



August 18, 2021

Principal's Message

Greetings CIE Families,

Welcome to the 21-22 school year. We are excited to see our students back on campus for learning and engaging activities. Last year was challenging for our children and families and we continue to face some obstacles but we will work together to create a safe and nurturing environment for our community.

During this school year all students, staff and visitors will continue to wear masks while on campus. Students' desks will be spaced and we will keep seating charts in case covid cases arise. As a school we will continue to follow the guidance of the SBBC and all policies and procedures will be in place.

Students will be excited to be back on campus with their friends and enjoy recess, lunch and fieldtrips in the 21/22 school year. Our goals are to close any gaps our students may have due to the pandemic learning environment. The staff will work closely together to create high expectations at all grade levels and differentiate instruction when needed in intervention groups.

During the 21/22 school year we will continue to focus on kindness and social/emotional learning. We will celebrate diversity and create an environment where all students feel safe and secure. As a school community we look forward to another successful school year at CIE!

School Advisory Council

The School Improvement Plan (SIP) is a set of goals, objectives and action steps, that drives our educational activities relating to school improvement and education accountability. Parents, teachers, and administrators all have a role in developing these goals. Each plan shall address issues relative to budget, training, instructional materials, technology, staffing, student support services, specific school safety and discipline strategies, and other matters of resource allocation, as determined by district school board policy, and shall be based on an analysis of student achievement and other school performance data. If you are interested in joining the School Improvement team email Carrie Velasquez at carrie.velasquez@browardschools.com.

New Car Rider Procedures



Parents will still pick up students as car riders in the same locations they have in the past. Grades 3-5 will be picked up in the front of the school and grades K-2 (and the older siblings of K-2 students) will be picked up in the back of the school by Heron park. Students will not be waiting outside of the school but instead will be waiting in their classrooms and will be instructed to walk quickly to their areas when their name is called. Multiple staff members will be scattered along campus to facilitate this process. We believe this will be a more safe and controlled way to dismiss. We appreciate your patience in advance as we work on continuously improving our processes for dismissal.

Back to School Forms

Parents and students, the Code of Student Conduct Handbook Goes Green! Parents are invited to review the Code of Student Conduct Handbook and complete the required forms by accessing the Back to School Forms link at: <https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineform>. Please make sure you complete all three required Code of Conduct forms- Acknowledgement Form, Media Release Form, and FERPA/Opt out Form. Please contact the school if you are having difficulties completing this.

Counseling Corner

Welcome to the 2021-2021 school year! This year Country Isles is lucky enough to have two School Counselors. Please assist us with welcoming Ms. Bravo to our Country Isles Family. Ms. Bravo was previously a School Counselor at Cooper City High School. Ms. Bravo will be supporting students in grades K-2 and Mrs. Grant will be supporting students in grades 3-5. Both counselors will be working collaboratively to deliver whole group, small group, and individual counseling to the students. They will also be supporting the teachers with incorporating 10-minutes of mindfulness into their daily teaching schedule, Social Emotional Learning activities, and the school wide positive behavior plan.



Moment of Silence

Recent legislation requires that all schools observe a moment of silence at the beginning of the school day. As a class, we will participate in the moment of silence during first period. The moment of silence will last one minute during which time students may not interfere with other students' participation. Teachers may not make suggestions as to the nature of any reflection that a student may engage in during the moment of silence. However, parents and guardians are encouraged to discuss the moment of silence with their child and to make suggestions as to the best use of this time.

The legislation states "in today's hectic society too few persons are able to experience a moment of quiet reflection before plunging headlong into the activities of daily life. The Legislature finds that our youth will be well served if students are afforded a moment of silence at the beginning of each school day.

PTA Corner

PTA welcomes all our CIE families to the 2021/2022 school year! We hope you had an amazing summer. Please consider joining the PTA, our goal this year is to get 100% participation from our teachers and families! By joining and supporting the Country Isles PTA, you are helping to fund our numerous PTA programs and events. The cost is \$10 per person – Discount cards will be given to every paid PTA member. If you have any questions, please feel free to email Karla Gamberg - karlagamberg@aol.com



Please join us for our Volunteer Breakfast on Wednesday, September 1 at 8am in the cafeteria to learn all the ways you can help!

Volunteer Reminders

Your involvement in your child's education is the foundation to his/her success. Please Note: ALL volunteers must be registered through Broward County to obtain a volunteer badge. Please visit <http://browardschools.com/getinvolved>.

All volunteers need to badge in and out at the computer in the front office. In addition, ALL volunteer hours should be accounted for in the Volunteer Logbooks located on the counter to the right of the computer. Please remember that your badge should NOT be used as a "hall pass" to interrupt any classroom instruction.

Interested in finding out more about volunteering? Please contact Gina Molina at: gina10@bellsouth.net

Fall Catalog Fundraiser

Country Isles Elementary is excited to announce that our fall catalog fundraiser will take place on October 11-25. There will be gifts, magazines, candles, gift wrap, kitchen & household items and so much more! Additional information will be sent home in your child's backpack.



Upcoming Dates

9/6 and 9/7- No School

9/8- Fall Pictures

9/16 8:15am- First PTA Meeting

9/16- No School

9/20- Interim Reports

9/22- K-2 Open House 6pm

9/29- 3-5 Open House 6pm

