

Coconut Creek Elementary School

1st Quarter Newsletter



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A Note from Administration:

Greetings to ALL Cougar Cub Parents,

Welcome to the start of the 2024-2025 school year. I am very excited to serve as your new Principal. Our students have done an excellent job in adjusting to our school rules and expectations. Your assistance and support are needed in the following areas below.

Cougar Cubs..

- "Dress for Success" each day. Students should wear their uniform each day.
- Arrive to school on time.
- Treat classmates with kindness. Refrain from making inappropriate comments (and/or threats).
- Demonstrate academic excellence at all times.

I've had the opportunity to meet many parents, and I can't wait to meet more of my Cougar Cub families. I am committed to your child's success and I'm confident that we will have an amazing year.

If you have any concerns, please contact me at the school or [email me](#).

Proud Principal Reid

September 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 No School – Labor Day	3	4 Open House KG – 2 nd 6 pm – 6:30 pm 3 rd – 5 th 6:35 pm – 7:05 pm	5	6 Champion's Day	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23 Celebrate Freedom Week	24 Celebrate Freedom Week	25 Celebrate Freedom Week SAC/SAF Meeting 2:45 pm	26 Celebrate Freedom Week	27 Celebrate Freedom Week	28
29	30 KG Swim Central Week 1					

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 KG Swim Central Week 1	2 KG Swim Central Week 1	3 No School KG Swim Central Week 1	4 KG Swim Central Week 1 Superhero Shirt Day	5
6	7 KG Swim Central Week 2	8 KG Swim Central Week 2	9 KG Swim Central Week 2	10 KG Swim Central Week 2	11 KG Swim Central Week 2	12
13	14 Employee Planning Day No School for Students	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Fall Individual Picture Day	22	23	24 Read for the Record	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1 Color Wars Day	

News from the Office

Drop Off Policy.

Please be aware of our “item” drop off policy for the 2024-2025 school year. We will accept items up until 9:00 AM daily.

Items may include lunches, water bottles, snacks, projects, homework, etc. This policy was established to minimize the disruptions to our academic day and ensure extra safety on campus. We thank you in advance for your cooperation. If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Reid

Back to School

Free and Reduced Lunch

Please don't forget to apply/renew your application for free and reduced lunch today! Breakfast and lunch is free for all students this year, however, still please visit <http://www.myschoolapps.com/> to complete an application.

Volunteer Application

If you are interested in volunteering, please be sure you have registered on the following website. This application must be completed every year.
<https://www.browardschools.com/volunteer>


Register to Ride

If you are a bus rider, you must register at:
<https://www.browardschools.com/register2ride>





INFORMATION

Wireless Device Policy

 **BROWARD**
County Public Schools

Important Update For K-12 Students
WIRELESS DEVICE POLICY

**Disconnect
To Reconnect**

POWER OFF  AIRPLANE MODE 

WIRELESS DEVICE USE NOT ALLOWED DURING SCHOOL DAY

Effective in the 2024/25 School Year

- ➔ All wireless devices must be powered off or in airplane mode during the school day, from bell to bell, including passing periods and lunch unless authorized for instructional purposes.
- ➔ Wireless devices include cellphones, laptops, smartwatches, tablets, headphones, airpods, and other two-way communication equipment.
- ➔ Students violating policy are subject to disciplinary action.

For more information and FAQs, visit browardschools.com/wirelessdevices

Devices Include:

- Cellphone
- Smart Watches
- Earbuds
- Headphones
- Tablets
- Laptops

Labeling Items

Please ensure that all students items including lunchboxes, water bottles, and jackets are labeled with their name. This will help us in returning these items when lost to the front office.

FOCUS

The Focus Parent Portal account gives families convenient and secure access to their student's school information, including school grades, attendance, interim reports, report cards, and more, anytime and anywhere. Register for the Focus Parent Portal at browardschools.com/focus

Attendance

Attendance matters at Coconut Creek Elementary. Regular attendance is a key factor in a child's academic success. Regular attendance is when a student attends more than 95% of the academic school year; this may include up to 8 absences in a 180-day school year. Please use the school calendar so vacations are planned around school days. We understand that exceptions may arise, but attendance is key to strong student success, and we appreciate your partnership!



SAFETY



Submit a tip easily via our anonymous FortifyFL app. Provide as much details as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc. You can download the app or visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/> for more information.

Broward Schools has transitioned to the Plain Language Emergency protocol. This language will be used to conduct our monthly safety drills and in the event of an emergency.



SaferWatch is a web based and mobile app system that allows users to report an incident as they see it happening or submit a tip later. It also provides real time communication during the situations. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com/> for more information



Welcome to the School Counselor's Corner



Building Cooperation Skills

This month, our students are diving into the important world of relationship skills, focusing on cooperation. Through engaging activities and discussions, they are learning how to work together, share responsibilities, and support one another. These skills are essential for creating a positive and collaborative classroom environment. Encourage your child to share what they've learned and practice these skills at home. Together, we can help our students grow into kind and cooperative individuals!

Feel free to reach out if you have any questions or need more information. Let's make this a fantastic month of learning and growth!

Mrs. T

Mrs. Taliaferro
CCES School Counselor
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PTA

Hello Cougar Cubs and Families! The school year is in full swing and so is our PTA Membership Drive. If you have not signed up to be a member of our PTA, please check out our website and click on the membership link to sign up for only \$5 per member: www.ccespta.com. We welcome ALL to join, including parents/guardians, grandparents, teachers, staff, and community members! Your support of our PTA helps fund the PTA Mission: to make every child's potential a reality by engaging and empowering families and communities to advocate for all children. PTA funds programs and advocacy initiatives for all children at the local, state, and national level and we can't do this without the support of our community.

General Meeting 9/18: PTA will host our first General Meeting on Wednesday, September 18, 2024, at 6:30 pm at CCES.

Check out the Calendar on our website to see other upcoming events:
www.ccespta.com

Pre-Orders: We are taking Pre-Orders for the CCES Hoodie (\$35) and our Yearbook (\$30). Pre-order your yearbook before 9/30 and receive 10% off!

Hoodies: <https://ccespta.givebacks.com/store/items/1060011>

Yearbook: www.treering.com/validate (School Passcode: 1016788163051796)

We are very excited for the events and programs we are planning for this year. If you are interested in offering your time and/or talent to help our Association and support Coconut Creek Elementary School, please fill out this Volunteer Interest Form and we will be in touch: <https://forms.gle/VaShpgtjBYwpXK1JA>

Let's make this a GREAT year!



Autism Spectrum Disorder / Special Program and Kindergarten

Autism Spectrum Disorder / Special Programs:

Our Autism Special Program is so thrilled to welcome all of our new students and happy to see our returning students. We had a successful first few weeks of school and we look forward to an amazing school year that emphasizes inclusivity, diversity, and acceptance.

Our program goals are to promote progress in student academics as it relates to their grade level curriculum standards and their IEP goals. We thrive in encouraging student independence, communication needs, and social skills. Additionally, we cater to student's behavior and emotional needs all through a variety of evidence-based approaches as it pertains to each individual student.

Additionally, we would like to welcome our newest staff members, Ms. Shanice Bedward and Mrs. Lisandra Milite, to the team! Ms. Bedward comes from Atlantic West Elementary and Mrs. Milite comes from Park Springs Elementary. We are so glad to have them!

Kindergarten

The Kindergarteners are off to an amazing start! Our students have settled in nicely and seem very happy with their first experiences at CCES. Friendships are being formed, social skills such as turn-taking and being kind to others are continuously worked on throughout the school day.

The students are working hard to grow into strong readers, thinkers, and problem solvers. We have been discovering all about how to make observations in Science. In Reading we are learning our foundational skills and are getting set to become readers! In math, we have been practicing representing, counting, and writing numbers to 10.

Our Swim Central Water Safety Lessons will also take place in September.

Please read for 20 minutes nightly with your child!



First Grade, Second Grade, & Third Grade

First Grade:

Welcome to the new school year!

First grade is moving along and learning new things daily. In Math, we are working on addition and subtraction to twenty. To practice at home, you can use coins, clips, or any other item to add and subtract. In Reading, we are working on establishing routines and procedures. We are learning good listening habits, the difference between nonfiction and fiction texts, and turn and talk using constructive conversations. We are still learning the rules and procedures of the school as well.

Thank you for coming to visit 1st Grade at Open House!

Second Grade:

Welcome Aboard 2nd grade students to our 2024-2025 school year! We are so excited for this upcoming school year. We enjoyed seeing parents and students at Open House to discuss important information about our classroom.

Uniforms need to be worn daily with shoes/sneakers for safety reasons. Snacks can be brought in daily since we have a late lunch time. Students must return the Communications folder daily for important papers. Students are reviewing Reading and Math skills, so they are ready for 2nd grade. Teachers will reach out to parents to schedule a conference to discuss individual progress. 1st Quarter Interims will go home September 27th. The 2nd grade teachers are ready to help, so please reach out to your child's teacher for any questions/concerns.

Third Grade:

Hello from the Third Grade Team,

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. We are excited to work with our students and encourage them to always do their best. In Math, we are working on Topic 2 which is using Patterns for Foundational Multiplication Facts. In ELA, we are working on Unit 1, Animal Adaptations. Students will be reading and comparing selections about animals and plants to understand how living things grow and change. In Science, we are working on classifying matter.

We want to encourage students to read for 20 minutes a day and to practice their multiplication and division strategies. We also want to remind families that headphones are needed for classroom use. We are looking forward to a year that is anchored in student "A"chievement.

Thank you,
Your Third Grade Team

Fourth Grade & Fifth Grade

Fourth Grade:

Welcome to the 2024- 2025 school year at CCES! Fourth Grade teachers are delighted to be teaching your child this year. Our fourth-grade teachers are Ms. Millen, Ms. Hanlan, and Ms. Craig. This year we will take a deeper dive into curriculum, discovering new strategies and topics, sailing us on a voyage to SUCCESS! We will learn to work and collaborate as a crew, aiding in our “No scholar falls overboard” policy.

This month of reading, we will be reading a Personal Essay and a Realistic Fiction Text. To begin with, "A Bird's Free Lunch" describes the author's observations of birds in his window. "The Reeds and the River" is a story about a girl moving to a new home and eventually drifting downstream in a boat. We will recommend Read for 20 minutes, then write 2-3 sentences about what you read. Research your favorite bird and learn about where it lives. Use descriptive words to describe a scene from your window.

This month of math, Topic 1 extends your child’s understanding of place value to one million. Your child will compare and round numbers using the relationship between the values of digits indifferent places. Your child will learn the names for three periods, or groupings, of place value. Even though this topic involves numbers through the thousands period only, the millions period is shown so that your child can see the structure of the periods.

Fifth Grade:

Fifth grade teachers are so excited to start the school year with our students! Our fifth-grade teachers are Ms. Joseph, Mrs. Ridgely, and Mrs. Van Sciver. For the month of September, our students will be working in our reading series-Benchmark Advance. We have already begun to explore the topic of "Cultivating Natural Resources" and "Developing Characters Relationships." We will be incorporating reading/writing, science, and social studies topics in our reading series. Look for little readers coming home after the unit is complete. Students will be able to keep and build their own home library with those readers! Continue to work on multiplication tables daily as we will continue with number sense including place value through the millions and decimals in our new math series, Envision. Please check planners and take-home folders daily for important information. Please make sure your student has a water bottle and headphones daily at school. We would love to have all of our families join our PTA this year! Thank you for your continued support!

The Fifth Grade Teachers

Art, PE, & Science Special

Art Class with Mrs. Bazos

Welcome back artists to the 2024-25 school year. Our new schedule is working out great. We've been busy revisiting the classroom rules and procedures. All classes have been learning about the seven elements of art. Kindergarten and first grade are learning about Roy G. Biv and primary colors. Second and Third grade are focusing on cool and warm colors. Fourth grade is working on a project that show all 7 elements of art. Fifth grade is delving into color theory which included shape and overlapping.

We have many new projects planned that will include creative thinking across the curriculum. It's going to be a great year!!! Welcome back. ❤️Mrs. Bazos😊

P.E. with Coach Kenney

Welcome back my Star Athletes! During the 1st quarter, students will:

KG - 2nd Grades: Introduce Rules and Routines, Cooperatives/Parachutes, talk about and learn Personal and General Space, Locomotor Skills and Movement Concepts. Primary Grades will also begin tossing and catching lessons.

3rd - 5th Grades: Introduce Rules and Routines, Working Cooperatively, Displaying good Sportsmanship, and Positive Encouragement. Intermediate Grades will also begin tossing and catching lessons.

Science Class with Ms. Ryals

Science special is off to a great start, with the children going over the practice of science as well as learning about Matter.

Drama Club: 3rd-5th grades won't begin until early October. I'll be sure to keep you updated!

Chess Clubs: 3rd-5th grades won't begin until early October. I'll be sure to keep you updated!