



PROWL N' GROWLS



PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

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Principal

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Our mission at Country Hills Elementary is to provide a nurturing environment that encourages all students to reach their maximum potential through active participation in a developmentally appropriate and engaging learning process. In partnership with home and community, Country Hills will strive for excellence in education, while meeting the diverse needs of our students and fostering a lifelong love of learning.

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Dear Country Hills Family!

Welcome to the 2019-2020 School Year! I hope this letter finds you relaxed and refreshed! It sure has been quiet here at the Hills! I can't wait for our RISING STARS to return! Back to school time is always my favorite time of year! I love the excitement in the air...new students, new classes, school supplies and of course awaiting the arrival of our students and hearing all of their fun summer stories!

I want to take a moment and personally thank each one of you for a wonderful school year last year. You all made my first year at Country Hills amazing! I enjoyed getting to know all of you and especially your children. I look forward to continuing to build strong relationships as we work together this year. We know that when the home and the school work together in harmony, the children benefit, and that is always our goal!

I want to congratulate everyone on being an "A" school and increasing 37 points! Thank you to our teachers, students and families for working so hard to make sure our students SHINE!! This is not an easy feat. Our teachers and staff worked hard to design lessons to meet the rigor of our state standards while continuing to instill a love of learning and reading within our students. We definitely have the BEST Teachers and Staff in ALL of Broward County! We truly have STARS on our campus!

This year our theme is "We are Rising Stars!" Roll out the red carpet! Our 5th graders (last years' 4th graders) developed this fantastic theme for us. We are all so entertained by the stars in Hollywood, but we want our students to know what it means to really be a star. Hard work, dedication, motivation and goal setting are just a few traits that it takes to be a star. As we continue our path of academic excellence, we will also be working to nurture the social and emotional needs of our students while continuing to focus on safety and security for all.

I am thrilled to spend the year together and make memories that last a lifetime! Please feel free to reach out at anytime if you have questions, comments or ideas you would like to share.

Shine Bright!

Nicole Ortega
Principal



Important Dates and INFORMATION

August 12 - Multi-Age Orientation (1st & 3rd Only)

2:00-3:00 pm

August 13 - Meet & Greet

9:00-10:00 am - Kindergarten

10:00-12:00 pm - Grades 1-5

August 14 - FIRST DAY OF SCHOOL

August 16 - Independence Day - Students will walk to class all by themselves or with an older friend if needed

August 21 - Open House

6:15 pm - Grades 3-5

Multi-age 2/3

Special Programs

August 26 - 6:15 pm - SAC/SAF Meeting

August 28 - Open House

6:15 pm - Grades K-2

Multi-age K/1

September 2 - No School

September 3 - PTA Coupon Book Sales

September 10 - 9:15 am - PTA Meeting

September 23 - 6:15 pm SAC/SAF Meeting

September 30 - No School

volunteer
do good, feel good

To volunteer or chaperone a field trip in a Broward County Public School, you must be cleared first. Please fill out the application on the link provided and make sure you do it with enough time for the application to be processed, which may take several days.

<https://www.browardschools.com/Page/37924>

**Please Knock,
Door Locked**

For the safety and security of our campus, the main office door will remain locked throughout the day. Please knock and a staff member will open the door for you.

Welcome to CHE

April Wyche - Assistant Principal
Tammi Cost - Reading Coach
Diana Berrieum - School Counselor
Vivian Lewis - Campus Monitor

**Spirit Shirts will be on sale at
Meet and Greet**



Parents interested in providing input into the performance evaluations of Country Hills Elementary instructional and/or administrative evaluations many contact the office at 754-322-5950 by April 10, 2020.

Star System

All visitors to our campus will need to sign in via the STAR system. Please remember to bring your drivers license when coming to the school to pickup your child or attending a conference.

Back-To-School Online Documents

Complete all Back-to-School forms needed on line!

<https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool-onlineforms>



Safety and security are our top priorities. Please make sure to remember the following safety procedures:

- Officers Andrade and Dittman will be returning this year.
- All doors will be locked, including the front office door.
- All visitors must report to the single point of entry. (front office)
- A camera system is installed and monitored.
- All gates will remain locked throughout the school day.
- All visitors must go through our STAR Visitor System.
- All visitors must have an I.D. in order to gain access to the school.
- Visitors will not be allowed to have breakfast or lunch in the cafeteria.
- Monthly safety drills will be conducted.
- All parents of car riders must have a Blue Car Rider Sign to pickup
- Students must wear their I.D.s while on campus.
- Parents must update their contact information.
- All students should be in uniform per the Student Code of Conduct.
- Consistency with dismissal is critical. Please alert the teacher and office ASAP of any changes in writing.
- Help build your student's independence by ensuring they come to school prepared with their homework, lunch, laptops, etc. to avoid classroom interruption.
- Early student sign-outs will cease at 1:40 p.m.
- All volunteers must be approved before allowed in classrooms or on campus. Teachers will notify the office if they are expecting volunteers.

Thank you for your cooperation

Parents and students can report tips in a number of ways.

They can:

1. Call (754) 321-0911
2. Text SBBC with a tip to 274637 (CRIMES)
3. Email a concern to school911@browardschools.com
4. Submit an electronic tip at <https://www.browardschools.com/Anonymous-Tips>

Please remember these methods of reporting are NOT a replacement for calling 9-1-1, when there is a crime in progress or an emergency.

Free mobile phone apps available for download on Apple's App Store and Google's Play Store.




SaferWatch app is supported by the Broward Sheriff's Office and allows individuals in Broward County the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity. Visit <https://www.saferwatchapp.com> for more information.




FortifyFL allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. For more information about the FortifyFL app, visit <https://www.getfortifyfl.com/>.

All students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification bags. Country Hills will provide your child with an ID badge and lanyard. The ID Badge will remain in school. All staff are also required to wear ID badges as well.

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County Public Schools




#BCPSFirstDay

As we countdown to the first day of classes on **Wednesday, August 14, 2019**, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Back to School toolkit is now available at [browardschools.com/backtoschool](https://www.browardschools.com/backtoschool).

The Back to School toolkit connects families to important information and resources, such as:

- 2019/20 school year calendar
- School opening/closing times
- Before and after school childcare
- Breakfast and lunch menus
- Information on hot topics, including the vaping prevention and consequences, school bus safety, and much more!

The Back to School Toolkit also includes **What's New in 2019/20, Volume 1**, with highlights on magnet, innovative, robotics and career technical programs.





Please support our PTA!
Membership is \$10. You can join
during Meet & Greet on Tuesday, August 13th
Monthly meeting dates and times will be listed each
month in the newsletter. We look
forward to seeing you!

To JOIN, visit us online @ Countryhillselem.membershub.store

Arrival Procedures

SCHOOL UNIFORMS

Country Hills Elementary School is a Unified Dress School. All students are expected to adhere to the unified dress policy.

- Recommended Attire: Collared or Polo shirts in red, white, blue or gray. Bottoms: khaki, blue or black
- Country Hills T-Shirts may be worn any day of the week.
- Jeans are allowable any day of the week.
- Shorts and skirts must be appropriate in length. Administration has the right to ask students to cover up if need be.
- Sweatshirts are permitted. Hoodies may be worn without the hood on during the school day.
- Closed toed shoes must always be worn for safety.

The first bell rings at 8:05 am each morning. The gates will open and supervision will be provided at 7:40 am each morning. Please do not leave your child unattended before 7:40 am! Remember, all students are invited to eat breakfast at no charge. Students not eating breakfast will wait inside their designated buildings until the first bell rings at 8:05.

It is vital that all students arrive to school on-time. Teachers plan important morning activities which immerse students immediately in learning.

All gates will be locked at 8:10 am. Any student arriving after the second bell must be escorted to the front office by a parent.

There is no parking or leaving cars unattended in the Car Rider Loop or Bus Loop. Violations will be enforced by our School Resource Officer.

For the safety of our students, we ask that parents in the arrival car lane abide by some simple safety rules:

1. No cell phones when dropping off or picking up your child.
2. Children are to exit the car from the right side(sidewalk).
3. Please stay in one lane, the outside land is for those cars that are parking.
4. Pull all the way up. The safety of your children is our utmost concern.



Country Hills Elementary

Car Loop, Parent Walk-Up and Parking Notice



Car Loop Procedures

Please utilize the grade designated car loop when picking up your children.

Students will only be loaded on the passenger side of the vehicle; they will be standing at their designated number post. Vehicles **MUST** pull all the way forward in the car loop.

All vehicles picking up students are **REQUIRED** to hang the provided sign from the rear-view mirror. Please write the child's first and last name on the car hanger and the grade level and teacher's name. If there is more than one child, you may write multiple names or the family name. If you anticipate a relative, neighbor, or friend occasionally picking up your child, please make sure you have a car hanger for them as well.

Drivers should always remain in the car while in the car loop; use of cell phones is **NOT** permitted.

Parents are not permitted in the Car Loops on foot for the safety and security of our students.

Dismissal time begins at 2:10pm.

Car Loop A- Enter from Coral Springs Drive

Students in grades K-2 and Special Programs and their older siblings will be picked up at Car Loop A.

Car Loop B- Enter from Westview Drive

Students in grades 3-5 and multi-age 2/3 will be picked up at Car Loop B.

Carpools are encouraged! Carpool students should go to the car loop of the youngest child in the car.

Parent Walk-Up Procedures- Located in the Bike Rack between Car Loop A and Car Loop B

Students in K-2 who are walkers must be released to an adult following these procedures.

Students in K-2 will be in the bike rack between Car Loop A and Car Loop B.

You will receive a key chain tag to write your child's name on it in order to pick up your child.

There will be a staff member at the gate calling names of the parent walk-up students.

This will ensure the safety and security of ALL students.

NO BIKES WILL BE PARKED IN BIKE RACK BETWEEN CAR LOOP A AND CAR LOOP B

Dismissal Changes

ALL dismissal changes need to be in writing. No exceptions!

Friendly Reminders

- Please Do Not Park in the Fire Lane in the bus loading zone unless it is a medical emergency.
- Children may not walk alone through the parking lot area.
- Please use the crosswalks and crossing guards when walking to and from school.
- During school-wide events please use both parking lots and North Community Park to park your cars safely.
- Please remember there is no parking on the grassy areas around the school.
- Please be sure your child's teacher has your completed dismissal permission slip.

We Thank You for your patience and support with our Dismissal Procedures!
Our #1 Priority is to keep ALL OUR kids SAFE!!!

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