

# COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SAILING ON A VOYAGE OF LOVE AND LEARNING”

FEBRUARY 2019 EDITION

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Greetings Country Hills Family & Community,

We are #MSDStrong at Country Hills Elementary School. On February 14, 2019 our goal is to continue with our regular instructional schedule that will include activities and projects designed to show love and kindness.

We continue to remember and honor the 17 MSD students and faculty members who were taken from us too soon. On February 14, 2019 we have planned activities and projects to remind our students that we treat others with kindness and love each day at CHE.

Our goal is to ensure that we are all part of one team; school, family and community keeping our students safe, happy and motivated to learn every day.

### Menu of Activities

**K/1 Multiage - Cards for the Local Retirement Home**

**First Grade - Friendship Flowers**

**Second Grade - Reflection Quilt**

**2/3 Multi-Age - Dandelion Thumb Prints**

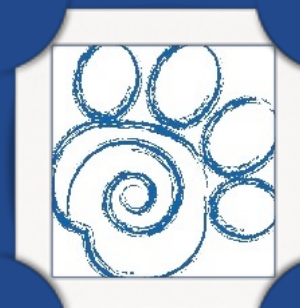
**Third Grade - Peace Project**

**Fourth Grade - Coming Together in Harmony**

**Fifth Grade - Helping Hands**

**IND Special Programs - Picnic for Peace**

Thank You,  
Ms. Ortega, Principal  
Mrs. Roberts, Assistant Principal



Nicole Ortega  
Principal

Veronica Roberts  
Assistant Principal

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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## February Calendar of Events

2/4-8	FTE Week
2/6	Kindergarten/Multiage Orientation
2/8	Boosterthon Fun Run
2/12	GRADE Graduation @ 8:30
2/14	"A Day of Kindness and Love"
2/18	President's Day/No School
2/19	Interims go home
2/20	Class Pictures Math Night @ Walmart 6:30 - 8:00
2/21	Early Release Day @ 12:10
2/28	ELOP begins



Parents! This year's main fundraiser is the Boosterthon Fun Run! It's a two-week program that kicks off with a Pep Rally on Wednesday, January 30th. Families will then gather pledges for every lap your student runs (30-35 laps), and we'll celebrate at the Fun Run on Friday, February 8th. With our big goal of raising \$15,000 for student resources, we asked the Fun Run experts at Boosterthon to power our Fun Run and make it easier, more profitable, and more fun.

Students will also experience an amazing character theme, **MINDSPARK MYSTERY LAB!** Boosterthon's most exciting theme yet combines S.T.E.A.M skills (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Math) with character-building. While they're teaming up with the MindSpark Kids to solve mysteries, our students will learn five 21st-century character traits that will help strengthen themselves and our world.

Donations will go toward student resources and to the entire two-week experience. So please help our school by reaching out to sponsors. Also, all families are invited to come out and cheer on your child at the Fun Run! Thank you for your support!



### Safety Updates

If you are picking up your child early for any reason, you must come in with a drivers license. All early sign-outs will be scanned using the Broward County STAR system. Therefore, there will be no exceptions without a license. Also, please note the importance of having your child to school on time and staying the full day to ensure your child benefits from quality instruction. Research shows that attendance is an important factor in student achievement. Students are more likely to be successful when they attend school regularly.

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## Country Hills Elementary

Calling ALL future Panthers!!

### KINDERGARTEN PARENT ORIENTATION

Please Join Us:

Wednesday, February 6th at 6:30 p.m. in the Cafeteria

\*Parents of incoming Kindergartners (living within the boundaries of Country Hills) are invited to attend an exciting meeting to see all the wonderful things taking place each and every day at CHE!

\*This is an informational session about Kindergarten Registration and our Multi-Age Program.

\*We will have classroom tours and Q & A with our K and K/1 Teachers!

\*Children are welcome to attend!

We look forward to meeting all of you there!



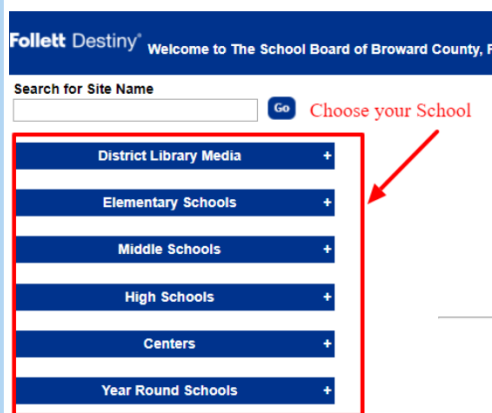
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## Accessing Axis360 Magic Wall

Students can access the AXIS360 page from the SSO Launchpad. Students first choose the Destiny tile. In Destiny, students choose their school then log into their Destiny account using the Clever SSO button then selecting catalog then Destiny Discover from the left column menu. Scroll to the bottom of the page to locate the link to Axis360 Magic Wall.

### Step 1:

Students find and click on their school from the expanding grade headers.



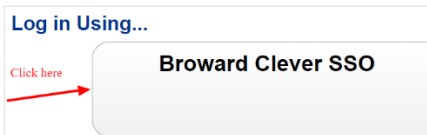
### Step 2:

Students click on the Log In button located in the upper right corner of the window.



### Step 3:

Students log into their Destiny account via Clever SSO.

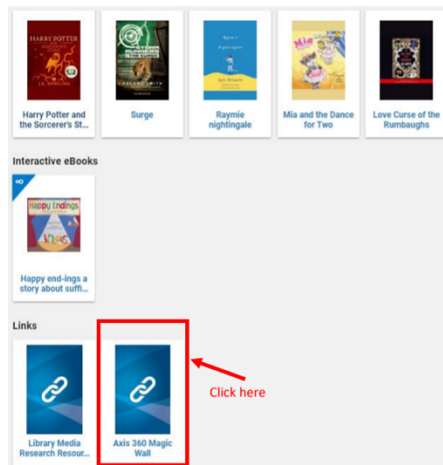
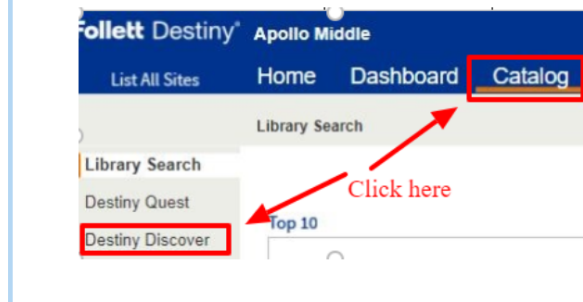


### Step 5:

Scroll to the bottom of the page to locate the link for Axis360 Magic Wall

### Step 4:

Select Catalog, then select Destiny Discover.



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## Family Newsletter

## Dear Parent:

Honesty is the character trait of the month of February. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of honesty. 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 you child.

- How can you tell if your teen is being dishonest with you? There are some key things to look for that are signs of being dishonest.
  - Defensiveness – Teens may become defensive when you ask them where they have been or where they are going. A teen with nothing to hide does not mind offering their parents a way to get in contact with them. Teens that get defensive when asked are most likely hiding something.
  - Eye Contact – If your teen makes constant eye contact without blinking this can be as alarming as the teen that won't make eye contact with you at all. Usually a teen will not look at you if they are lying to you unless they realize this. Then they over compensate by starting you in the eye and they end up not blinking. (Understand that come cultures however do not promote eye contact with adults.)
  - When people are making stories up they often look down. When someone is telling a story that is honest and true they look up like they are remembering it just as it happened.
  - The long pause – this is especially useful when you are having a phone conversation and you ask where your teen is or what is going on. There will often be a pause as they come up with a story to tell you.
  - Body Language – when someone is being dishonest, they are often nervous and have physical twitches or they will touch their face.



Character Education: Elementary

February



Diversity, Prevention & Intervention  
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Character Check

Make sure your child is reflecting on these questions in order to keep itself in check.

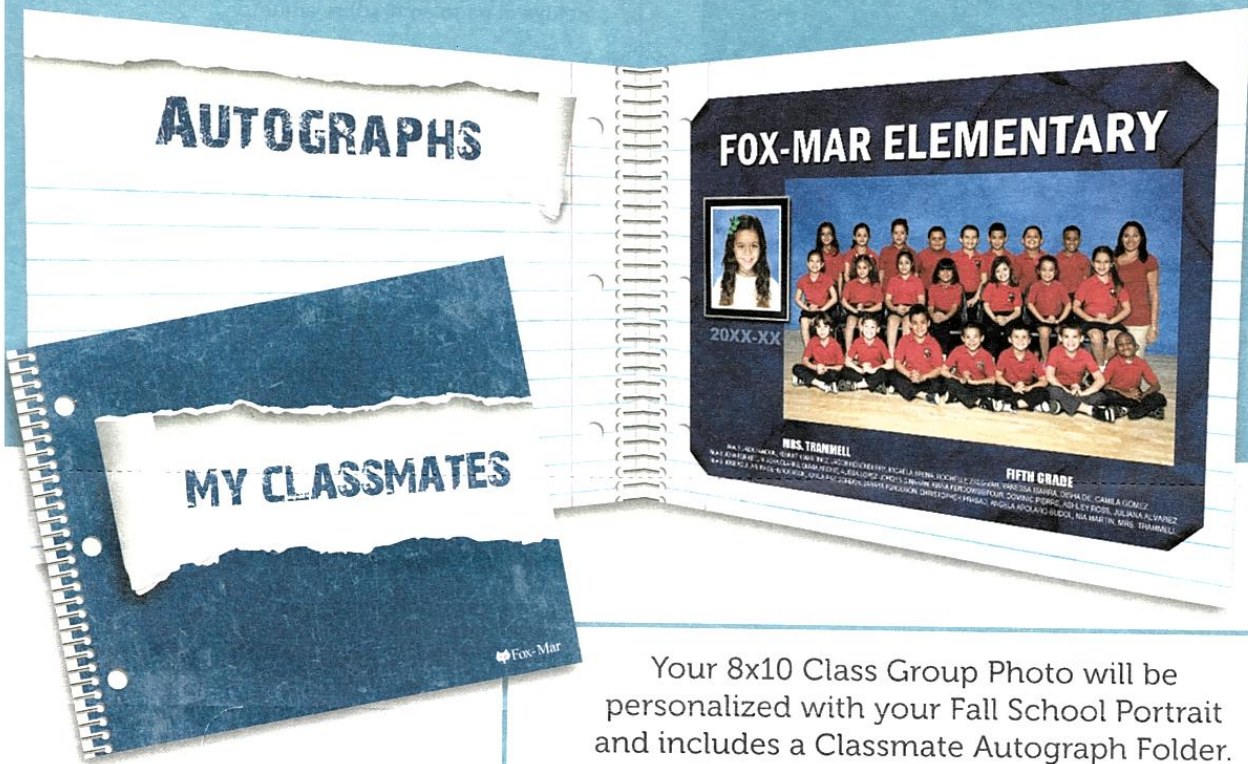
- If I want to borrow something, do I ask the person who owns the property?
- Do I always do my own work and not cheat myself out of learning?
- Am I striving to earn my parent's and friend's trust?
- Is lying comfortable for me?
- Does my current social circle consist of people that I can be honest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

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# CLASS GROUP PHOTOS

## Wednesday, February 20, 2019

### Personalized with your School Portrait!



Your 8x10 Class Group Photo will be personalized with your Fall School Portrait and includes a Classmate Autograph Folder.

EASY AND CONVENIENT!

Pre-Order Online!  
[WWW.FOXMAR.COM/PREPAY](http://WWW.FOXMAR.COM/PREPAY)  
 Place your order online before picture day!



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## HAPPY BIRTHDAY



The week of February 25<sup>th</sup> we will be having a Suess-tastic week! Each day we will be focusing on a different Dr. Seuss book.

- **Monday, February 25<sup>th</sup>- If I Ran The Zoo –**  
Wear your favorite animal print today.
- **Tuesday, February 26<sup>th</sup>- Cat In The Hat-** Wear your favorite hat to school!
- **Wednesday, February 27<sup>th</sup>- Wacky Wednesday-**  
Wear your wackiest outfit and craziest hair style (silly hair, mix matched socks, backwards clothes, you name it!)
- **Thursday, February 28<sup>th</sup> - Green Eggs and Ham**  
Wear as much green as possible.
- **Friday, March 1<sup>st</sup> - Happy Birthday to You-** Dr. Seuss is having a Dress to Impress Birthday Celebration so wear your best!

