



Around Country Isles Elementary

The staff at Country Isles Elementary would like to wish our wonderful families a happy holiday season! We are thankful for the opportunity to teach each and every one of your children.



Broward Standards Assessment

Our third, fourth, and fifth grade students will be taking the Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) in January. This assessment will be helpful in determining each child's level of proficiency in English Language Arts, Math, and Science (for fifth graders only), as well as assisting our teachers in supporting our students for the upcoming Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) in the spring. If you have a third, fourth, or fifth grade student, a letter will be sent home with more information when we return from Winter Break.

School Choice

The application window for parents/guardians to submit their child's application for magnet programs, Nova schools and school reassignment for the 2019/2020 school year is now open until February 6, 2019.

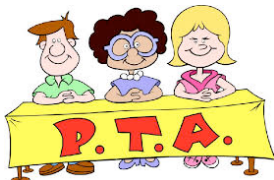
To assist you in exploring the school choice options, information is available on the District's website, browardschools.com/schoolchoice.

A Message from Our School Counselor

The students at Country Isles Elementary have recently received classroom guidance lessons centering around responsibility. The students in the lower grades read a story about Responsible Ryan and determined ways in which he could have been more responsible. The students then drew ways in which they show responsibility. For the upper grades, the students read statements and determined if they were a blaming statement or a responsibility statement. They then worked in groups to rephrase blaming statements into responsibility statements. The goal is to help our students become responsible citizens and we are on the right track!

Community Outreach-Book Donation

Celebrate Literacy Week is January 28-February 1, 2019. To support this initiative, CIE will reach out to others in our community by putting books into the hands of young readers. We are asking for donations of new or slightly used books to donate to the KIDS BOOK EXCHANGE. These books will be placed in "Little Free Libraries" throughout the city so that others will have books available to them. Additional information will be sent home with your children.



PTA Corner

Thank you to all of our wonderful CIE parents for your continued support of Country Isles, the PTA and our students!

In the Spotlight: Winterfest

It will soon be time to "sing" in the holiday season with the staff and students of CIE. Wednesday, December 19th, from 5:30 pm to 9:00 pm, will be a night of family fun: singing, dancing, dining and activities. Highlights of the evening will be performances by our students. The performance schedule can be found on the flyer that went home, and is on the CIE website. Tickets will be required for ALL sales.

Harvest Drive at CIE Update

Your generous donations of non-perishables were delivered to Western High School on Friday, November 16th by volunteers and the CIE Student Council.

Amazonsmile

You shop. Amazon gives.

For those of you that like to make purchases at Amazon, please consider using Amazonsmile when making your purchases so that CIE receives a donation. This is free money for our school at no cost to you.

- Amazon donates 0.5% of the price of your eligible Amazonsmile purchases to the charitable organization of your choice.
- Amazonsmile is the same Amazon you know. Same products, same prices, same Amazon Prime benefits.
- Support your charitable organization by starting your shopping at smile.amazon.com.

Shoparoo

Country Isles is participating in a fundraiser called Shoparoo! Shoparoo is school fundraising made *easy*: the free app turns pictures of your everyday shopping receipts into cash donations and sweepstakes entries for our school! Yep, it's that simple. And it's FREE money!!

Get started today:

1. Download the free Shoparoo app from the Apple App Store or Google Play Store.
2. Select our school from the list and start taking pictures of your receipts – shop anywhere, buy anything!

There's no limit to how much money we can raise with Shoparoo – the more supporters, the more we will raise for our school. Schools with just 40 supporters are earning an average of \$1,000 every year. That's free, easy money. Check out shoparoo.com to learn more. Thank you for your support!

Box Tops for Education

Please continue to clip Box Tops from participating products and send them in. Visit our school website, www.browardschools.com/countryisles, and click on the Students & Parents tab, and then PTA, for more information.

Upcoming Dates

Winterfest	Wednesday, December 19
Winter Break	Monday, December 24 – Monday, January 7
3rd Qtr. Begins	Tuesday, January 8
PTA Meeting	Wednesday, January 9
SAC Meeting	Monday, January 14
Fun Run Kick-Off	Wednesday, January 16
MLK, Jr. Day	Monday, January 21-NO SCHOOL
Fun Run Event	Friday, January 25
3rd Qtr. Report Cards	Wednesday, January 30

