 - Box Tops for Education
 - School Social Media sites
- **The School Information Tab** has a plethora of information about individual programs at Cypress such as PTO, transportation, PBIS, fundraising, Title 1, and Healthy School Team.
- **Parents Tab** is where you will find newsletters, **Cub Café (lunch menus/pay for lunch online)**, community resources and much more designed to help parents with academics.
- Our **Calendar Page** hosts links to our school and district calendar.
- Needing to reach out to a staff member? Our **Contact Us** tab lists all staff members and their email.

Please do not hesitate to call the school office. We are here to help you!

Cypress Elementary School

Mission Statement

Cypress Elementary School is a learning community dedicated to developing resilient, lifelong learners who will work towards reaching their highest potential.

Core Beliefs-We believe:

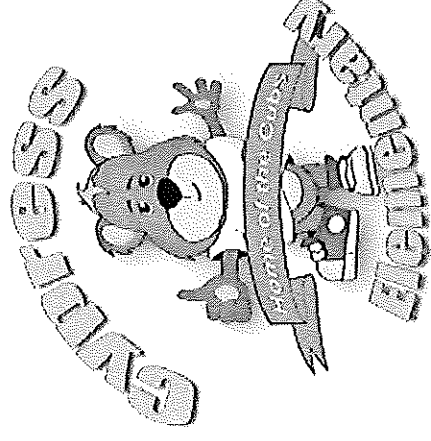
- Our school community makes a difference in motivating and inspiring students' lives.
- Positive relationships and working together are essential for our students to succeed.
- It is our collective responsibility to nurture and improve the unique talents, skills, and abilities of all students.

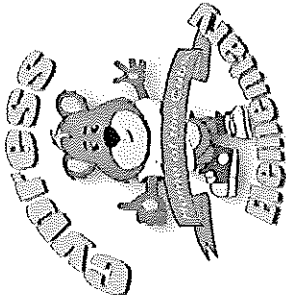
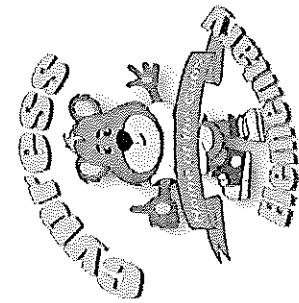
Norms- We commit to the following norms:

- Be an active listener and engaged participant.
- Work as a school community to problem-solve.
- Be on-time, prepared, accountable, and on-task.
- Have a positive attitude and growth mindset.
- Provide a safe and inclusive environment for all.

Commitments-We commit to the following best practices:

- Building positive relationships with students and families.
- Rigorous instruction that sets high expectations for ALL learners.
- Collaborative planning time focused on instruction, data, and equity.
- Differentiating instruction and assessments based on student needs.
- Empowering students to become independent thinkers and take ownership of their learning.





"CUB" Schoolwide Expectations

	Classroom Expectations	Cafeteria Expectations	Hallway Expectations	Restroom Expectations	Bus Expectations	Recess Expectations
C are for and respect self, others and school property.	Treat others how you want to be treated. Use materials for intended purpose	Speak quietly and stay in a straight and orderly lunch line. Clean up after yourself.	Walk in a quiet line and be considerate of other classrooms.	Keep bathroom safe and CLEAN.	Speak quietly and act respectfully to the bus driver and other students.	Play with good sportsmanship.
U nderstand our responsibilities.	Come prepared and be actively engaged.	Get everything you need when going through the line; have your lunchbox with you. Raise your hand if you need help.	Go directly to your assigned destination.	Wash hands, flush toilet, throw paper towels in trash.	Be at bus stop on time; know your bus number; be a helpful rider. No food or drink of any kind.	Clean up loose items; line up quickly and quietly on time.
B e safe and keep hands, feet, objects to yourself.	Solve problems with words.	Stay seated; walk at all times; only touch and eat your own food.	Walk with your hands by your side.	Act appropriately. Respect personal space.	Act appropriately. Respect personal space.	Follow directions on the playground.



ELEMENTARY ATTENDANCE COUNTS

The vision of Pasco County Schools is that all our students achieve success in college, career and life.

District School Board of Pasco County 727-774-2000

Why regular school attendance is important for your child and your family:

- Compulsory school attendance (it's the law).
- Academic Achievement.
- Exposure to the English language.
- Being part of the school community.
- Emphasizes the value of education.
- Developing positive and consistent habits at an early age.
- Avoids "gaps" in student learning.
- Developing a social network outside the home.

Patterns of nonattendance and truancy are identified as **early warning signs** of academic failure.

Students with the highest truancy rates are found to have the lowest academic achievement, which puts

them at **greater risk** for dropping out of school.

Failure to attend school regularly, could result in a student experiencing...

- Academic failure.
- Social awkwardness/isolation.
- Confusion, anger, anxiety.
- Disconnect from the school.

Failure to attend school regularly, could result in a parent experiencing...

- Losing cash assistance.
- Being referred to the State's Attorney's Office for truancy.
- Cheating yourself out of the natural joy that results from your child's educational growth and development.

DON'T LET THIS HAPPEN TO YOU, BE IN SCHOOL!

What you can do

- Help get your child to school on time every day.
- Take an active role – stay involved.
- Locate potential sources of student anxiety.
- Keep updated on school events and announcements.
- Limit the amount of time that your child misses school due to medical appointments or medical issues.
- Schedule family events with your child's school schedule in mind.
- Promote good health.

Law requires regular school attendance

Florida Law (Section 1003.21, Florida Statutes) states that all children who are either six years of age, who will be six years old by February 1 of any school year, or who are older than six years of age but who have not attained the age of 16 years, must attend school regularly during the entire school term.

For assistance please reach out to Eileen Freeman, School Registrar at 727-774-4506

OR

Bernadette Taggart, School Social Worker at 727-774-4545

RESPECT AND CIVILITY POLICY STATEMENT

The District School Board of Pasco County believes that a safe, secure, nurturing and civil environment is essential in accomplishing its mission to create a community which works together so all Pasco County students will reach their highest potential.

This policy promotes mutual respect, civility and orderly conduct among all district employees, students, parents and the general public. The policy is not intended to deprive any person of his/her right to freedom of expression. Rather, it is intended to maintain, to the extent that is possible and reasonable, a safe, harassment-free workplace for students, families and staff, that is free of disruptive, demeaning, intimidating, threatening or aggressive behaviors.

1. District staff will treat students, parents, fellow staff members and members of the public with respect and will expect the same in return.
2. District staff will not conduct business with those who use obscenities or otherwise speak in a demanding, loud, insulting or threatening manner.
3. Volatile, hostile or aggressive actions and words will not be tolerated, and individuals who engage in these activities may face penalties, up to and, including criminal prosecution.

**District students' rights and responsibilities are further defined within the
Code of Student Conduct.**

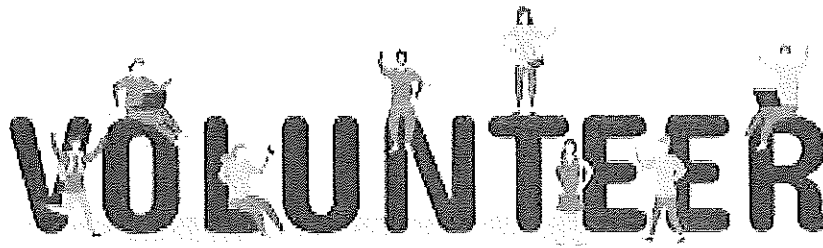
Respeto y cortesía DECLARACIÓN DE PRINCIPIOS

La Junta Directiva del Distrito Escolar del Condado de Pasco considera que un entorno seguro, educativo y cortés es esencial para cumplir la misión de crear una comunidad que trabaje junta para que todos los estudiantes del condado de Pasco alcancen su mayor potencial.

Este principio promueve el respeto mutuo, la cortesía y una conducta correcta entre todos los empleados del distrito, los estudiantes, los padres y el público en general. No es intención de este principio privar a cualquier persona de su derecho a la libertad de expresión. Por el contrario, su intención es mantener, hasta donde sea posible y razonable, un entorno seguro y sin acoso, donde estudiantes, familias y personal escolar puedan trabajar libres de cualquier conducta perturbadora, denigrante, intimidante, amenazante o agresiva.

1. El personal del distrito tratará a estudiantes, padres, compañeros de trabajo y al público con respeto, y esperará de ellos el mismo trato.
2. El personal del distrito no tratará con personas que utilicen obscenidades o que de cualquier otra forma hablen de una manera demandante, griten o profieran insultos o amenazas.
3. No se tolerarán acciones ni expresiones violentas, hostiles o agresivas, y las personas que así actúen pudieran enfrentar sanciones hasta, e incluyendo, su procesamiento criminal.

**Los derechos y responsabilidades de los estudiantes del distrito
se definen con más detalles en el Código de Conducta del Estudiante.**



Cypress Elementary School

Jeanne Krapfl
Principal

Pete Memoli
Assistant Principal

Debbie Hemby
Volunteer Coordinator
727-774-4500 or dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us

Cypress loves our school volunteers! If you plan on volunteering, please:

- 1) Complete a volunteer application at: <http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/page/volunteer>
Note: This must be renewed every school year!
- 2) As a Volunteer Orientation, please read through all information on our volunteer page of our Cypress Website at: http://ces.pasco.k12.fl.us/?page_id=3441

Key points to remember while volunteering:

- Always sign in and out.
 - It is not appropriate to conference with teacher while volunteering.
 - While volunteering in the building or field trips, you may not take pictures of students other than your own child. Doing so may result in your volunteer privileges being revoked.
 - For safety reasons, non-school age siblings may not accompany you while you are volunteering. Prior approval from school administration must be obtained for middle/high school students to volunteer with you.
 - While volunteering, please be aware of your surroundings, topic of conversation and level of voice.
- 3) After you receive your volunteer approval from Pasco County Schools, please communicate with your child's teacher that you are willing and able to volunteer! As volunteers are needed for school-wide activities and events, we will post on our Cypress Elementary social media (@ProudtobeaCub) and all approved volunteers will be emailed. Remember to be able to attend field trips you must be an approved volunteer.
 - 4) Please bring in your driver's license, to ensure your photo is on your volunteer badge as you will also need to be run through our Raptor System each time.

Thank you for partnering with Cypress Elementary School!

SMART SNACK Celebration MENU

Each USDA Smart Snack approved party option serves up to 24 students.

CELEBRATION CUPCAKE **\$14**

CHOICE BETWEEN A LUSCIOUS WHOLE GRAIN RICH CHOCOLATE OR VANILLA CUPCAKE TOPPED WITH ICING (ONE PER STUDENT).

COOKIE MONSTER **\$10**

CHEWY, WHOLE GRAIN COOKIES WITH A CHOICE OF CHOCOLATE CHIP, CANDY CHIP OR DOUBLE FUDGE (ONE PER STUDENT).

BROWNIE BITE **\$12**

DECADENT, WHOLE GRAIN CHOCOLATE BROWNIES (ONE PER STUDENT).

FROSTED COOKIE **\$11**

INCREDIBLY SOFT, WHOLE GRAIN SUGAR COOKIES WITH FROSTING & SPRINKLES (SOLD BY THE BOX, 21 COOKIES).

CHIP CHIP HOORAY! **\$12**

ADD SOME CRUNCH TO YOUR DAY WITH A CHOICE OF DORITOS, POPCORN OR BAKED LAYS (ONE PER STUDENT).

BRAINFREEZE! **\$11**

BEAT THE FLORIDA HEAT WITH A FROZEN TREAT! CONTACT YOUR CAFÉ MANAGER FOR FROZEN OPTIONS.

GRAHAM SLAM **\$9**

BIRTHDAY CAKE FLAVORED WHOLE GRAIN GRAHAM CRACKERS WITH FUNFETTI SPRINKLES. (ONE PER STUDENT).

TOOTY FRUITY **\$12**

A MOUTHWATERING PLATTER OF FRESH, SEASONAL FRUIT.

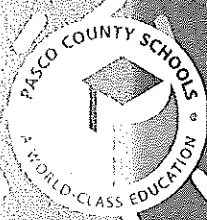
Publix SMALL cupcakes also meet the USDA Smart Snack regulations.

ORDERS MUST BE PLACED WITH YOUR CAFÉ MANAGER AT LEAST 10 DAYS PRIOR TO CELEBRATION. PAYMENT IS DUE UPON PLACING YOUR ORDER AND CAN BE MADE BY CHECK, CASH, CREDIT CARD OR STUDENT ACCOUNT.

NOTE: MENU ITEMS ARE SUBJECT TO CHANGE THROUGHOUT THE YEAR.

NUTRITIONAL INFORMATION CAN BE FOUND ON
WWW.MEALVIEWER.COM

Tammi Cash, Cafe Manager
727-774-4578



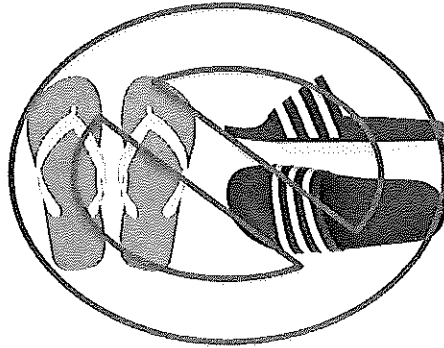
"USDA IS AN EQUAL OPPORTUNITY PROVIDER AND EMPLOYER"



Cub Dress Code

To view the entire Pasco County School Dress Code, please visit our Cypress Website: CES.pasco.k12.fl.us >School Information tab. The most common dress code issues seen in the elementary setting are:

- ❖ Hats and hoodies are not to be worn inside the building unless it is for religious/medical reasons.
- ❖ 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 PE and recess. **In the elementary setting, flip flops are not appropriate footwear. All shoes should have back support.** If you need support please reach out to Lisa Jones at 727-774-4509.
- ❖ 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. *****At 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 strapless clothing may not be worn at school.



NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA's) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for *Cypress Elementary* have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request.

Paying Student Expenses using



Parents now have the option to pay for Student Fees and other school events and expenses online using RYCOR.

A convenient link is located on our Cypress Website: CES.pasco.k12.fl.us



P.O. Box 157
Suwanee, GA 30024-0157

Dear Parents/Students:

Envision Payment Solutions™ is pleased to have been selected by **Pasco County Schools** as its check service provider.

Please be aware that if your check is returned, it may be re-presented electronically. Also, in presenting a check for payment, you authorize service charges and processing fees to be debited from the same account should the check be dishonored. These fees, as permitted by state law, may be debited as a paper draft or an electronic funds transfer, at our option. Each dishonored item is subject to the applicable state returned check fees.

Specifically, per *Florida Statute § 68.065*, the service fee for returned checks is as follows:

\$25, if the face value does not exceed \$50;

\$30, if the face value exceeds \$50 but does not exceed \$300;

\$40, if the face value exceeds \$300 or 5% of the face amount of the check, whichever is greater.

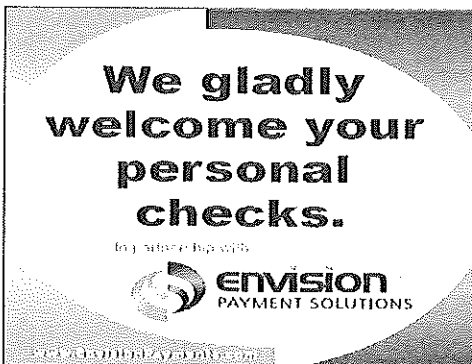
(Note that the fee structure will change according to any amendments made to FL law during a school year.)

If you wish to inquire about a returned check written to **Pasco County Schools**, please contact **Envision Payment Solutions™** directly at the information listed below.

Thank you. We wish you and your children all the best for this year and beyond.

Sincerely,

Envision Payment Solutions™



Customers (check writers) with returned check inquiries should contact:

Envision Payment Solutions™
Tel 877.290.5460, or 770.709.3100
Fax 770.709.3007
P.O. Box 157
Suwanee, GA 30024-0157
customerservice@envisionpayments.com



CHILD ABUSE

Look for the signs

Dial 1-800-96-ABUSE

Signs of Physical Abuse

- The child may have unexplained:
- bruises, welts, cuts or other injuries
 - broken bones
 - burns

- A child experiencing physical abuse may:
- seem withdrawn or depressed
 - seem afraid to go home or may run away
 - shy away from physical contact
 - be aggressive
 - wear inappropriate clothing to hide injuries

Signs of Sexual Abuse

- The child may have:
- torn, stained or bloody underwear
 - trouble walking or sitting
 - pain or itching in genital area
 - a sexually transmitted disease

- A child experiencing sexual abuse may:
- have unusual knowledge of sex or act seductively
 - fear a particular person
 - seem withdrawn or depressed
 - gain or lose weight suddenly
 - shy away from physical contact
 - run away from home

Signs of Neglect

- The child may have:
- unattended medical needs
 - little or no supervision at home
 - poor hygiene
 - appear underweight

- A child experiencing neglect may:
- be frequently tired or hungry
 - steal food
 - appear overly needy for adult attention

Look for signs

Serious abuse usually involves a combination of factors. While a single sign may not be significant, a pattern of physical or behavioral signs is a serious indicator and should be reported.

If a child tells you

Be a good listener. Show that you understand and believe what the child tells you. Encourage, but don't pressure him/her to talk. Ask open ended questions.

Be supportive. Tell the child he/she did the right thing by coming to you. Stress that he/she is not to blame. Let the child know that you want to help.

Don't overreact. This can frighten the child or prevent him/her from telling you more. Do not talk negatively about the suspected abuser in front of the child.

Document and report it. Document your conversation as soon as you can. If possible, write down the child's exact words.

Don't delay. Never assume someone else will report the abuse. The sooner it's reported, the sooner the child and their family can be helped.

WHO MUST REPORT ABUSE?

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|--------------------------|--------------------|
| Doctors | Police Officers |
| Nurses | Child Care Workers |
| Social Workers | Any Witnesses |
| Any/All School Personnel | |

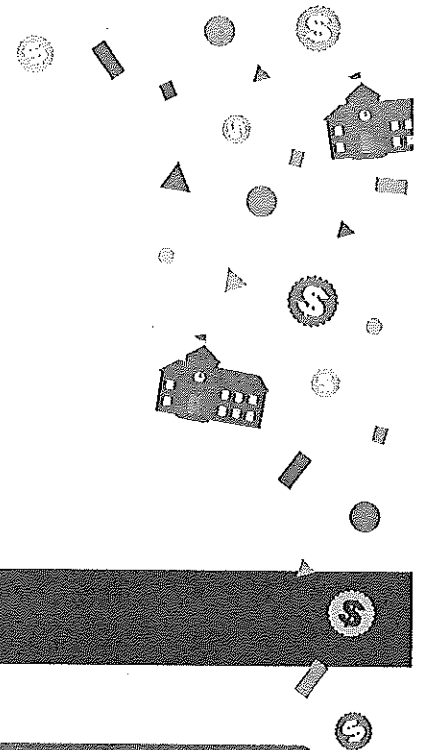


Call or Report it online at: <http://www.dcf.state.fl.us/abuse/report/>

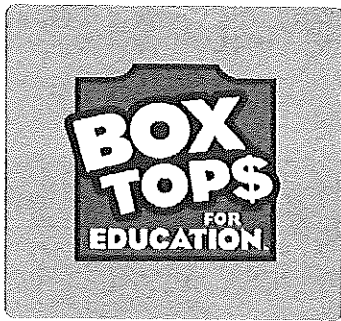
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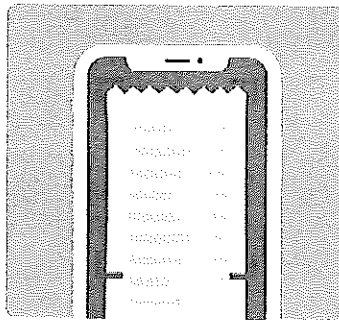


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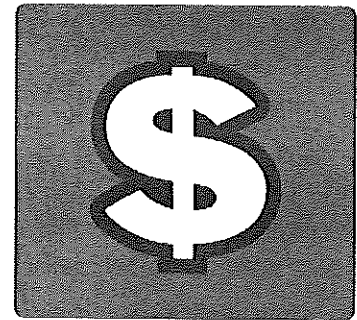
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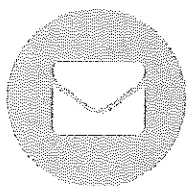
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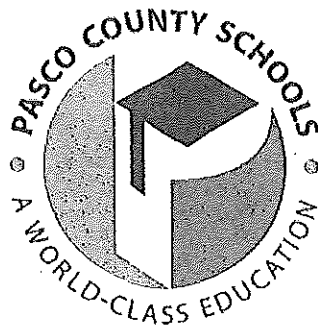
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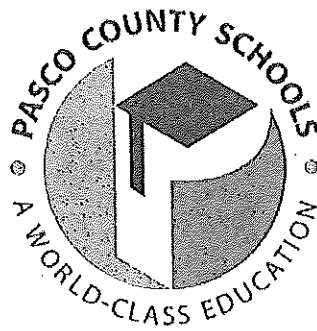


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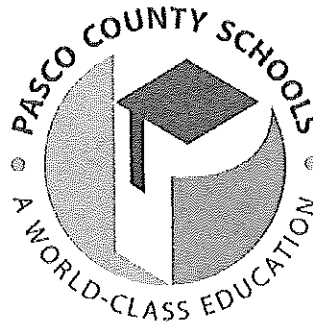


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Technology: iPads and computers are available in the classrooms. Internet access is provided and supervised for instructional purposes. Students must follow Pasco County School Board network use guidelines. Students who use technology inappropriately may have their computer privileges suspended or revoked.

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PTO: Cypress Elementary has a very active Parent-Teacher Organization. All parents are invited to join and to attend the monthly PTO meetings.

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U – Unsatisfactory N – Needs Improvement S – Satisfactory

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Save the Date!

Cypress Elementary will host the following events to build capacity for strong family engagement to support a partnership among the school, parents, and the community to improve student academic achievement.

Meet the Teacher August 7th 9:00 AM-3:00 PM

Families are invited to come to the school to meet teachers, tour building and classrooms, receive bus passes and car tags, and basic expectations for the new school year.

Annual Title I Meeting

Kindergarten, Grades 1 & 2 September 25th at 6 PM
Grades 3, 4, & 5 September 27th at 6 PM

We invite you to learning about our Title I Program, including our parent and family engagement policy, schoolwide plan, curriculum and assessments used.

Open House August 25th

K, Grades 1 & 2 September 25th from 5 – 6 PM
Grades 3, 4, & 5 September 27th from 5-6 PM
Families tour classroom, visit with teachers, and view sample work displayed.

Quarterly Family Workshops

Look for our fun events to increase school/home engagement!

Annual Title I Family Input Meeting

January 19, 2024 at 8:15 AM

Come help us improve by giving your feedback regarding the schoolwide plan, Parent and Family Engagement Plan, School-Parent Compact and the family engagement budget.

Cypress Elementary is committed to helping our parents and families attend and engaged in the family activities we offer. Please call or email us if you are unable to attend, but would still like to receive event information.

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School Success Plan Goals

High Impact Instruction

Teachers will plan, deliver, evaluate, monitor, and reflect on standards-based instructional practices to match the rigor of the standards in all content areas.

Collaborative Culture

In order to strengthen our collaborative culture, Cypress staff will work together to develop a stronger collective responsibility of all staff.

Data Driven Instruction

Build a multi-tiered system of support for students to ensure 80% or more students achieve a year's worth of growth in all content areas.

We do better when we work together!

- Volunteer
- Join SAC
- Join PTO
- Follow us on Social Media
FB: @Proudtobeacub
Twitter: @jlkrapfl

How to schedule Parent Teacher Conferences?

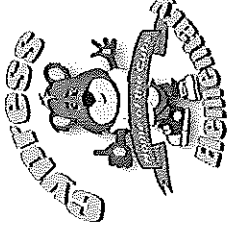
Write/email/phone teachers and request a conference.

How to contact a teacher? Staff Email directory is on our website under "CONTACT US".

Share Your Thoughts

Have something on your mind? We welcome your feedback! Just call us at (727) 774-4500 or email us (dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us).

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Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Plan for Shared Student Success

What is Title I?

Cypress Elementary is identified as a Title I school as part of the Every Student Succeeds Act (ESSA). Title I is designated to support State and local school reform efforts tied to the challenging State academic standards to improve teaching and learning for students. Title I programs must be based on the effective means of improving student achievement and include strategies to support family engagement. All Title I schools must jointly develop with parents and family members a written parent and family engagement policy.

School Plan for Shared Student Achievement

What is it?

This is the plan that describes how Cypress Elementary will provide opportunities to improve family engagement to support learning. (Your school name) values the contributions and involvement of parents and family members to establish an equal partnership for the common goal of improving student and achievement. This plan describes different ways that Cypress Elementary will support family engagement and how parents can help plan and participate in activities and events to promote student learning at school and at home.

How is it revised?

Cypress Elementary invited all parents to attend our annual Title I parent input meeting last spring to review and revise our parent engagement plan, budget, compact and schoolwide plan. Additionally, parent input and comments regarding this plan are welcome during the school year, please call or email dburd@pasco.k12.fl.us. All parent feedback received throughout the year and from the parent input meeting will be used to revise this plan for the next school year. We also distribute and annual survey in February to ask parents for their feedback on this plan and on the use of funds for family engagement.

Who is it for?

All students participating in the Title I, Part A program, and their families are encouraged and invited to fully participate in the opportunities described in this plan. Cypress Elementary will provide full opportunity for the participation of parents and family members with limited English, with disabilities and of migratory children.

Where is it available?

This plan is sent home in the beginning of the year with the Annual Title I letter. It is also available on our school website (ces.pasco.k12.fl.us) and in the Title I Family and Community Binder located in the school office. Additional copies will be available at the school.

Parent and Family Engagement

Cypress Elementary believes that family engagement means the participation of parents and family members in regular two-way, meaningful communication involving student academic learning and other school activities, including ensuring that:

- Parents play an integral role in assisting their child's learning.
- Parents are encouraged to be actively involved in their child's education at school.
- Parents are full partners in their child's education and are included, as appropriate, in decision-making and on advisory committees to assist in the education of their child.

School Parent Compacts

As part of this plan Cypress Elementary and our families will develop a school parent compact. This is an agreement that parents, teachers, and students will develop that explains how parents and teachers will work together to ensure all students reach grade-level standards. The compacts will be updated annually based on feedback from parents, students, and teachers during the Title I family input meeting. The school-parent compacts also are shared with parents during parent teacher conferences (elementary only).

Parent Resource Center

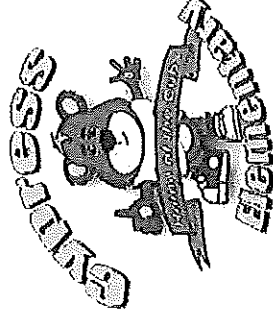
Our Parent Resource Center is located in the School Lobby and accessible at any time during school hours.

Parents as Partners

Cypress Elementary will take the following measures to promote and support parents and family members as an important foundation of the school. In order to strengthen the school and reach our school goals. We will...

- ✓ We will help parents understand standards, achievement levels of state and local assessments.
- ✓ Cypress will help parents to understand how to monitor their child's progress and work with educators by offering Parent Conferences.
- ✓ Cypress will build the capacity of school personnel and engage families and work together with them to obtain goals.
- ✓ Cypress will coordinate and integrate Parent Engagement programs with other Federal, State, and local programs.
- ✓ Cypress offers a variety of communication platforms: Weekly Cub Connection phone calls, newsletters, pack-pack fliers, school website and social media.
- ✓ Cypress Elementary is dedicated to facilitating support for families within the community and positive parent engagement activities.
- ✓ Cypress Elementary coordinates family support through the ABC Program, Feeding Tampa Bay, and One Community Now Pack A Sack. Our Cypress Parent Involvement Contact is Lisa Jones (727-774-4509 lmjones@pasco.k12.fl.us).

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Why is it so important to focus on teaching positive social behaviors?

In the past, school-wide discipline has focused mainly on reacting to specific student misbehavior by implementing punishment-based strategies including reprimands, loss of privileges, office referral, suspension, and expulsion.

Research has shown that the implementation of punishment, especially when it is used inconsistently and in the absence of other positive strategies, is ineffective. Introducing, modeling, and reinforcing positive social behavior are an important piece of a student's educational experience.

Teaching behavioral expectations and rewarding students for following them is a much more positive approach than waiting for misbehavior to occur before responding. The purpose of the school-wide Positive Behavior Support System is to establish a climate in which appropriate behavior is the norm.

What is my role as a parent?

Learn about our three school expectations.

At the end of each day, ask your child what positive behavior they did to earn a cub ticket.

Talk to your child about the incentives they can earn by redeeming tickets.

Congratulate your child when they get a ticket or reward.

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Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports (PBIS)

What is PBIS all about?

(Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports)

PBIS is a school-wide process that focuses on creating an environment where positive behavior is more effective than problem behavior. PBIS develops interventions to help increase the positive behaviors. This process focuses on prevention and helps to teach and reinforce appropriate behavior choices.

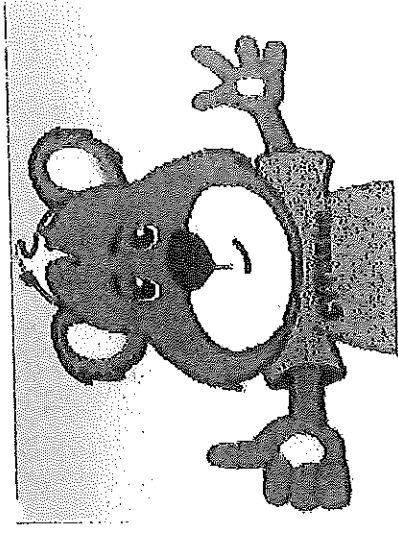
Positive Reinforcement

The school-wide expectations are posted throughout the school and are taught as well as modeled in all environments. ALL individuals that enter Cypress Elementary are expected to be a shining example of respectful, responsible, and safe behavior.

All staff members will give out individual tickets when students are exhibiting one of the 4 school expectations.

Caring Cubs

Use Respect to
Be a Leader and
Stay Safe.



Prevention

Social Skills Training

PBIS focuses on preventing problem behaviors from occurring. Cypress will be utilizing numerous resources to help teach our students appropriate behavior to include; Restorative Practices, Smart Start Meetings, Safer Smarter Kids (SSK), Conscious Discipline, Kagan Strategies, Medal of Honor Character education, 7 Mindsets curriculum, State Resiliency Standards and other teacher created resources. These resources will reinforce school-wide expectations.

Helpful Links for Home:

http://www.whatkidscando.org/new/SEL_Worksheets_May16.html

<https://www.pbis.org/topics/bullying-prevention>

<http://www.pbisworld.com/>

<http://flpbs.fmhi.usf.edu/index.cfm>

<https://teacherepedia.teachable.com/courses>

<http://behaviordoctor.org/>

Students write their name on their ticket and choose to keep their ticket for the school store. They can also choose to place some tickets in their class bucket located in their classroom, which earns them a possibility to go on the school Bingo board.

Bingo rewards include: extra recess with special snacks, arts and craft activities such as designing own t-shirts, coupon packet delivered to the classroom for free ice-cream, no homework pass, skip to the front of the lunch line, etc.

Students save their tickets to shop at our Cypress School Store once a week

Purchasing Examples:

- School supplies
- Stuffed Animals
- Toys
- Snacks
- Coloring Books
- And more!

**Donations for our Cypress
School Store are always
appreciated!**



Contact Us

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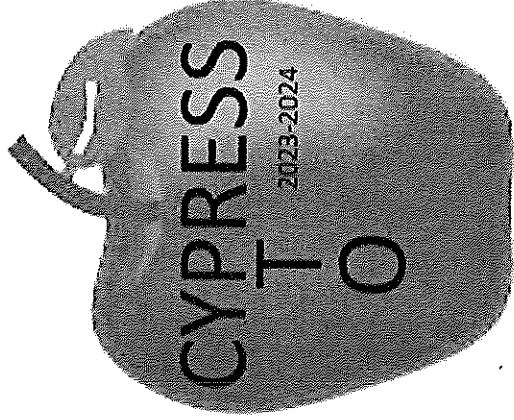
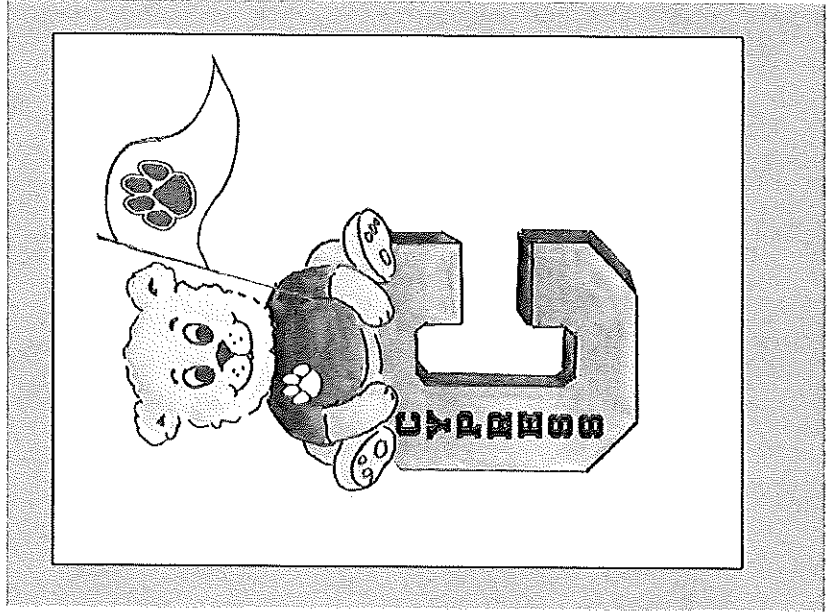
Cypress PTO Focus

Our Cypress Elementary PTO is focused on providing classroom and facility essentials to ensure students have a world class education.

Comprised of parents, school staff, and school administration, we are able to quickly identify school needs and engage our community to increased family involvement.

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PTO



PTO Board

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Co-Presidents

Cindy O'Connell and Debbie Hemby

Co-Vice Presidents

Sara Leeper and Emily Miller

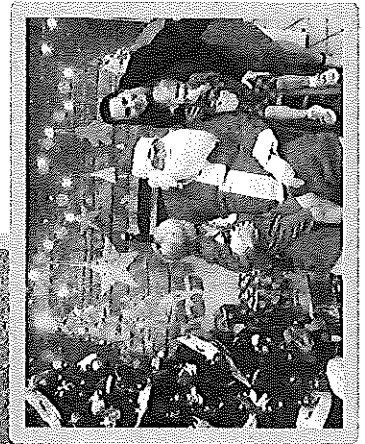
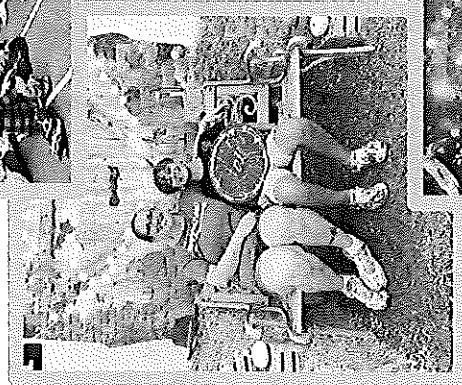
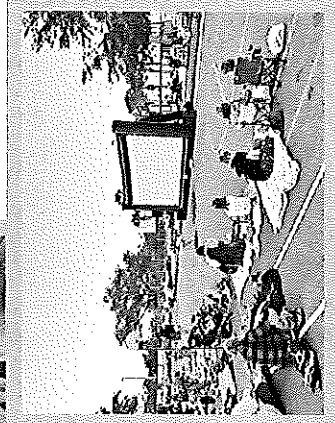
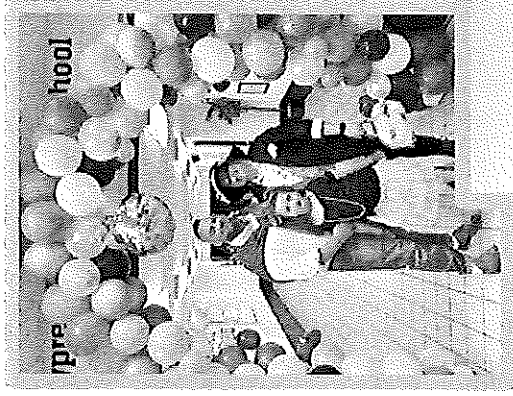
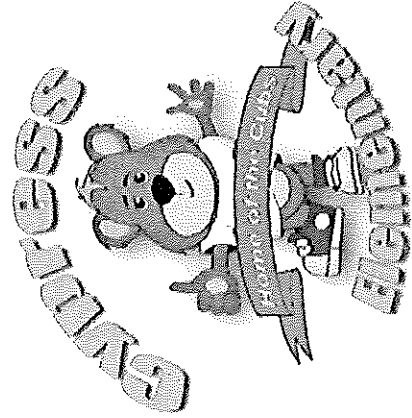
Treasurer

Brandy Ferguson

PTO Secretary

Tara Fielding

Jeanne Krapfl, Principal



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PTO Goals

Family Involvement

Our Cypress PTO facilitates several events through the school year for our families and students to enjoy together!

- Fall Festival
- Family Holiday Night
- Winter Ball
- Family Movie Night
- Art Show & Ice Cream Social

Fundraising

Our Cypress PTO facilitates several fundraising programs throughout the year. We fundraise to be able to:

- Offer free events and activities for families.
- Offer Classroom Grants for teachers and staff.
- Student Incentives
- Staff Appreciation