

Coconut Creek Elementary

Cougar Cubs Newsletter

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February 2022

Dates To Remember



February

- 11 Interim Reports Issued
- 14 Early Release 12:30 dismissal
- 14-18 Respect Week
- 21 No School
- 22 SAC Meeting 2:45pm
- 25 **Green Party**

March

- 8 Spring Pictures
- 17 Early Release 12:30 dismissal
- 18 Employee Planning
- 21-25 Spring Break
- 28 Employee Planning
- 29 SAC Meeting 2:45

An anonymous School Climate Survey was administered to students in grades 3- 5 during the school day.

The goal is to identify overall school climate trends and behavioral concerns. Student responses will provide guidance for intervention needs and support throughout the district.

Parents are also encouraged to take part in this anonymous survey which will become available in March.



As February is here, we will be celebrating Black History Month. Students will be learning about influential African Americans and participate in research projects.

KINDERGARTEN

During the month of February, the Kindergarten students will be thinking and learning about how often a story will tell a message. Reading a variety of books can teach us that regular people can achieve big things, especially when they work together.

We will also be continuing to work on addition and subtraction as well as working with numbers 0-20.

We will also be taking our water safety class for 2 weeks during the month.

Please remember to read at home for 15-20 minutes daily.

First Grade

Happy February to our awesome parents and students!

We will be learning that water, rocks, soils and living organisms are found on Earth's surfaces. We will also be learning what natural resources are. We are also comparing life now to life long ago.

We have a busy month ahead with Valentine's Day and President's Day.

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 2 lessons passed per week.

Stay safe and healthy!

**I ♥
READING**

SECOND GRADE

Happy February, Second Grade Families!

This month we will be starting our reading unit called Tales to Live By with a focus on Themes Across Cultures. We are asking the question, "What can different cultures teach us?"

In Science, we will be working on our unit on Pushes and Pulls and Forces in Motion.

In Social Studies, we will be working on our unit on Colonial Families and Famous Immigrants.

In Math, we are working on regrouping to three place values (Hundreds, Tens, and Ones) and starting our chapter on Time and Money. Please continue to practice Addition and Subtraction Strategies at home and review place value.

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 FABULOUS February!

Third Grade

In Third Grade for February, we celebrated the 100th day of school and Valentine's Day. We had a lot of fun doing math activities that helped create real world content as students practiced number & operations.

Please check your child's letters and homework daily to ensure it is completed and in their backpack prior to school the following day.

It is necessary for all 3rd graders to pass 3 lessons in iReady for each subject per week with a score of 70%.

We will be working on fractions in Math. It is imperative that students learn their multiplication facts and have automaticity going forward.

Thank you for all of your support for your children's' education. Make it a great month!

Physical Education

As we are getting into February, we will be participating in some chasing, fleeing, and flag pulling games. This focuses on running, and following different pathways like straight, curved, and zig-zag.

February is **National Heart Month**, where students are learning about staying active and making healthy choices. Be on the lookout for more information to get involved with this worthy cause and give back to those with heart issues. Jump roping is one of our favorite activities here at Coconut Creek Elementary and we have some unbelievable jumpers here!!!

In March, students will receive information about the **Kids Heart Challenge Event** - American Heart Association.

Be on the lookout for the return of **CCES FIELD DAY!!!** We have not had Field Day in 2 years! We are ready! Dates and times will be out soon.

FOURTH GRADE

Happy February 4th Grade Families!

Our fourth graders are continuing to work hard to make progress and meet our academic goals for this school year.

For the month of February, our students will continue working in our new reading series Benchmark Advance. We are working on Unit 6: "Confronting Challenges." 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 like Denominators in Chapter 7 of our Go Math book.

In Science, we are finishing "Space Exploration" and will be learning about "Experimenting with Forces" next.

The school has started a great project for students at home to create a heart with an influential person for black history month. These will be hung on the walls around the school.

The school has also started an amazing new program that started with the Sandy Hook families. This program is called SAVE/Promise program (Students Against Violence Everywhere) This program is bringing awareness and starting with "Starts with Hello" Ask your child more about it.

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 Fourth Grade Team

FIFTH GRADE

February is here! The school year is flying by, and it is Crunch Time! Our fifth graders are continuing to work hard to make progress and to prepare for the upcoming FSA tests. Academic camps are beginning this month for some of our 3-5 students. All students can work on iReady to improve their reading and math skills and for FSA preparation. We will continue visiting our Science Lab weekly to conduct experiments and activities based on our science standards. We are now working on "Weather" and the "Sun and Water Cycle" and will be learning about "Forces" next. For the month of February, our students will continue working in our new reading series-Benchmark Advance. We have completed Unit 5 and we have now started Unit 6: "Up Against the Wild." 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 as we move on to Multiplying Fractions in Chapter 7 of our Go Math book. We will be celebrating Black History Month starting with the Black History Month project in which students researched an influential African American. We have completed our D.A.R.E. program with Officer Dan and students are writing their essays explaining what they learned in D.A.R.E. One essay winner will be selected from each class and one overall winner for the 5th grade will be selected. Please encourage students to meet their monthly iReady goals so that they can attend our monthly GREEN parties. February's monthly goal to attend the GREEN party is 8 passed reading lessons AND 8 passed math lessons. Please check planners and take-home folders daily for important information.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Fifth Grade Team

AUTISM SPECIAL PROGRAM

The first session of our Play Pals program was an absolute success! Students had a blast!

They got a chance to pair up with their pals and engage in our very own Special Olympics (Little ELITES) activities. Little ELITES stands for Elementary Level Introduction to Entry-level Sports. This program introduces students to sports in a non-competitive environment.

While engaging in these activities, students are learning acceptance, awareness, and building their social skills for all individuals. During our first session, students learned their pals' names, interacted with each other socially, and played together.



CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to Brooke Lys, from Mrs. Ellen Arkush's, class for being recognized at this year's Just Do It... I Did It! Awards Program, brought to us by the Exceptional Student Education and Support Services (ESLS) Department.

Brooke was recognized for her excellence in behavior, communication, independent functioning, and social/emotional skills. Way to go Brooke! We are so proud of you!

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

Warning bell: 8:20 a.m.

Tardy bell: 8:30 a.m.

- The gates lock at 8:30 a.m.
- When you arrive after 8:30 a.m. you will be required to park and sign your student in. Your child will receive their late pass.

Second Quarter Information

Report cards are currently available on Virtual Counselor for your review.

Friday, February 11th, Interim Reports will be available via Virtual Counselor. Monday, February 14th, will be an Early Release Day. Students will be dismissed at 12:30 p.m. On Monday, February 21st, there is no school in observance of President's Day.



Statewide Tornado Drill

The week of February 7th - 11th is Severe Weather Week.

Coconut Creek Elementary participated in the Statewide Tornado Drill on February 9th.

Tornado drills are conducted at least twice per school year to familiarize students and staff with the procedures.

Parents, we ask you to please label your child's belongings such as lunch bag, water bottle, and jackets. So, in the event it is lost, we can return it to them.

We have many items in our Lost and Found. If your child is missing a sweater, jacket, lunchbox, or water bottle, please have them check the Lost and Found. We have an abundance of items. Unclaimed clothing items are usually donated within a month.



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SAY SOMETHING!

Submit a tip easily via our anonymous FortifyFL app. Provide as much detail 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.



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.



Character Education:

Honesty is the character trait of the month of February. Honesty is taking responsibility for one's conduct and obligations and being loyal so people can trust you. People who are honest have integrity and the moral courage to do the right thing and to stand up for their beliefs even when it is difficult to do so. We ask that you continue to encourage honesty with your child.

Character Check: Make sure your child is reflecting on these questions.

- If I want to borrow something, do I ask the person who owns the property?
- Do I always do my own work and not cheat myself out of learning?
- Am I striving to earn my parent's and friend's trust?
- Is lying comfortable for me?
- Does my current social circle consist of people that I can be honest and true to myself with, that I can rely on, and I feel can rely on me?

Testing information:

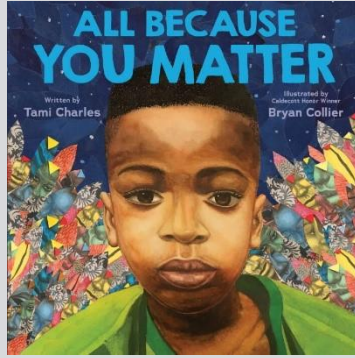
ACCESS testing for ELL (English Speakers of Other Languages) students will continue through March 17, 2022.

Upcoming Events:

Respect week is February 14th -18th. Information will be sent home with students.

February 14th, 2022: Day of Service and Love. Students will be painting rocks with messages of kindness and love for the rock garden in front of the school.

RTI (Response to Intervention) meetings are being scheduled, please continue to check your email or child's backpack for invitations. These meetings are held for students receiving additional help in reading and/or math.



February Literacy and Math Information

February is our shortest month, but this month contains so many important reading opportunities. During this time, we celebrate Black History Month and learn about the many contributions of African Americans to the United States.

In February, we celebrate Valentine's Day. February 14th is also the time we reflect and remember the MSD tragedy. This is the perfect time to read books about love, understanding and acceptance. I'd like to think that if we can learn about each other through studying our past, accepting and embracing our uniqueness, and learning how to love ourselves and others, we may be able to live peacefully and avoid another senseless tragedy.

On our SSO Launchpad, you will see an icon called **Tumble Books**. Click on that icon and you will have access to many books on the topics mentioned above. Happy Reading!

In the area of math, please continue to review your child's daily work. Work on math addition, subtraction, and multiplication fluency. Ask your child some math questions in the form of a word problem. A tip I recently learned that you could practice with your child is when reading word problems, try reading it first without mentioning the numbers. This allows you time to think about what the question is asking. Then go back and reread it with the numbers.

Have a great month!

Parents we need you!

Coconut Creek Elementary School Advisory Council

What does the School Advisory Council do?

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a group of parents, students, community members, business partners, and school staff who meet to create and ensure the success of the School Improvement Plan (SIP). The SIP guides school programs and activities to meet its goals and to improve student achievement.

Our meetings fall mostly on the fourth Tuesday of the month. **Our next meeting is on Tuesday, February 22, 2022, at 2:45 pm.**

If you have any questions regarding the Coconut Creek Elementary School Advisory Council, please call 754.322.5800



Coconut Creek
**ELEMENTARY
SCHOOL**



2021-2022

**BEFORE & AFTER SCHOOL
CHILD CARE**

**REGISTER
ONLINE**

Registration:
Before Care and/or Aftercare is Online Only

**REGISTRATION
LINK**

Apply for childcare using this link.
www.browardschools.com/Page/59580

**AFTERCARE
ACTIVITIES**

- Snack
- Homework Time
- Recess
- Activities

2021-2022 Prices

Registration Fee - \$30
Before care - \$63
Aftercare - \$226
SBBC/Sibling - \$215
Activity Fee - \$3
25% Scholarship - \$170
50% Scholarship - \$113

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Visit the school website for additional information:
coconutcreekelem.browardschools.com



ALL STUDENTS are always required to wear their student ID DAILY when they are in school.

Coconut Creek Elementary School is a Unified Dress School. All students are to wear school uniforms Monday through Thursday.

On Fridays, we celebrate "School Spirit Day."

On School Spirit Day, students can wear "Cougar Shirt" and jeans.

Bottoms: Black, Navy Blue or Tan/Khaki

Tops: Gold, Gray, Light Blue, Maroon, White, and Yellow

Please consider purchasing your uniform clothing items from our local business partner:

Ella's Uniforms
5371 W. Atlantic Blvd.
Margate, FL 33063
954-970-1886

