

Coconut Creek Elementary

Cougar Cubs Newsletter

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January 2022



Upcoming Events

January

- 17-21 No Name Calling/Kindness Week
- 24-28 Literacy Week
- 25 SAC Meeting 2:45pm
- 27 Math Blast Night 6:00pm
- 28 **Green Party**
- 31 Class Pictures (Group Pictures)

February

- 3 Report Cards Issued
- 7 Kg & 2nd Gr Awards Ceremony
- 8 1st & 3rd Gr Awards Ceremony
- 9 4th & 5th Gr Awards Ceremony
- 11 Interim Reports Issued
- 14 Early Release 12:30 dismissal
- 21 No School
- 22 SAC Meeting 2:45pm
- 25 **Green Party**

A Day of Service and Love

On Monday, February 14, 2022, Broward County Public Schools, and communities across Broward County will host **A Day of Service and Love** in observance of the commemoration of the 17 lives lost and those injured as a result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas (MSD) High School on February 14, 2018.

A Day of Service and Love provides an opportunity for students, employees, and volunteers to come together to support each other through a variety of community service activities at our schools and across the county. This year, we will be reconnecting with nature. Through Art, they will be painting rocks to add to our rock garden. We want them to know they have the power to positively shape the lives of others. Our students will feel humbled at being important contributors to our community as they are surrounded by positive acts by others.

Developing strong social-emotional skills in our youth is as important as the academic education they receive. We remind ourselves that as adults, we must exemplify what we want to see in our children.

This year's commemoration will focus on the theme '**Reconnect**'. As we continue to recover from the MSD tragedy, the COVID-19 Pandemic, and other traumatic events, it is important that we make time to develop positive and rewarding relationships with our peers, community, nature, and ourselves.

Stay Connected

Parent Link- These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Coconut Creek Elementary School. If you are not receiving them, contact the front office at 754-322-5800 to be sure your contact information is up to date.

KINDERGARTEN

Welcome to 2022!

Kindergarten students are happy to be back to school after the Winter Break.

They are working hard to continually practice their addition and subtraction with numbers 0 – 20.

The kindergarten students are also cultivating their reading skills and learning new sight words daily.

Please keep practicing and encouraging your child to read at home each night!

Wishing you all a very safe and happy New Year!

First Grade

Happy January!

We will be learning about magnifiers and how they make things appear larger. We are also learning about primary sources in social studies. Students will compare life in the past and life now.

We are working hard on addition and subtraction to 20 with fluency. Keep working at home using flashcards, dice, and cards to make it fun.

Please have your child work on Iready if they have access to a computer at home. The goal is to have 45 minutes in each subject area and two lessons passed per week.

Stay safe and healthy!

HAPPY★NEW★YEAR

SECOND GRADE

Happy New Year Second Grade Families!

This month we will be finishing up our reading unit called Many Characters, Many Points of View and starting our new unit on Solving Problems Through Technology.

In science, we will be working on Distinguishing Parts of the Human Body and on the Properties of Soil.

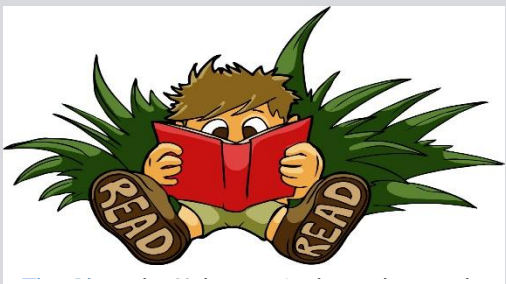
In Social Studies we will continue working on Citizenship.

In Math we are continuing our subtraction unit with regrouping and moving on to 3-digit numbers. Please continue to practice addition and subtraction strategies at home, review place value, and please have students read for 20 minutes a night!

We are all still working on our iReady goals for this month: 8 lessons in Reading and 8 lessons in Math. Students may work towards this goal at home as well at school.

Thank you from the Second Grade Team!

Have a great January and welcome to 2022!



Third Grade

Welcome back CCES family!

Here's what our third-grade scholars will be focused on in the month of January:

**Reading- Benchmark Universe, Unit 5, Advancements in Technology
Standard RI.1.3- Key ideas and details describe the relationship between a series of historical events, scientific ideas or concepts or steps in technical procedures in text, using language that pertains to time, sequence, and cause/effect.**

Math- GO Math, Chapter 6 Understand Division

Standard 3.OA.A.2- Interpret whole-number quotients of whole numbers, e.g., interpret $56 \div 8$ as the number of objects in each share when 56 objects are partitioned equally into 8 shares, or as several shares when 56 objects are partitioned into equal shares of 8 objects each.

A daily reminder, please ensure that your child completes a daily i-Ready lesson in reading/math with a passing score of 70% or higher.

The FSA will be administered in April and May.

If you have any questions, please contact your child's teacher. As a team, we're working diligently to provide each student with the strategies and tools they need for academic growth. Thank you for your support.

CCES Third Grade Team

FOURTH GRADE

Greetings from the Fourth Grade Team!

We are continuing to make progress toward our goals in ELA, Math, Science and Social Studies.

We are currently working on Unit 5 in ELA and the Theme is "Technology for Tomorrow". Our Essential Question is: How do we make decisions about developing new technology?

Math: We are learning about Fraction Equivalence and Comparison. Please make sure students complete their homework to reinforce strategies and skills.

Science: The topic is Moon Phases and the cycle or phases of the moon.

Students should practice iReady Reading and Math daily to practice and reinforce strategies/skills and be prepared for our next Green Party scheduled for Friday, January 28th.

Thanks for partnering with us!

The Fourth Grade Team

FIFTH GRADE

We hope everyone had a restful holiday break with family and friends. We continue into the 2022 New Year! Hoping it brings many wonderful things for all our CCES families! Our fifth graders are continuing to work hard to make progress and meet our academic goals for this school year. We will continue visiting our science lab weekly to conduct experiments and activities based on our science standards. We are finishing "Electricity and Electric Circuits" and will be learning about "Forces" next.

For the month of January, our students will continue working in our new reading series- Benchmark Advance. We have completed Unit 4 and we have now started Unit 5: "Technology's Impact on Society." We will continue incorporating reading/writing, science, and social studies topics into our new reading series. Students are taking the reading books associated with our new reading series home when we are finished with them. They can work on comprehension and fluency skills and build their own home library!

Continue to work on multiplication tables daily as we move on to Addition and Subtraction of Fractions with Unlike Denominators in Chapter 6 of our Go Math book.

We will be finishing up our D.A.R.E. program with Officer Dan in the next couple of weeks. The students are learning a lot and enjoying the discussion topics.

Our virtual visit to Margate Middle school will be on January 20th. More information to come home soon.

Please encourage students to meet their monthly iReady goals so that they can attend our monthly GREEN parties.

Please check planners and take-home folders daily for important information.

Thank you for your continued support!
The Fifth Grade Team

AUTISM SPECIAL PROGRAM

Our Autism Special Program is so excited to begin our Play Pals program. Students will be working on play skills with a partner class.

Thank you to Special Olympics Little Elites Program for helping us with the implementation of these inclusive activities.

We start on January 24th!

Awards Ceremony

An invitation link will be sent to parents of students receiving awards.

February

7 th	Kindergarten	8:45am-9:15am
	2 nd Grade	9:30am-10:00am
8 th	1 st Grade	8:45am-9:15am
	3 rd Grade	9:30am-10:00am
9 th	4 th Grade	8:45am-9:15am
	5 th Grade	9:30am-10:00am

Important Information

School Hours

Before Care: 7:00 a.m.—8:00 a.m.

Breakfast: 7:55 a.m.—8:25 a.m.

Warning Bell: 8:20 a.m.

Tardy Bell: 8:30 a.m.

Dismissal: 2:30 p.m.

No dismissal after 2:00 p.m. due to safety reasons

Aftercare: 2:30 p.m. – 6:00 p.m.

(Please do not pick up students before 3:00 p.m.)

Important Phone Numbers

Attendance: 754-322-5802

Aftercare: 754-322-5804

(Please call after 3:00 p.m.)

PTA: 754-322-5815

www.facebook.com/ccespta

Email: creekpta@yahoo.com

Transportation: 754-321-4000

Useful Websites:

Coconut Creek Elementary:

Coconutcreekelem.browardschools.com

Free/Reduced Lunch Application:

www.applyforlunch.com

Online Lunch Payment

myschoolbucks.com

Online estore:

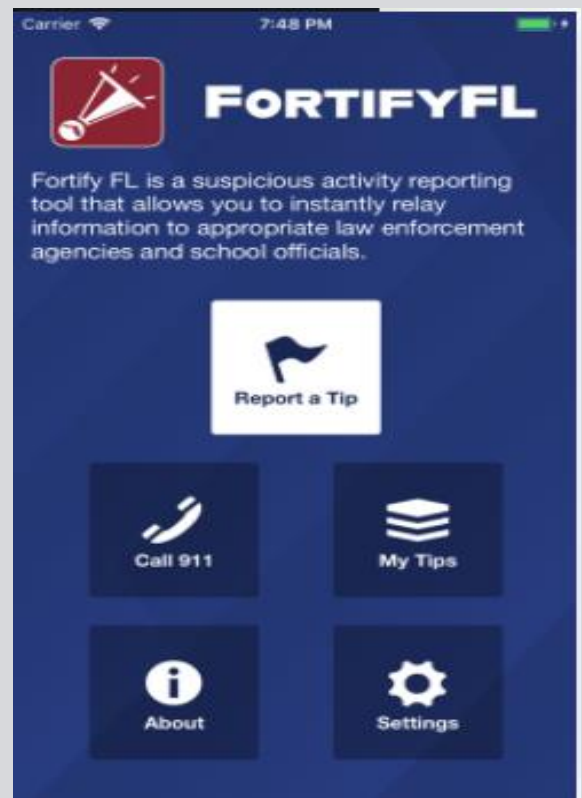
estore.browardschools.com

Water Bottles

Please have your child bring a refillable water bottle to school with them every day. We have filling stations throughout the school for the students to refill bottles.

Lost and Found

Write your child's last name on the bottles, jackets, and lunch boxes. It makes it much easier to return when items are lost. Lost articles are displayed in the cafeteria for students to view and claim.



HOW TO MAKE A HABIT OF READING 2022



Michele Rothacker, Literacy Coach

Helping students develop good reading habits has many positive effects. Academic growth is one of those effects. Reading helps develop vocabulary, increases attention span and reading stamina, expands thought processes and promotes analytical thinking. Reading more helps us see that there are many ways to look at the same thing. Perspective and point of view is something students have been learning about in class.

One way to develop good reading habits is by reading with your child at home. This helps them see reading as fun and motivates them to read more. You can read the same book along with your child or read your own book as your child reads theirs! Be a role model for reading! After reading, have conversations. Make connections between what was read to daily life. Ask what their favorite part was and why. Help them express their thoughts verbally and expand their vocabulary.

Sometimes having a dedicated space to read is helpful. That space can have several types of books to choose from along with some writing paper and pencils. In school, students are learning to take notes about things they find interesting, things they want to learn more about, or things they have questions about. But I say anywhere they want to cozy up with a good book (or ipad) is the perfect place to read!

This month, students will be learning about Technology and Society in their Benchmark Advance reading. They will be asked such things as to describe or explain events and to tell what happened and why by referring to specific information in the text. So please help them be specific in their speech when describing what happens, why and in what sequence.

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida!

January 24 - January 28, 2022

Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! is designed to raise awareness about the importance of reading and to inspire Florida's students and families to make reading part of their daily routines. Our Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida! 2022 theme is **Launch Into Literacy, Blast Off Into New Worlds!** Here is a sneak peek into our daily activities that will help promote this initiative!



Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida
January 24th-28th, 2022



The BCPS Literacy Department invites all staff and students to celebrate literacy by participating in these fun daily activities! **Be sure to post your pictures on social media using #CLW2022 #Browardreads and tag @BrowardLiteracy**

Monday, January 24th "We Are Wild About Reading!" Wear **MISMATCHED** attire.



Tuesday, January 25th "Reading Our Way Into College!" Wear a **COLLEGE SHIRT**.

Wednesday, January 26th "Guess the Book!" Dress like a **CHARACTER** from a book.



Thursday, January 27th "Reading Sends a Positive Message!" Wear a shirt with a **POSITIVE** word or phrase.

Friday, January 28th "Reading Adds Color to Our Lives!" Wear **MONOCHROME** (one color) attire.





I-Ready has fun learning games that help with foundational skills. Your child can access these learning games through their I-Ready portal.

Uniforms

We are a Unified Uniform school. All students are expected to be in uniform daily.

We have gently used uniforms available in the front office if needed.

Please note: Uniforms can be purchased without our school emblem featured on them. If you would like our logo on your child's shirts, our partner, Ella's Uniforms, can be of assistance.

Phone 954-970-7886



Report cards will be available
February 3rd on
Virtual Counselor

GUIDANCE CORNER

Dates to remember

- No Name Calling Week is January 17-21, 2022.
- January 20th, 5th grade will be attending a virtual fieldtrip to Margate Middle.
- All students who are identified as ELL (English Language Learners), will be given the ACCESS test. Parent letters will be coming home with more information.
- RTI (Response to Intervention) meetings are being scheduled, please continue to check your email for invitations. These meetings are held for students receiving additional help in reading and/or math.
- Only 5th grade students will take the BSA Science this year. It will be given over 2 days. Testing days will be February 1st and February 2nd.

Character Education:

The development of GOOD CHARACTER is not an isolated skill to be taught in one area of a child's life. It is an effort of home, school, and community. The development of good character touches our personal development for living, it impacts our success with academic development in learning, and good character is essential in the work force to be successful in our careers. The character trait for January is RESPECT. Here are some discussion questions you can have with your child about respect.

- What does respect mean to you?
- What does it mean to show respect for authority?
- What are some ways you can show respect at home and at school?
- How does being respectful of others guide us in the right way to treat others?



This year, due to a paper and supply shortage the yearbooks are being sold as a pre-sale ONLY! This means, if you do not purchase your yearbook for \$25 now before they are printed there will not be additional copies for you to purchase like normal. You can pay online using a credit card at <https://ccespta.memberhub.com/store>

If you have any photos of your child from the first day of school, dress down themed days that you took before or after school, pictures from open house or meet and greet, etc. please send them to creekpta@yahoo.com with the topic and students names.

In addition, over the next week, you will be receiving a media release form from your child's teacher. If we do not have this form returned your child cannot appear in the yearbook.

If you have any questions please contact us at creekpta@yahoo.com

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Teacher: _____ Grade: _____

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IT'S TIME!!!

COCONUT CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

CLASS SHIRTS

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JANUARY 17TH - FEBRUARY 6TH



SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL
REPRESENT YOUR CLASS
BE A PART OF THE TEAM



ALL ORDERS MUST BE PLACED THROUGH THE BCPS E-STORE

WEBSITE: <https://osp.osmsinc.com/browardfl/>

- 1) Under Elementary, select Coconut Creek Elementary School
- 2) Under "Activity Name" select your students grade
- 3) Select your shirt size and quantity and add to cart & checkout
- 4) Your shirt will be delivered to your student in their classroom

YOUTH Sizes: XS (2/4), S (6/8), M (10/12), L (14/16), XL (18/20)

ADULT Sizes: S, M, L, XL, 2XL, 3XL

THESE SHIRTS MAKE GREAT GIFTS FOR PARENTS AND GRANDPARENTS TOO!



For the safety of our students and staff please refrain from dropping off lunch boxes, snacks, backpacks, water, etc. In the event your child forgets their lunch or water, the school will provide for them.

Thank you for your understanding.

Please contact the school each time your child is absent and provide the school with the reason for the absence. The Coconut Creek Elementary Attendance Hotline number is (754) 322-5802. This line is open 24 hours/ 7 days a week for your convenience. Absence excusals must be received within 48 hours of the absence.

Your child's attendance is important to us here at CCES! The Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP) program is designed to prevent excessive absences through parent notification and accountability, school interventions and daily monitoring of attendance. Parents who do not comply are referred to the State Attorney's Office for failure to comply with Florida Status 1003.27 which provides that a parent commits a misdemeanor of the second degree, punishable as provided by law, if the parent refuses or fails to have a child attend school regularly or refuses to participate in meetings concerning the child's truancy.

Transportation Changes

Please note, that due to security reasons, changes to your child's transportation status cannot be delivered via telephone. This is for the safety of your child, as we cannot safely identify callers via the telephone. Please help us by sending any changes with your child in writing to be delivered to the teacher. Thank you for helping us to get our students home safely.

Arrival and Dismissal

Please refrain from picking students up before 2:00pm. Students are learning up until the end of the day and may miss important instruction.

When dropping and picking up students, please stay in your car and hang your sign on the mirror for an easy and quicker car line.