

# PROWLS & GROWLS

*The monthly newsletter for Country Hills Elementary*



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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.

## UPCOMING PARENT WORKSHOP

Internet Safety  
January 30th @ 6pm

Happy New Year Country Hills Elementary!

We hope you all enjoyed a restful and fun-filled Winter Break with your families and friends.

As we begin the new year with Quarter 3, we will soon begin diving into the Broward Standards Assessments (BSA) for students in grades 3-5. This mid-year assessment, beginning January 14th, helps us to monitor student learning and plan instruction based on student strengths and deficits. Please be sure to schedule a conference after the BSA with your child's teacher to review the results.

December was a truly memorable month filled with amazing shows and performances. Thank you to all our families who showed up to volunteer and support our efforts in keeping the fun in learning!

The Coral Springs Band performance really inspired some of our future 4/5 grade musicians, as well as, the choral performance led by Ms. Zinkin and Mrs. Fleischman. Thank you ladies for your hard work and dedication! We can't wait to see what Spring brings!

As always, we would love to see you at our PTA meeting (1/14 at 9:15 AM) and SAC/SAF meetings (1/27 at 6:15PM).

Remember, our doors are open, and we welcome your feedback. Thank you for your continued support!

**Here's to a star studded 2020!**

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We're joining hundreds of libraries and schools across the country in Beanstack's Third Annual Winter Reading Challenge...and we need your help to win!

So make sure you're logging!

Top performing schools will earn the Golden Penguin and Random House awards. \$50,000 in prizes has been pledged (including author visits and new books) to be shared among the winners!

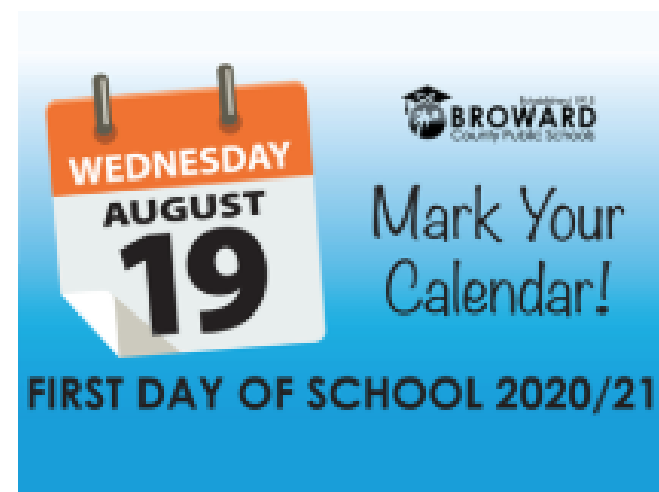
Happy Reading Country Hills!  
Mrs. Cuadra



# JANUARY

Calendar of Events

- January 14 - Student Council Meeting @ 7:40 am
- January 14 - PTA Meeting @ 9:15 am
- January 17 - K, K/1, 1 - Jack Hartman
- January 14 - Kinder/Special Programs - Coral Springs Theater
- January 14 & 15 - Broward Standards Assessment - ELA - Gr 3-5
- January 15 - Anne Maries Pizza & Sub Fundraiser
- January 20 - Schools Closed - Martin Luther King Day
- January 21 & 22 - K/1 Field Trip to Safety Town
- January 21 & 22 - Broward Standards Assessment - Math - Gr 3-5
- January 23 - 3rd and 2/3 - Theater Field Trip
- January 23 - Family Literacy Night w/Author John Becker @ 6pm
- January 23 & 24 - Author Visit - John Becker
- January 27 - 31 - Literacy Week
- January 27 - SAC/SAF Meeting @ 6:15 pm
- January 28 & 29 - Broward Standards Assessment - Science- Gr 5
- January 29 - Reports Cards Go Home
- January 30 - Parent Workshop on Internet Safety @ 6pm
- January 31 - Rising Stars @ 9 am



The School Board voted to approve the 2020/21 School Year Calendar. The first day of school is Wednesday, August 19.



**To Ms. Franco's 4th grade class for achieving 1st place in the Literacy Group of the Coral Springs 2020 MLK Art & Literary Exhibit!**

**Great Job!**



# Character Trait for January



**Showing consideration, understanding, and regard for people, places, and things.**

- Open doors for senior citizens.
- Put your toys and clothes away properly.
- Speak politely to everyone; only say positive things.
- Congratulate yourself when you do something well.
- Write "nice" notes to your family and friends.

**Check out these books on  
RESPECT:**

**I'm Sorry, Sam McBratney**

**The Butter Battle Book, Dr. Seuss**



## GOVERNOR RON DESANTIS' AND FIRST LADY CASEY DESANTIS' BLACK HISTORY MONTH ART AND ESSAY CONTESTS

### Art Contest K-3

**(Grades K-3)**

Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Black History Month Art Contest is open to all K-3 students in the state of Florida.

**Entry Dates:** Entries must be mailed to Volunteer Florida: Black History Month Committee, 1545 Raymond Diehl Road, Suite 250, Tallahassee, Florida 32308. **All entries must be received no later than 5:00 p.m. Eastern Time on Tuesday, January 21, 2020. Emailed, scanned or faxed entries will not be accepted.** Contestants are responsible for all shipping costs.

**Awards:** Winners will receive a prize at the Governor's Black History Month celebration to be held in Tallahassee. Reasonable travel and lodging expenses will be paid for the winners and one immediate family member.

***Visit [floridablackhistory.com](http://floridablackhistory.com) for more details and to enter***

### Essay Contest

**(Grades 4-5, 6-8, 9-12)**

Governor Ron DeSantis' and First Lady Casey DeSantis' Black History Month Essay Contest is open to all students attending any Florida school in grades 4-12. Three winners will be selected: one elementary school student (grades 4-5), one middle school student (grades 6-8), and one high school student (grades 9-12).

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**Awards:** Winners will receive a 4-Year Florida College Plan scholarship provided by Florida Prepaid College Foundation. Winners will receive awards at the Governor's Black History Month celebration to be held in Tallahassee. Reasonable travel and lodging expenses will be paid for the winners and one immediate family member.

## *We are Wild About Reading at CHE!*

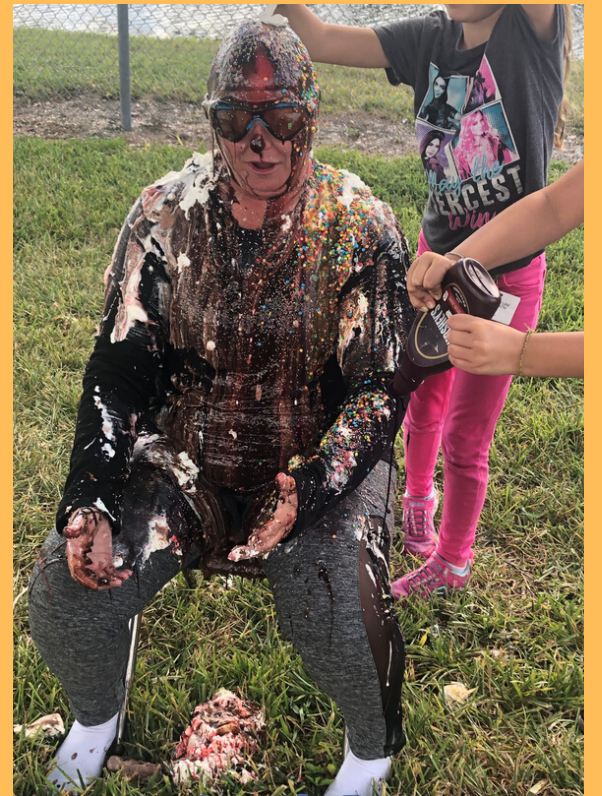
Dr. John Becker, author of twenty-seven books for children, will visit CHE on **January 23rd and 24th** to kick off Literacy Week (*January 27th-31st*)!

Dr Becker will also be hosting an evening Family Night on the 23rd from 6:00pm-7:00pm to share his wildlife adventure stories, show video from his field research and even read from his books!

Visit Dr. Becker's site (*links can be found on our school website*), preview any books and complete a pre-order before his visit.



# A December to Remember



**Coach Ransom  
The Human Sundae!**



**Chorus Concert**



**Gingerbread Hunt**



**Jazz Band Visit**







**Admin Elves**

