# PROWLS & GROWLS

December 2019



## What's Decking Our Halls?

November was a busy time for our rising starts at CHE! Students engaged in lots of charitable activities throughout the month. Our "Pennies for Patients" fundraiser was a great hit, we collected over \$1000 dollars! All funds collected will go to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society to help improve the quality of life for cancer patients and their families around the world. We also did a wonderful job gathering non-perishable items for our Harvest Fest Food Drive. We collected over 50 boxes, filled to the brim, to help feed families during the holidays. What a great way to show our students the importance of giving!!

Our spirit of giving will continue for the month of December, as we collect toys to benefit students in need through "Project Magic School Bus". Students who would like to give, are encouraged to bring in a new, unwrapped toy of their choice by December 6th. All items may be left with the front office.

We have many fun-filled and educational activities in store for our students in December, please be sure to check the calendar for upcoming events, as well as, with your child's teacher for volunteer opportunities. Also, please be reminded that our last day of school before Winter Break begins is December 20th. This is an Early Release day and students will be dismissed at 12:10 pm.

School will resume Tuesday, January 7th, 2020!

Wishing you and yours, a safe and joyous holiday and a Happy New Year!

Nicole Ortega, Principal April Wyche, Assistant Principal



## Did you know.....The Most Iconic Holiday Cookies In The State of Florida are....

# **KEY LIME COOKIES**

### INGREDIENTS

#### **Graham Cookies**

- 1 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 1/2 cups Imperial Sugar Light Brown Sugar
- 2 eggs
- 2 teaspoons vanilla extract
- 2 cups graham cracker crumbs
- 1 teaspoon baking soda
- 1 teaspoon kosher salt
- 2 cups all-purpose flour\*

#### Key Lime Butter Cream Filling

- 1/2 cup unsalted butter, room temperature
- 1 tablespoon lime zest
- 3 tablespoons fresh squeezed key lime juice
- 4 cups Imperial Sugar Confectioners Powdered

### DIRECTIONS

- Preheat oven to 350'F. Line a baking sheet with parchment paper and set aside.
- In bowl of a stand mixer, fitted with paddle attachment, mix butter and sugar on medium speed for 2 minutes until light and fluffy. Turn speed down slightly and add in eggs and vanilla, mixing until smooth, scraping sides of bowl as necessary.
- With mixer on medium-low speed, add in graham cracker crumbs, baking soda, and salt, mixing until incorporated.
- 4 Turn mixer speed to low and slowly add in flour until just combined.
- 5 Using a medium (2-tablespoon) cookie scoop, drop dough about 2-inches apart onto prepared baking sheet.
- Bake cookies for g-10 minutes until the edges are lightly golden.
- 7 Remove from oven and allow cookies to cool on pan for 2-3 minutes, then transfer to a wire rack to cool completely.

While cookies are cooling, prepare filling. In bowl of a stand mixer fitted with paddle attachment, mix butter and zest until combined and smooth. Turn mixer to low and slowly add in powdered sugar and key lime juice. Mix until combined, then turn mixer to medium and beat for 1-2 minutes until creamy and smooth, scraping sides of bowl as necessary.

December Events

December 2 - 4th & 5th Field Day
December 3 - 1st Field Trip to Flamingo Gardens
December 3 - Student Council Meeting @ 7:40am
December 3 - 2/3 & 3rd Field Day
December 3 - 4th - Field Trip to CS Auditorium (Thomas Edison Play)
December 4 - 1st & 2nd Field Day
December 4 - Chipotle Fundraiser 5pm-9pm
December 5 - K, K/I & Special Programs Field Day
December 9-13 - Holiday Shop
December 10 - PTA Meeting @ 9:15am
December 10 - Hugh Birch State Park Field Trip (Rosenthal/Edwards)
December 11 - Hugh Birch State Park Field Trip (Head/Terry)
December 12 - Hugh Birch State Park Field Trip (Lyden/Peterson)
December 13 - Hugh Birch State Park Field Trip (Edelman/Gilroy)
December 13 - 2nd Field Trip to Science Museum
December 16 - Chorus Concert @ 6:30 pm
December 17 - Student Council Meeting @ 7:40am
December 17 - 2/3 Holiday Breakfast
December 19 - 2nd Holiday Luncheon
December 20 - Rising Stars @ 9:00am
December 20 - Early Release
December 23 - January 6 - Schools Closed - HAPPY HOLIDAYS
January 7 - School Resumes

Turn half of cookies upside down. Fill a piping bag (or a zip-top bag with corner cut off) with key lime filling and pipe on approximately 2 tablespoons onto bottoms of half of cookies. Place other half of cookies on top of filling, creating sandwiches.

Store airtight for up to 3 days.









Our 2nd Graders enjoying a presentation on Bullying

Kindergarten had such fun with their Pie Tastings!





1st Grade did a fantastic job with their play honoring our Veterans!

Thank you Ms. Berrieum for teaching our kiddos about GERMS!



Ms. Wyche reading "Thank You Omu" on Read for the Record Day!



Admin team sharing treats & giving thanks for our Amazing Staff!



K put on a great holiday show for their families!



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Country Hills PTA. Come in to the Chipotle at **1775 University Drive** in Coral Springs on **Wednesday**, **December 4th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to first hills PTA.





# School Choice

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Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) is excited to announce that the School Choice application window for the 2020/21 school year takes place December 2, 2019 – February 5, 2020. Visit the School Choice website at browardschools.com/schoolchoice for more info





A new app to be offered by Broward schools aims to reduce this parental stressor and allow mom and dad to see how many minutes away the bus is so they can efficiently time their runs to the bus stop **The app is expected to be available to parents in the 2020-21 school year.** 

Check out https://herecomesthebus.com/