

# Coconut Creek Elementary

## Cougar Cubs Newsletter

December 2021

### Upcoming Events



#### December

- 14 Vaccination #1 for students
- 17 Green Party
- 20-31 Winter Break

#### January

- 3 Welcome back!
- 4 Vaccination #2 for students
- 10 Early Release Day - 12:30 Dismissal
- 11 Teacher Planning Day - No students
- 17 Schools Closed
- 25 Vaccination #3 for students
- 31 Class Pictures

### Class Pictures

Class Pictures will not be held on 12/14. Please discard the flyer that went home this week. A new flyer will be coming home before our new date of January 31st for Class Pictures.



### Vaccination Day

Our first Vaccination Day with the Health Department (Pfizer-BioNTech) vaccine for students aged 5-11 will be on Tuesday, December 14th.

Parents who wish to be with their children during the vaccination can do so between the hours of 3-6 pm. Also, siblings within the ages 5-11 can also be vaccinated on 12/14, during the hours of 3-6 pm.

Consent forms have been sent home with students.

If you would like your child to be vaccinated during the school day, please send in the signed consent form. Children without a signed vaccination consent form will not be vaccinated.

## KINDERGARTEN

December looks to be a busy month in Kindergarten!

In Reading, we will be considering the question, "Why do people tell stories?". We will also continue practicing rhyming words, reading our sight words, and listening to stories read aloud.

In Math, we will be continuing to work on comparing numbers and addition. We will also begin to learn about subtraction and taking away.

Please keep reading at home nightly and working on iReady throughout the week.

The Kindergarten Team is wishing you all a very happy holiday season!

## First Grade

Happy December, Families!

Such an exciting time as first graders will visit many countries to learn about the traditions, flags, and customs of that country.

We will be reading books and learning about different cultures.

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 I-Ready if they have access to a computer at home. The goal is to have 45 minutes in each subject area and 2 lessons passed per week.

Enjoy your holiday season and make beautiful memories with your family!

## SECOND GRADE

Happy Holiday's  
Second Grade Families!

This month we will be starting our unit on "How can a story change depending on who tells it?" in a Unit called Many Characters, Many Points of View.

In science we will be finishing up our unit on Forces and Motion and starting our Unit on Properties of Soil.

In Social Studies, we will begin to read about American Symbols and revisiting Citizenship.

In Math, we are moving with our subtraction unit. 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 as at school.

Thank you from the Second Grade Team!  
Have a Great December!



## Third Grade

We have much to be thankful for this month of December!

This month in Reading, our students will continue learning about characters and events to better understand perspective. And in writing we are working on how to write a Narrative Journal Entry, including reading the prompt and using a checklist.

In Math, we will continue to improve our knowledge of multiplication facts, patterning and arrays.

Third graders should log on to i-Ready nightly to support their growth in Reading and Math. The goal is to earn a passing score of 70% or better on each lesson. Twelve passing scores will earn your child points towards the Green Party! This program has a strong correlation to FSA performance!

As you may have noticed, our Campus Beautification is in full swing! There will be a flyer sent home shortly inviting all students and their families to come out and join us for a morning of service. All supplies will be on hand ~ including water bottles, latex gloves, live plants, and seeds as well as tools to help beautify our school grounds and we hope to see you then!

Wishing everyone continued success and a beautiful holiday season!

## FOURTH GRADE

Hey Fourth Grade, CCES Families!  
We hope everyone is doing well, and happy holidays!

Here's a glance at what we are working on:

- Reading- We are focusing on understanding different points of view for Unit 4.
- Math- We are currently on Chapter 5, Factors, Multiples, and Patterns. Please remember to have students study their multiplication facts daily, as this is a huge success factor for 4th and 5th-grade students.
- Social Studies- We are learning about our state's history.
- Science- We are comparing and contrasting the major stages in the life cycles of Florida's plants and animals.
- iReady- Students must pass 2 reading and 2 math lessons at 70% or higher every week to attend the Green Party.

After-school academic support is available on Ask Bria from 3:15 p.m. to 7:15 p.m., Monday through Thursday.

Love,  
The Fourth Grade Teachers

P.S. If you need any one of us, please contact us through Classdojo or email!

## FIFTH GRADE

The month of November has flown by, and our fifth graders have been working hard.

We are now visiting our science lab weekly to conduct experiments and activities based on our science standards. We are finishing "Forms and Uses of Energy" and will be learning about "Atomic Theory" next.

For the month of December, our students will continue working in our new reading series-Benchmark Advance. We have completed Unit 3 "The U.S Constitution: Then and Now" and we have now started Unit 4: "Author's Point of View."

We 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 and review multiplication of decimals as we move on to division of decimals in chapter 5 of our Go Math book.

We have been working with Officer Dan the last several weeks on our D.A.R.E. program. The students are learning a lot and enjoying the discussion topics.

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

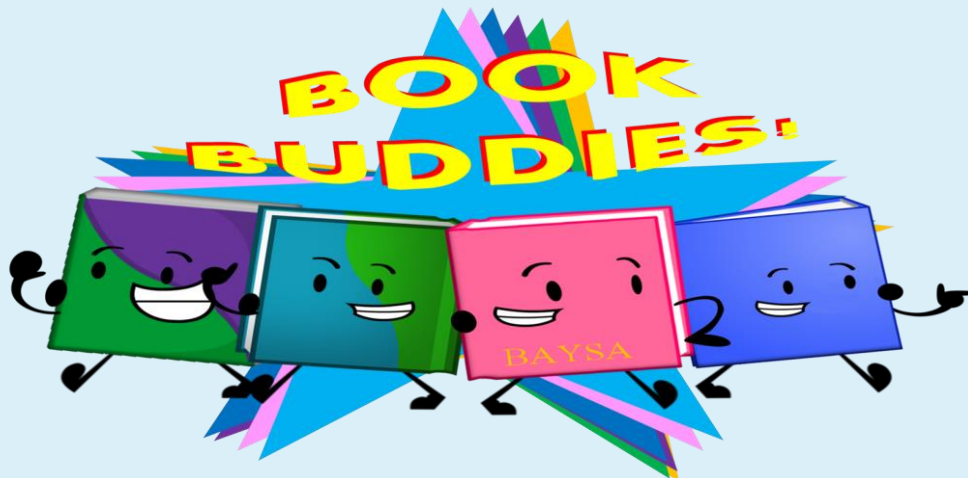
## AUTISM SPECIAL PROGRAM

Our Autism Special Program is excited to begin our Book Buddy Program beginning in January.

Students in the Autism Special Program will be paired with some of their general education peers to develop positive social and play skills. General education students will be trained on some of the characteristics of autism and other disabilities.

We are very excited to begin the program which encourages awareness and acceptance of individuals that are “differently-abled,” helping peers promote self-esteem and sensitivity towards others.

-Mrs. Smith  
Autism Coach



## 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](http://www.facebook.com/ccespta)

Email: [creekpta@yahoo.com](mailto:creekpta@yahoo.com)

Transportation: 754-321-4000

### Useful Websites:

Coconut Creek Elementary:

[Coconutcreekelem.browardschools.com](http://Coconutcreekelem.browardschools.com)

Free/Reduced Lunch Application:

[www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com)

Online Lunch Payment

[myschoolbucks.com](http://myschoolbucks.com)

Online estore:

[estore.browardschools.com](http://estore.browardschools.com)

### Emergency Drills

Our students participate in monthly emergency preparedness and response drills/training on a regular basis. This includes fire drills, tornado drills and critical incident drills.







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November 3, 2021

Hello Cougar Cub Families,

Please take 5 minutes to complete our Annual Title 1 Parent Survey. Click the link below to access the survey. You can choose your language by clicking on the top right corner. This survey is in English, Spanish, Portuguese, and Creole. This information will guide us in helping your child reach the highest potential. your Thank you for taking part in your child's education.

<https://title1compliance.com/goodsurvey/?vfgxxs=QUNFNzYyNzMtRUUwRS00QjQzLThENTEtQTZEODVDNUU5NjQ3KzE0MjE=>



Help your child over this winter break with math!

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

Have a wonderful holiday!

## 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

## Winter Break



December 20<sup>th</sup> - December 31st  
See you January 3<sup>rd</sup>



## **Social Emotional Learning**

Each morning at Coconut Creek Elementary all students start their day with 10 minutes of Mindfulness. Students and parents can practice mindfulness at home as well. Students can log on to Inner Explorer for guided mindfulness lessons. Inner Explorer can be found on the Clever Homepage.

For more information on SEL in Broward County Public Schools, please visit this website. <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/32890>

### [School Climate & Discipline / Social and Emotional Learning \(SEL\)](#)

The District's vision is to provide students with the Social and Emotional Learning (SEL) skills to thrive academically, become responsible citizens in society, to contribute value to themselves as well as their families and communities, and to enjoy productive

## **College/Career Readiness**

Mr. Ruiz, our Media Clerk and I will be giving students the opportunity to learn about Media production. We will be inviting 5th grade students to join the WCUB morning crew as a guest anchor or mixer. More information will be forthcoming.

Family gatherings are a great way for your students to learn more about different post-secondary options and careers. Ask your students to get the family talking about themselves because everyone loves to do that! They can get answers to some basic questions to get them thinking. Here are some questions they can ask to get everyone talking!

- Did you attend a college or training program after high school? If so, where? Why did you choose that college or training program?
- What did you like best about that college or training program?
- What made you choose that career path?
- Would you do anything different?

For Parents:

From The Counseling Department.

- **Character Education:**  
December's character trait is Kindness. Please use the link below for the Character Education Family Newsletter.

<https://www.browardschools.com/cms/lib/FL01803656/Centricity/Domain/13726/KindnessElementaryFamily.pdf>

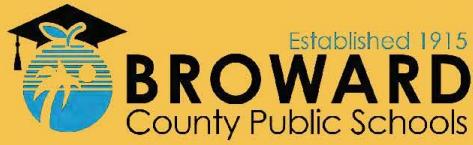
[Kindness Elementary Family -  
browardschools.com](https://www.browardschools.com)

December Character Check • Do your friends encourage your to do right? • In what ways do you feel you are a good friend to others? • What are three ways you can become a better person to the  
[www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)

## ATTENDANCE MATTERS

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.



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# Virtual **FALL ZOOMFEST**



**Saturday, December 11, 2021**

**10:00 AM - 1:00 PM EST**

Immerse yourself in a STEM+ world of learning, with Guinness World Record Holder & National Geographic Explorer, Captain Barrington Irving! The Flying Classroom Virtual Team will interactively guide you through Captain Irving's global adventures and provide you with your own materials kit to follow along, courtesy of Title I.

**Register now! Space is limited!**

**<https://forms.gle/uHyWiXBnyvNmLEQp7>**

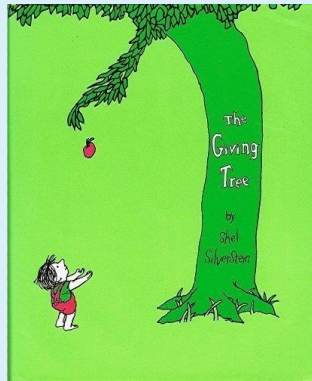


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## Literacy Learning with Mrs. Rothacker, Literacy Coach



December is a time when we often give and receive gifts. The best gift we can give or receive, however, is the gift of love!



The book, The Giving Tree by Shel Silverstein, is a fantastic book to read with your family to help illustrate this point. Red and Lulu by Matt Tavares is also a good book to share. In school, classes are learning about different perspectives. Discuss the perspective of each character.

I also encourage you to find some non-fiction holiday books to share with your kids. There are many great books that help explain how people celebrate in different countries and cultures. FYI.. soon we will be seeing cultural gingerbread men throughout our school halls! Such fun!

Be sure to discuss what you learned from the story as your kids share with you what they learned.

Remember that often times our most simple moments become our most treasured memories. Whatever you celebrate this season, enjoy! We love working with you and your children.