



# PROWLS & GROWLS

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# 2021

## A Happy New Year to All!

On behalf of the entire Country Hills staff, we want to welcome everyone back from the holiday break and extend a warm HAPPY NEW YEAR! January provides each of us the opportunity to take some time to reflect on our lives and recommit to making changes, and being better versions of ourselves.

We want to invite and encourage everyone to join us for one week (*but hopefully every day*), in the **Great Kindness Challenge**. From **January 25th to the 29th**, CHE students will be joining thousands of students across the country and working out our kindness muscles by performing kind acts to others. Maybe it will be extending a compliment to another student, letting a staff member know how much they appreciate them, or a simple act like opening the door for someone else.

Whatever the act is, we are confident that our students will learn that there is a power in kindness.

We are hopeful that our students will learn that small acts of kindness matter, and they have an amazing power to change lives, schools, and even the world. We invite you to support us in your homes and with your families. So mark your calendars for January 25th – 29th and **“Choose Kind”**. Let’s rise to the occasion like the stars we are and expect the best from each other in 2021!

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

Nicole Ortega, Principal

April Wyche, Assistant Principal



# JANUARY

## Calendar of Events

## 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**

January 1-31 - Winter Reading Challenge  
January 7 - Anthony's Coal Fire Pizza PTA Fundraiser  
January 5 - Curbside Meal Pickup ends @ CHE  
January 12 - Early Release 12:10 pm  
January 18 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day  
January 25 - SAC/SAF Meeting 3pm  
January 25-29 - Literacy Week  
January 25-29 - Great Kindness Challenge  
January 27 - Report Cards

Broward County School Board Approves 2021/22 School Calendar  
The First Day of School is Wednesday, August 18, 2021



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browardschools.com/mobileapp.

**Change**

Due to low distribution numbers, curbside meal distribution will no longer be offered at CHE, effective January 5, 2021.

Free curbside grab-and-go meals will continue to be available at other school locations, including Eagle Ridge Elementary, every Tuesday and Thursday to all children 18 years and younger.

Please visit [Browardschools.com/foodservice](http://Browardschools.com/foodservice) or call 211 for available sites and times.

Children or their parents can drive or walk up to receive meal bundles containing multiple days-worth of meals. Parents must bring ID for their child (i.e., student ID, birth certificate, or report card) if the child is not present.

We encourage our families to take advantage of free nutritious meals so all children can power up!



**THANK YOU!**

Our school's Kids Heart Challenge event was a HUGE success!



## OUR TOP FUNDRAISERS

Mason McElhinney- \$1,692.43

Sophia Fox - \$361.82

Addison Cuccia- \$343.06

Anabelle Fox - \$293.12

Lilyana Valest- \$293.08

**A BIG CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to all our students and families who participated in our Kids Heart Challenge program this year!**

**Country Hills was the first Broward County Public School to hold an event this year (in this hybrid world!) Not only was our event fun and successful, but we had MORE participation and more donations raised than last year!!**

**This was a true example of TEAM WORK making the DREAM WORK!**

**We are so grateful for your dedication to our mission (that helps those like Luca Mertz - CHE's own heart hero!) and for leading by example.**

### **CHECK OUT COUNTRY HILL'S IMPACT THIS YEAR:**

**271 Students registered who took a Healthy Challenge  
\$12,117.40 in Donations Raised  
(\$2,000+ MORE than last year!)**

### **TOP OF THE CLASS**

Teacher:	Grade:	Students Registered:
Scalici-Young	4th	21
Ward	4th	20
Franco	5th	18
Read	Kindergarten	18
Maniscalco	3rd	12
Edelman	2nd	11

The 2021/22 application window is open through February 8, 2021. Explore Your Options and apply during the open window to be considered.

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/>.

The first day of the third quarter is Wednesday, January 13th. This is the first day students are expected to attend either face-to-face learning in the school classroom, or continue learning virtually at-home, based on the choice you indicated on the recent questionnaire. If you did not complete the questionnaire or wish to change your selection, please contact your child's school as soon as possible to confirm where your child will be attending class.



Announcing the 2021 Annual Beanstack Winter Reading Challenge

### START LOGGING!

Between January 1st-31st, top performing schools will earn the Golden Penguin and Random House awards. \$50,000 in prizes have been pledged (including author visits and new books) to be shared among the winners!

Let's show our commitment and help win new books for the CHE library!

Happy Reading Country Hills!  
Mrs. Cuadra



January 25 - January 29, 2021

**EAT TO SUPPORT**



**COUNTRY HILLS  
ELEMENTARY PTA**

**at**



**ANTHONY'S**  
**COAL FIRED PIZZA**

**Dine-in . Take-out . Delivery**

**THURSDAY**

**JANUARY 7, 2021**

**11 AM - 9 PM**

**954-340-2625**

**9521 WESTVIEW DRIVE  
CORAL SPRINGS, FL**



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# CHE 1st annual Holiday Car Parade

