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## Around Country Isles Elementary

The beginning of the year has gone off without a hitch! Thank you to all our parents and students for following procedures, as it really helps everything run smoothly.

Just a few reminders:

\*Please do not leave your car unattended in either the front or back loop.

\*If your child is eating breakfast at CIE, please arrive no later than 7:40 am to allow your child time to go through the line and eat before the bell rings at 7:55 am.

\*When visiting your child at lunch, please sit at one of the designated visitor tables with your child only. Please refrain from bringing fast food.

\*Parents are allowed to eat breakfast and/or lunch with their child(ren) on Wednesdays only.

\*After the 8:00 late bell, please walk your child to the front office to sign him/her in.

\*Please call our attendance line at (754) 323-5252 when your child is absent.

## Update from Food & Nutrition Services

Please be advised, if you would like to apply for free or reduced-price meal benefits for your children, you are required to submit a 2018/19 Multi-Child Application for Meal Benefits online at [www.myschoolapps.com](http://www.myschoolapps.com). Once a properly completed online meal application is submitted to the Food and Nutrition Services Department, the application will normally be processed within ten (10) operating days. Meal benefits carried over from the 2017/18 school year, were terminated for all schools on October 1, 2018, for those students who do not have an approved 2018/19 meal application on file at the Food and Nutrition Services department.

## Out-of-Field Parent Notification

Our teachers are continuously working on professional development to improve their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at Country Isles who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s):

Mrs. Hunter-Gifted Endorsement  
Mrs. Salsberry-ESOL Endorsement  
Mrs. Torres-Elementary Education



## A Message from our School Counselor

The students in grades 2-5 participated in the Start with Hello program, which helps them learn how to interact positively with their peers. The program teaches the students how to make connections with their classmates by engaging in three simple steps: 1. See Someone Alone 2. Reach Out and Help 3. Start with Hello. The students were taught how to use icebreakers to begin conversations and were provided with opportunities to role play. The skills learned in the program will help our students create lifelong friendships while fostering key social skills that will prove useful in adulthood.

## PTA Corner

We have had a very busy and exciting start to the school year at Country Isles, with more activities and events on the way. Let's see what the Country Isles PTA is doing!

If you have not yet done so, please consider becoming a PTA member. 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 – we would love to see 100% participation from our teachers and families!

Forms are available in the front office, or email Rozita Rafat at [rozirafat@gmail.com](mailto:rozirafat@gmail.com).

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, November 8th, at 8:15 a.m., in the cafeteria. Refreshments will be served.

## Volunteer Reminders

We love to have volunteers and could not function without them. Your involvement in your child's education is the foundation to his/her success. **Please Note: ALL** volunteers (even those who were registered volunteers during the last school year) must register through Broward County at [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com). Once you receive an email stating you are approved, please show your driver's license to one of the front office staff members to receive your volunteer badge.

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 Log Books 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?  
Contact Gina Molina at [gina10@bellsouth.net](mailto:gina10@bellsouth.net).

## In the Spotlight: Harvest Drive

Last year Country Isles students worked together and collected non-perishable items that helped Harvest Drive feed 2,200 Broward County families. This holiday season, CIE is committed to surpass this goal!



Children Helping Children

We are excited to announce that the Harvest Drive Kick-Off for non-perishable food items will start on Thursday, November 1. A flyer will be sent home listing items that may be donated. Each grade is assigned a suggested item, but all non-perishables are welcome. Please help your child participate in the act of giving. The collection will be from Thursday, November 1 – Friday, November 16. On Friday, November 16, every class will bring their donations to the cafeteria where they will be sorted, loaded and driven to Western High School for distribution.

We will also be selling leaves for \$1 each for our giving tree. The money raised will be used to purchase turkeys to complete the Thanksgiving meal. We will also be having our second annual "Tacos for Turkeys" night at Tijuana Flats in Weston. A flyer with more information regarding Harvest Drive will be sent home.

If you have any questions, or would like to volunteer, please contact one of our Harvest Drive Chairpersons:

Nicole Raizen, [NLC009@bellsouth.net](mailto:NLC009@bellsouth.net), Stacy Zamora, [stacyzamora70@gmail.com](mailto:stacyzamora70@gmail.com), or Gina Molina, [gina10@bellsouth.net](mailto:gina10@bellsouth.net).

CHILDREN HELPING CHILDREN is what Harvest Drive is all about!



## **CIE Fall Book Fair**

Our enchanted themed book fair will begin on Monday, October 22 – Friday, October 26. Tuesday, October 23 will be family night where students can come with their families to purchase books and enjoy pizza and cookies for sale in the school cafeteria. More information will be sent home soon regarding this fun and educational event. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact our Book Fair Chairpersons: Lauren Jacome, [Lminnie22@gmail.com](mailto:Lminnie22@gmail.com) or Linsay Donnelly, [linsay121477@gmail.com](mailto:linsay121477@gmail.com).



## **Veteran's Week & Troop Support**

Calling all cadets, active duty, or veterans of U.S. Air Force, U.S. Army, U.S. Coast Guard, U.S. Marine Corps, or U.S. Navy men and women! Country Isles would like to thank and honor you in our week-long celebration November 5-9 (no school November 6). We offer countless ways for CIE families to participate: send photos or video clips of your service member, greet students from 7:30-8:00 am any day that week, join your child on the morning announcements with a description of your job, sign autographs at our greeting tables and take photos. Students are encouraged to wear red, white and blue. For more information, please contact Veteran's Week Chairperson Lynn King, [Lynn.king19@yahoo.com](mailto:Lynn.king19@yahoo.com).

## **Meet the Masters**

Meet the Masters is an exciting supplemental art program here at CIE where a core of mom, dad, and grandparent volunteers come together to deliver a unique program rich in art history and amazing hands-on creative projects to every child three times a year.

Each session we feature a new artist and hold Volunteer Training Sessions that include easy-to-use art videos and a variety of mixed media creative projects so that every volunteer previews an actual lesson and can **easily** assist. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer, please contact our Meet the Masters Chairperson: Victoria Renk, [vicrenk78@gmail.com](mailto:vicrenk78@gmail.com). Please join us and have a little fun while helping your children grow!

## **Broward County Public Schools App**

The latest app provides secure, personalized access to student-specific information—anytime, anywhere. Through your smart device, you can check your child's latest details on nutrition and wellness, transportation and academics, and receive information the way you want it—text, email or by phone. The new app features were designed especially for you:

- The Nutrition and Wellness feature displays meal menus and account balances.
- The Transportation feature displays bus route assignments, pick-up/drop-off times and bus stops so you can keep track of your child's location before and after school.
- The Academic feature displays daily attendance, course schedules and library obligations.

Visit [browardschools.com/mobileapp](http://browardschools.com/mobileapp) for more information.

## **Box Tops for Education**

Please continue to clip Box Tops from participating products and send them in. Go to [countryisles.net](http://countryisles.net) and click on the PTA tab for more information. Last year we earned over \$1,235 for CIE! That's free money!



## **Shoparoo**

We are excited to be partnering again with a fun, free, and truly easy 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.

### **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. Ask your friends and family members to join Shoparoo and help CIE. Our goal this year is to increase membership and raise \$1,000 for our school. Please visit [shoparoo.com](http://shoparoo.com) to learn more.

## **Upcoming Dates**

DelVecchio's Family Night	Wednesday, October 17 (11am-9pm)
EARLY RELEASE	Thursday, October 18 (NOON DISMISSAL)
NO SCHOOL – teacher planning	Friday, October 19
Fall Book Fair	Monday-Friday, October 22-26
Book Fair Family Night	Tuesday, October 23
Book Fair Extended Hours	Thursday, October 25
Harvest Drive Kickoff	Thursday, November 1
Veteran's Week	Monday-Friday November 5-9
NO SCHOOL – teacher planning	Tuesday, November 6
PTA Meeting	Wednesday, November 7 (8:30am)
NO SCHOOL – Veteran's Day	Monday, November 12
1 <sup>st</sup> Quarter Report Cards Issued	Wednesday, November 14
Class Pictures	Wednesday-Thursday November 14-15
Tacos for Turkeys	Wednesday, November 14 (4pm-9pm)
Fall Picture Retakes/Makeups	Thursday, November 15
Harvest Drive Delivery-Western H.S.	Friday, November 16
NO SCHOOL	Wednesday, November 21 – Friday, November 23



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