

The Country Isles Chronicle



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From Mrs. Morgan's Desk

Welcome back to the 2019-2020 school year! Due to the hard work and dedication from our students and staff I am proud to say that we are an "A" rated school. Our students met the high expectations put in place by their teachers. We will continue to climb the ladder this school year with a clear vision and purpose. I look forward to all students engaging in their academic endeavors.

Please join me in welcoming Ms. Kathy White as our Assistant Principal for the 2019-2020 school year. Ms. White is a valuable addition to our staff and is looking forward to joining our school community. She began her career at Lauderdale Manors and continued at Manatee Bay as a 5th grade teacher, ESOL Coordinator, and Reading Resource teacher. Ms. White is a strong leader and will be an asset to our team.

To ensure a smooth opening, please review the key details regarding school-wide daily policies and procedures. Together we will provide a safe environment where all students will succeed.

We have an amazing staff at Country Isles. They care so deeply and make sure everyone matters. We appreciate their cooperation and professionalism to learn new curriculum and prepare your child to be college and career ready. That being said, if you would like to give input into your teacher's evaluation(s) this year, please write to Mrs. Morgan on or before April 12, 2020. Have a great 2019-2020 school year!

Safety & Security

In order to ensure the safety and security of our students, the following will take place at Country Isles Elementary:

- A School Resource Officer is on our campus from 7:30 a.m. - 3:00 p.m. The school works with the SRO to review and conduct emergency drills monthly, such as fire, tornado, evacuation, and lockdown.
- Staff members will monitor any open gates.
- Gates will be locked after arrival and dismissal.
- Students must wear their I.D. badges throughout the school day.
- School uniforms will be enforced to easily identify trespassers on campus.

School-wide Drills

All Broward County Public Schools are required to perform monthly fire and code red drills to ensure all safety protocols and practices are adhered to by students, staff, and visitors to the campus. All parents/guardians will be notified via Parentlink one day prior to the drill.

Country Isles Kids Have P.R.I.D.E.

Our students have what it takes to be successful in school and in life. They have P.R.I.D.E.: **P**ositive attitudes, **R**espect, **I**ntegrity, **D**rive to do the right thing, and **E**ffort towards learning. We encourage you to talk to your children about what each of these means, as we know they look up to you to show them great examples of each.

One area we will be working on showing Country Isles P.R.I.D.E. this year is our cafeteria as a part of our School-wide Positive Behavior Plan. Students will receive detailed instruction on the procedures and expectations in the cafeteria and classes and students will be rewarded periodically for demonstrating positive behavior. If students are not meeting cafeteria expectations, they will be redirected and reminded of the expectations. When this happens, parents will receive a yellow slip of paper in the student's agenda outlining what behavior they need to work on in the cafeteria. Please discuss this with them and sign and return the sheet. This School-Wide Positive Behavior Plan is to ensure that our cafeteria is a safe environment and we certainly appreciate your support with this.

Back to School Online Forms

As part of the District's commitment to improve parent communications, parents/guardians will need to complete the

Back to School forms online at: www.browardschools.com/bts. After completion of the online forms, you will receive a submission form with a confirmation number. It is mandatory that you send this form in to your child's teacher.

Code of Conduct

The 2019-2020 *Code of Student Conduct Handbook* has been posted on Broward Schools' website at <http://www.browardschools.com/codeofconduct>. You will be asked to sign the *Code of Student Conduct Handbook Acknowledgement Form* online when filling out your Back to School Online Forms.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Car riders should be dropped off and picked up at the front of the school for students in 2-5 and on the east side of school for students in K-1. **Please be advised that the late bell rings at 8:00 a.m.** Older siblings of Kindergarten and first grade students will meet on the east side car loop for dismissal. Students will wait on the sidewalk until your car has moved as far forward as possible. Please refrain from using cell phones in the school zones. **Please arrive before 7:55 a.m. and promptly at 2:00 p.m.**

Bus riders arrive at school before the first bell at 7:55 a.m. If a bus is late, students will still be allowed to have breakfast in the cafeteria and will not be marked tardy. Buses load for dismissal at 1:55 p.m.

Walkers and bike riders should not arrive to the crossing points more than 30 minutes before the start of school, as the crossing guards will not be present. Bicycles should be walked on campus and parked and locked in the bike rack on the east side of campus.

Telephone Numbers

Front Office-(754) 323-5250

Fax-(754) 323-5290

Attendance-(754) 323-5252



Uniforms

CIE students should be in uniform every day, unless a waiver is submitted to the front office within the first 10 days of school. The uniform policy is as follows:

Tops: red, white, navy, light blue, or gray collared polo shirts OR white, gray, red, or blue CIE T-shirts (available through the PTA office)

Bottoms: navy, khaki, or black (NO DENIM)

Boys-pants or shorts

Girls-pants, shorts, skorts, capris, or jumpers

School spirit days are on Fridays. Please wear your tie dye spirit shirt (available through the PTA office) to show your CIE pride! Denim is allowed on Fridays only.

Breakfast/Lunch

Breakfast and lunch are offered daily. Breakfast will be free for all students and lunch is \$2.00. A cafeteria menu is posted on our website.



If your child is having breakfast at school, please make sure he/she arrives at school before 7:45 a.m., as there is often times a line. We want students to be able to eat their breakfast in the cafeteria and not in their classroom since it can disrupt the class and the student's morning routine.

Please refrain from sending fast food, junk foods, candy, carbonated drinks, aluminum cans, and glass containers with your child for lunch.

Lunch can be prepaid and we suggest you use our online service to prepay for your student's meals. You may pay online at www.myschoolbucks.com, or if you prefer to send in money, it MUST be in an envelope labeled with the amount, student's name, teacher's name, and grade. Prepaid envelopes should be taken to the cafeteria in the morning. Please make checks payable to: "Country Isles Elementary."



Forgotten lunch boxes/lunch money that is dropped off in the office will be placed on the side counter. ***Please be advised there will be no interruptions to the classroom.*** On the way to lunch, students can check the office counter for their lunch boxes/lunch money.

Parents may visit their child during breakfast and lunch on Mondays. Parents will sit with their child at the designated Visitor Tables, apart from the class. Visiting parents must sign in and out through the front office.

Class Size Reduction

As you may be aware, legislation has passed by the state of Florida to reduce class size. Due to the State Class Size Reduction law, students may need to be moved between teachers **after the start of school** to ensure compliance with the required student limits. The mandated limits are 18 students for Pre-K through grade 3 and 22 students for grades 4 through 5.

Please know that students' needs will continue to be met through proper instruction and services. Additional information on Class Size Reduction is available on the School Board website at <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/classize/>.

We will make every effort to maintain stability as best as possible. You will be notified before any changes are made.

Birthday Celebrations

We recognize students' birthdays on our morning T.V. announcements, in the lunch line, and in class. Please do not send cakes or treats for your child's birthday. If you would like special recognition for your child, please see Ms. Blanco, our Media Specialist, and purchase a book for our Media Center in your child's name.

Attendance

Country Isles Elementary participates in the Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP), which is a joint venture between Broward Public Schools and the State Attorney's Office. Your child's attendance will be monitored on a daily basis.

Every absence must be followed by a note from home or a call from a parent within two days. No absence is an excused absence without communication. You will receive an automated call regarding unexcused absences. Increasing student achievement is one of the District's goals. In order for your child to be successful at school, it is critical for your child to attend school every day.

Any child arriving after 8:00 a.m. must be accompanied into the office and signed in by a parent.

There will be no early dismissals after 1:30 p.m., per District policy. When possible, please send a note with your child the day of the early dismissal.

Students will be released to the parents on the registration form and to any emergency contacts submitted by the parents/guardians. All students must be signed out through the school office with proper identification. Please limit dismissal changes to a minimum for safety reasons.

PTA Corner

Country Isles' PTA is pleased to welcome everyone back to school! And, if you are new to CIE, we are excited that you have become part of the CIE family. We hope to have another exciting year at Country Isles Elementary!

Please consider becoming a PTA member today. By joining and supporting the Country Isles PTA, you are helping to fund numerous PTA programs and events, such as the Math Fluency Program and the Accelerated Reader Program. The cost is \$10 per person. We would love to see 100% participation from our teachers and families! Forms are available in the front office.

Volunteer Breakfast

Calling all volunteers! You are cordially invited to attend the informative Volunteer Breakfast on Thursday, August 29th, at 8:30 a.m., in the cafeteria. Come hear about the many volunteer opportunities available at CIE – there is something for everyone! Please be on the lookout for the official Volunteer Breakfast flyer during the first few weeks of school.

Please Note: ALL volunteers must register through Broward County at www.browardschools.com/getinvolved

The screening process takes about 5 days; then show your driver's license at the school's front office to receive your volunteer badge. Please remember that your badge should not be used as a "hall pass."

Please join us for our first PTA meeting on Wednesday, September 11th, at 8:30 a.m. in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

Upcoming Dates:

Tuesday, August 13th - Meet & Greet/Open House- (8:30 a.m.-9:00 a.m. / 9:20 a.m.-9:50 a.m.)

Wednesday, August 14th - First Day of School

Monday, August 19th - Student Independence Day

Thursday, August 29th- Volunteer Breakfast, 8:30 a.m.

September 2nd - NO SCHOOL – Labor Day

Wednesday, September 11- First PTA Meeting, 8:30 a.m.



Happy 2019-2020 New
School Year!

Under Florida law, e-mail addresses, and all forms of communications, including e-mail communications, made or received in connection with the transaction of School Board business are public records, which must be retained as required by law and must be disclosed upon receipt of a public records request, except as may be excluded by federal or state laws. If you do not want your e-mail address released in response to a public records request, do not send electronic mail to this en4ty. Instead, contact this office by phone.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida expressly prohibits bullying, including cyberbullying, by or towards any student or employee.

See Policy 5.9: An4- Bullying for additional information.