

# The Country Isles Chronicle



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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 Mondays 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, or you can email your child's absence to [www.browardschools.com/countryisles](http://www.browardschools.com/countryisles) and go under the Contact tab.

## 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. Calderon- ESOL Endorsement



## 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.

## 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.

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 Dawn Snyder06@gmail.com

## 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.

If you are interested in becoming a member of the CIE PTA please contact Lauren at [Lminnie22@gmail.com](mailto:Lminnie22@gmail.com).

If you are interested in advertising your business to the CIE community, please email Shera Anderson at [shera\\_anderson@outlook.com](mailto:shera_anderson@outlook.com).

Calling all dads, stepdads, and grandfathers, who are looking to get more involved. Please contact Edgar at [ecollado046@gmail.com](mailto:ecollado046@gmail.com).

Please join us for our next PTA meeting on Wednesday, November 13<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the cafeteria

## In the Spotlight: Harvest Drive

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

We are excited to announce that the Harvest Drive Kick-Off for non-perishable food items will start on Monday, October 28. 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 Monday, October 28 – Wednesday, November 20. On Wednesday, November 20, 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!



Children Helping Children



### **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 12-15. 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) or Nancy Krawczyk at [nkrawcsyk@bellsouth.net](mailto:nkrawcsyk@bellsouth.net).

### **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, Nicole Baker at [ciemeeetthemasters@gmail.com](mailto:ciemeeetthemasters@gmail.com). Please join us and have a little fun while helping your children grow!

### **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 \$1,000 for CIE! That's free money! Please note you can also download the Box Tops app and scan your receipts as well. Please email [dawnsnyder06@gmail.com](mailto:dawnsnyder06@gmail.com) with any questions.



### **Upcoming Dates**

Chipotle Family Night	Wednesday, October 16 (5-9pm)
EARLY RELEASE	Thursday, October 17 (NOON DISMISSAL)
NO SCHOOL – Teacher planning	Friday, October 18
Class Pictures	Tuesday, October 22
Class Picture/ Fall Pictures Retakes	Wednesday, October 23
Harvest Drive Kick off	Monday, October 28 (Collection 10/28-11/20)
Veterans Day	Monday, November 11
Veteran's Week	Tuesday- Friday November 12-15
Interim Reports Issued	Tuesday, November 19
Tacos for Turkeys- Tijuana Flats	Wednesday, November 20 (4-9pm)
Harvest Drive Delivery- Western High	Friday, November 22
Thanksgiving Break- No School	Wednesday 11/27-11/29