

# PROWLS N' GROWLS

February 2022



## Stay Connected - Parent Link

These are informative calls from Country Hills and Broward Schools. If you are NOT receiving them, please contact Ms. Karen Hart @ 754-322-5954 to update your contact information.

## DRESS CODE



For student safety, shoes must be safe and appropriate.

Students must wear shoes that are closed toed and closed-heel and/or athletic shoes.

Socks do not qualify as a "closed -heel"

Students may not wear cros. sandals, flip flops, or jellies

## OFFICE INFO

OFFICE HOURS: 7:40 AM - 3:10 PM

ATTENDANCE LINE: 754-322-5952

REPORT AN ABSENCE ONLINE: [HTTPS://WWW.BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM/DOMAIN/16296](https://www.browardschools.com/domain/16296)

# February

- February 1 - Debate Field Trip grades 4/5 - 12:30-6pm
- February 3 - Report Cards available on Virtual Counselor
- February 3 - Kindergarten 100 day parade
- February 4 - Jazzslam 4th grade
- February 7 & 8 - BSA Science Assessment Grade 5
- February 7 & 8 - Primary Reading Test Grades 1 & 2
- February 8 - Student Council Meeting @ 7:40am
- February 11 - Interim Reports Go Home
- February 11 - Museum of Discovery & Science - Grade 2
- February 14 - Day of Service and Love
- February 14 - Early Release @ 12:10
- February 21 - No School - President's Day
- February 25 - 5th Grade visit to Coral Springs Middle
- February 28 - SAC/SAF Meeting @ 6:15 pm



## CHE REMEMBERS

CHE WILL CELEBRATE A DAY OF SERVICE & LOVE BY LINKING TOGETHER WITH KINDNESS AND LOVE.

STUDENTS AND STAFF WILL COMPOSE A POSITIVE MESSAGE OR IMAGE.

EACH MESSAGE WILL BE LINKED TOGETHER TO CREATE A CHAIN OF POSITIVITY.

OUR CHAINS WILL BE DISPLAYED THROUGHTOUT THE SCHOOL FOR EVEYONE TO ENJOY!



Anonymous tip line for reporting potential school threats or other school-related safety and security concerns. Parents and students can report tips via:

- Call [754-321-0911](tel:754-321-0911)
- Text SBBC with a tip to 274637 (CRIMES)
- Email a concern to [schools911@browardschools.com](mailto:schools911@browardschools.com)
- Submit an electronic tip at <https://www.browardschools.com/anonymous-tips>



Allows individuals to instantly report suspicious activity to the appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials. The app is free and available for download on Apple and Android mobile devices. The Florida Legislature directed the development of this tool through the Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School Public Safety Act.



Supported by Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) - allows individuals in Broward County the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity. The app is free and available for download on Apple and Android mobile devices.

# WHAT'S HAPPENING AT CHE



## GRANT APPROVAL

A special thank you to our wonderful third grade teacher Ms. Lisa Head. Ms. Head applied for and was awarded a \$3000 Teacher Directed Improvement Fund Grant (TDIF)!

This grant will allow our teachers and students 1-year of full access to Reflex Math!

Reflex Math is an adaptive and individualized program that helps student in grades 2+ to master basic facts in addition, subtraction, multiplication and division.

The program is full of games that students love. Reflex takes students at every level and helps them quickly gain math fact fluency and confidence.



## K/1 Multiage

In February, you'll see K/1 Multiage students have aged!

On Feb. 3rd they will be  
**100 YEARS OLD!**

Kids will be dressed in glasses, canes, pearls, gray hair, button up sweaters, and loafers! We cannot think of a more fun way to celebrate 100 Days than to dress up in grandparent attire!

These 100 year old students will be building many math concepts and standards too!

## 3rd Grade

The third graders have been working on a PEACE Flipbook.

They are researching Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Mother Teresa, Eleanor Roosevelt, Mahatma Gandhi and other peacemakers to discover how they impacted the world in a positive way.

On Monday, February 14, 2022, Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) and communities across Broward County will host A Day of Service and Love in commemoration

of the 17 lives lost and those injured as a result of the tragedy at Marjory Stoneman Douglas High School on February 14, 2018.

A Day of Service and Love is an early release day that has been designated as a 'service-learning' day, for students, staff, and volunteers to come together to support each other through a variety of community service activities at schools across the county.

Student service-learning projects will focus on the goal of reconnecting with peers, community, nature, and self, to emphasize positive and rewarding relationships, while raising awareness about important and meaningful causes.

In addition, on February 14 at 10:17 a.m., BCPS will observe a moment of reflection in honor of the 17 lives lost.

A Day of Service and Love is a collaboration with BCPS community partners, including HandsOn Broward, the City of Parkland, the City of Coral Springs, the Children's Services Council, the United Way of Broward County and the Interfaith Council.



**#NEVERFORGET**

 Carmen Schentrup	 Scott Beigel						
 Gina Montalto	 Alaina Petty					 Alex Schachter	
 Chris Hixon						 Jaime Guttenberg	
 Meadow Pollack						 Luke Hoyer	 Helena Ramsay
 Alyssa Alhadef	 Aaron Fels	 Joaquin Oliver	 Martin Duque Anguiano	 Cara Loughran	 Nicholas Dworet	 Peter Wang	

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# GRIEF ANNIVERSARIES

**A Conversation with the Children's Bereavement Center**  
**Thursday, February 10, 2022**  
**7:30pm**

Anniversaries can be hard for those grieving, and especially hard on a community that has been devastated by tragedy. Join CBC's Clinical Director, Dr. Daniel Sheridan and our partners in Parkland and Broward County to discuss:

- What is meant by a grief anniversary?
- Ways to remember your loved one
- How to support a grieving individual on a grief anniversary
- CBC as a community resource
- Q&A with the audience



**SUBMIT QUESTIONS PRIOR TO: [PROGRAM@CHILDBEREAVEMENT.ORG](mailto:PROGRAM@CHILDBEREAVEMENT.ORG)**

**FREE TO ATTEND (ON ZOOM)**

**[RSVP: GRIEFANNIVERSARIES-CONVO.EVENTBRITE.COM](https://www.eventbrite.com/e/grief-anniversaries-convo)**



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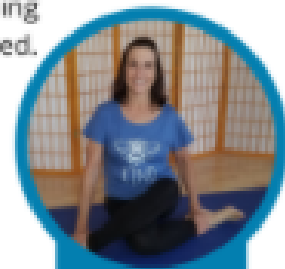
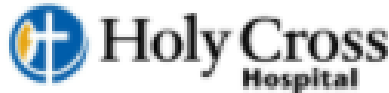
Distance Learning

# JUST ADDED!

## Yoga & Mindfulness

Participants will learn mindfulness, soft belly breathing and self-care. Yoga will strengthen the muscles, improve balance, flexibility and focus. By practicing mindfulness a few minutes per day, students and teachers will become proficient in concentration, creativity and self-awareness. Students should expect fun and challenging movements and stillness that requires focus and concentration.

Student will need room to move while standing and seated on the floor. Mats are not required.



**MONDAY  
FEBRUARY 14, 2022**

**Grades K-5**

8:30 am - 9:00 am

or

10:00 am - 10:30 am

**Grades 6-12**

9:15 am - 9:45 am

or

10:45 am - 11:15 am



**Click Here**  
to register

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**Innovative Learning Department**  
**Dr. Sherri N. Wilson, Director**  
*"sparking creative ideas one learner at a time"*

## Identification of Gifted Students and Current Research

Broward County Public Schools strives to equitably identify gifted students across the district. Students can be referred for a gifted screening/evaluation by parents, teachers, school staff or through the universal screening process.

There are two ways that students can meet eligibility for gifted in Broward.

**Plan A: Florida defines gifted students as students who have superior intellectual development and are capable of high performance. Florida Rule: 6A-6.03019**

To meet eligibility students must meet the following three criteria:

1. Superior intellectual development as measured by an intelligence quotient of two standard deviations or more above the mean on an individually administered standardized test of intelligence
2. Majority of characteristics on a gifted checklist
3. Need for program

**Plan B: The district has also created a plan that is approved by the state to increase the participation of under-represented groups in programs for gifted students.**

For the purpose of this rule, under-represented groups are defined as students who are limited English proficient or from a low socio-economic status family.

To meet eligibility students must be a member of one of the above groups as well as:

1. Superior intellectual development as measured by an intelligence quotient of one standard deviation or more above the mean on an individually administered standardized test of intelligence
2. Score a minimum of 10 points on the Gifted Eligibility Matrix which includes IQ, Achievement, Gifted Characteristics and Environmental Indicators

The district has made it a priority to invest in the universal screening of all students at the 2<sup>nd</sup> grade level so that every student has the opportunity to be looked at for eligibility in the program.

Second graders are assessed using the Cognitive Abilities Test (CogAT) in the spring. The CogAT scores are used to provide data to teachers to assist in differentiating in the classroom based on student strengths. The scores are also looked at to refer students who score high enough on the assessment for further evaluation to see if they meet criteria for our gifted program.

To learn more about the CogAT go to: [https://riversideinsights.com/cognitive\\_abilities\\_test](https://riversideinsights.com/cognitive_abilities_test)

The National Association for Gifted Children (NAGC) and districts across the nation, along with Broward County Public Schools has looked at ways to ensure that we are equitably identifying and placing students in gifted and talented programs. To read some current articles and research on the subject you can go to: <https://www.nagc.org/resources-publications/resources/timely-topics/including-diverse-learners-gifted-education-programs>