

# The Country Isles Chronicle



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## Around Country Isles Elementary School

The Cypress Bay Zone is hosting Kindergarten Round-Up on March 15th! If you have a son or daughter entering Kindergarten at Country Isles Elementary next school year, please join us for our presentation at 8:30 am in our cafeteria. The presentation will include information about registration, what a day in the life of a Kindergartener looks like, our Dual Language program, volunteer opportunities through PTA, and will conclude with a tour and walking through our lunch line for a special treat. We hope to see you there!

## ACCEL

In accordance with the Florida Statutes, all Broward County Schools must provide educational options that provide academically challenging curriculum or accelerated instruction to all **eligible** K-12 students and inform parents and students of these options. As defined by this legislation, Academically Challenging Curriculum to Enhance Learning (ACCEL) options must include:

- whole grade and mid-year promotion
- subject matter acceleration
- virtual instruction in higher level grade subjects

**These options are available at each school to students who meet specific eligibility criteria.**



Parents interested in having their students participate in the ACCEL option should contact the principal for further information regarding student eligibility and procedural requirements of participation.

## District-Wide Town Hall on School Safety

Please join Broward County Public Schools School Board Members, Superintendent Robert W. Runcie, District leadership, and a representative from Safe Havens International, the District's independent security and risk assessment consultant, as they provide up-to-date information regarding school safety. The meeting will be held on Monday, Feb. 25th, at 6:30 pm, at J.P. Taravella High School. Doors will open at 5:45 pm.

The audience will have the opportunity to ask questions and provide feedback.

## A Message from your School Counselor:

The character trait for the month of February is honesty. The original meaning of honesty had more to do with honor than truthfulness, although the two are closely linked. The trait of honesty has been prized for centuries, and Shakespeare once wrote, "Honesty is the best policy. If I lose mine honor, I lose myself!" Here are some suggestions for books that teach about honesty:

*Grades K-2*

A Big Fat Enormous Lie by Marjorie Sharmat

The Principal's New Clothes by Stephanie Calmenson

*Grades 3-5*

Making Plum Jam by John Stewig

Angel in Charge by Judy Delton

On My Honor by Marion D. Bauer

## PTA Corner

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

Please join us for our next **PTA meeting on Wednesday, March 6th, 2019, at 8:30 am**, in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served. The Nominating Committee will be discussing the slate for next year's PTA Officers and Committee Chairpersons.

## PTA Meeting Elections

Do you want to get involved and make a difference? Become a PTA Officer or Committee Chairperson! There are numerous opportunities that cover a wide range of interests to fit everyone, no matter your schedule. A flyer will be going out soon with information and volunteer positions. If you have any questions, please contact Gina Molina, at [gina10@bellsouth.net](mailto:gina10@bellsouth.net).

## FREE FUNDRAISING!

### Shoparoo



Country Isles is participating in Shoparoo! It is an easy way to raise funds for our school and does not cost parents anything. 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:

Step 1: Download this FREE app from the Apple App store or Google Play store on your smartphone or smart device.

Step 2: Once app is downloaded, click sign-up and select Country Isles Elementary.

Step 3: Take a picture of your receipts from any store within 14 days of purchase.

Step 4: Thank you! You have made a donation to Country Isles Elementary by submitting a picture of your receipt!

*There's no limit to how much money CIE parents can raise with Shoparoo, so please consider joining and help your school. For more information, visit [shoparoo.com](http://shoparoo.com).*

## Amazon Smile

For those of you who shop on Amazon, this is an easy, FREE way to support our school. Just go to [smile.amazon.com](http://smile.amazon.com), register and select Country Isles Elementary School PTA. A percentage of your purchases will be returned to the school. It's the same products, same Amazon! It's that easy! Thank you for your support!

## Upcoming Dates

Town Hall Mtg.-School Safety

Mon., February 25

PTA Meeting @ 8:30 am

Wed., March 6

Spring Pictures

Thurs., March 7

Book Fair Begins

Mon., March 11

Book Fair Family Night, 5:30-7:30 pm

Tues., March 12

Carolina Ale House Family Night, 6-9 pm

Wed., March 13

Book Fair Extended Hours, 2-6 pm

Thurs., March 14

Kindergarten Round-Up @ 8:30 am

Fri., March 15

Early Release Day-Noon Dismissal

Thurs., March 21

Teacher Planning Day-No School

Fri., March 22

Spring Break

M-F, March 26-30

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