

H A P P Y

2022  
new year

Rising Stars

Now is the perfect time to reflect on the year that's been and to think about what we want to achieve in the New Year ahead. We can't wait!

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On behalf of the entire CHE staff, we want to welcome everyone back and extend a warm HAPPY NEW YEAR!

As we move through this second half of the school year, we will continue to focus on our school goals and on continual improvement. We believe this happens through collaboration, data collection and analysis, and changes of instructional practice based on student results.

As such, the month of January will be focused on checking in with our students to ensure they are on-track, prepared and ready to learn.

Part of that preparation will begin with the Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) for students in grades 3-5. *(see calendar on page 2 for specific dates)*

*The BSA will assess students on grade level standards and provide logistical practice for the state assessments.*

The items on the BSA are written in the same format as the FSA and aligned to the standards assessed on the FSA. The standards-based data enables teachers to quickly identify the areas in which their students require additional instruction.

Students will continue to work towards completion of their mid-year i-Ready Reading and Math Diagnostics through January 14.

As always, thank you for your continued partnership in the education of your child.

Once again, we wish you and your families a healthy and prosperous New Year!

Nicole Ortega, Principal

April Wyche, Assistant Principal



# JANUARY

January 1-31 - Winter Reading Challenge  
January 10 - Early Release 12:10 pm  
January 11 - Employee planning NO SCHOOL  
January 14 - Flamingo Gardens 1st grade  
January 14 & 15 - BSA ELA grades 3-5  
January 17- NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King Day  
January 19 - Vaccines (Still awaiting confirmation)  
January 21 & 22 - BSA Math grades 3-5  
January 23 - Fun Run Fundraiser Begins  
January 24-28 - Great Kindness Challenge  
January 28 & 29 - BSA Science grade 5 ONLY  
January 31 - SAC/SAF Meeting 6:15 pm



## First Day of School 2022/23

Tuesday,  
August 16



Mark your calendar! The School Board approved the 2022/23 school calendar at its Tuesday, December 14, School Board meeting.

### Meet and Chat with Interim Superintendent

Dr. Cartwright

Hosted by Broward County SB Members

Jan. 6, 2022

5:30 PM - 7:30 PM

Parents, students, teachers, administrators, staff and community members are invited to Meet and Chat with Broward County Public Schools (BCPS) Interim Superintendent Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright.

Lori Alhadeff, School Board Member, District 4

J.P. Taravella High School Auditorium  
10600 Riverside Drive, Coral Springs, FL 33071

Speaker registration starts at 5:30 p.m. and the events take place from 6 - 7:30 p.m.

Spanish, Portuguese, Haitian Creole and ASL interpreters will be available at each event.

#### Contact

BCPS Legislative Affairs Department  
Phone: 754-321-2608

We want to invite and encourage everyone to join us for one week (*but hopefully every day*), in the **Great Kindness Challenge**. From **January 24th to the 28th**, 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 24th – 28th and **“Choose Kind”**. Let’s rise to the occasion like the stars we are and expect the best from each other in 2022!

# District News



## ASK BRIA! Homework help when you need it



ASK BRIA is a free homework and tutoring service exclusively for BCPS K-12 students and available after school, four days a week. [Click here to view the ASK BRIA flyer](#).

Offered Mondays through Thursdays to K-5 students from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m., and for students in grades 6-12 from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m.

Quarantined students can also benefit from quick academic support on school days between 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mondays through Fridays) and also use the homework help service after-school (Mondays through Thursdays.)

Find your ASK BRIA link in [Canvas](#) and have Microsoft TEAMS open to get matched with a subject expert.

- 1-on-1 tutoring when needed
- FREE
- EXCLUSIVE to BCPS students
- FOUR days a week
- Homework help for elementary (K-5) students from 3:30 to 7:30 p.m. (Mondays through Thursdays)
- ASK BRIA for middle and high school students from 3:30 to 8:30 p.m. (Mondays through Thursdays)

- Quarantined students learning at home qualify for quick check-ins during school hours, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. (Mondays through Fridays)

## Congrats!

### BCPS AWARDED DISTRICTWIDE ACCREDITATION FOR FIVE MORE YEARS!

#### COGNIA

BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS (BCPS) IS PROUD TO EARN DISTRICTWIDE ACCREDITATION FOR FIVE MORE YEARS FROM COGNIA, A GLOBAL NETWORK OF EDUCATORS. BCPS IS FLORIDA'S FIRST FULLY ACCREDITED SCHOOL SYSTEM SINCE 1962. THE LAST RE-ACCREDITATION PROCESS TOOK PLACE IN THE 2016/17 SCHOOL YEAR.

THE ANNOUNCEMENT BY COGNIA ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 3, REGARDING THE DISTRICTWIDE ACCREDITATION FOLLOWED A WEEKLONG VIRTUAL VISIT BY 16 EDUCATION EXPERTS FROM ACROSS THE COUNTRY. THE COMPREHENSIVE REVIEW EVALUATED THE DISTRICT'S ADHERENCE TO RIGOROUS PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR PROVIDING STUDENTS WITH A HIGH-QUALITY EDUCATION AND ENSURED MECHANISMS REMAIN IN PLACE TO MAINTAIN CONTINUOUS IMPROVEMENT.

FOR THE ACCREDITATION ENGAGEMENT REVIEW, THE COGNIA TEAM CONDUCTED MORE THAN 230 INTERVIEW SESSIONS WITH SCHOOL BOARD MEMBERS, INTERIM SUPERINTENDENT, DISTRICT ADMINISTRATORS, TEACHERS, STAFF, LABOR REPRESENTATIVES, PARENTS, STUDENTS AND COMMUNITY STAKEHOLDERS. THE TEAM ALSO VIRTUALLY VISITED 48 SCHOOLS TO OBSERVE DISTRICT AND SCHOOL PRACTICES AND ANALYZED COMPREHENSIVE PERFORMANCE DATA AND SUPPORTING DOCUMENTATION.

## ASK BRIA! School Schedules

### Elementary Schools



Mondays thru Thursdays  
3:30 to 7:30 p.m.

### Students in Quarantine



Mondays thru Fridays  
9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

## School Board Amends Face Covering Policy to Require Masks be Worn by Vendors and Visitors in All BCPS Schools, Facilities and Vehicles

**The School Board of Broward County, Florida voted December 31st to amend School Board Policy 2170 to require vendors and visitors to wear face coverings while indoors in any District school, facility or vehicle beginning Monday, January 3, 2022.**

**Students, although not required to wear face coverings due to a recent state law, and employees are strongly encouraged to do so.**

**The new state law that went into effect on November 18, 2021, does not allow school districts to require face coverings for students or for school districts to use an 'opt-out' provision. Additionally, students may not be separated based on use of face coverings. School districts cannot provide intermittent virtual school options to students due to the Florida Department of Education's emergency orders expiring this past summer.**

**"We are grateful to our parents, guardians and caregivers for their strong consideration and support in sending their children to school next week with face coverings. We are also thankful to our employees for wearing face coverings while at work," said Broward County Public Schools Interim Superintendent Dr. Vickie L. Cartwright.**

**"BCPS will continue to work with our partners to assist our students, with parent permission, and employees to have access to vaccines and tests."**

**The District will continue to take the advice of local health officials and follow guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention (CDC) as it evaluates and adjusts COVID-19 health and safety protocols.**

**Country Hills Elementary brought in a total of \$ 17,816.42 lifesaving donations!**

**WOW!**

A BIG CONGRATULATIONS and THANK YOU to all our students and families who participated in our Kids Heart Challenge program in 2021!

CHECK OUT COUNTRY HILL'S IMPACT THIS YEAR:

252 Students Raised Donations

168 Students Chose the "Be Kind" Challenge and 83 Students Chose the "Be Active" Challenge

Total Raised: \$ 17,816.42 - \$ 5,648.60 OVER the Amount Raised Last Year

## OUR TOP FUNDRAISERS

Mason McElhinney - \$1,603.02

Gabriel Carter - \$716.34

Nicoli Beltran - \$616.76

Layla DeSimone - \$562.93

Nico Ricciardi - \$516.37

## CLASSROOM CHALLENGE WINNERS!

Name	Grade	Students
Caldwell Dent	2nd	18
Shapiro	Kindergarten	14
Taylor	Kindergarten	14
Watkins	1st	14
Franco	5th	13
Fleischman	4th	12

BECAUSE OF VOLUNTEERS LIKE YOU AND CHE FAMILIES, THE AMERICAN HEART ASSOCIATION CAN CONTINUE ITS MISSION OF BEING A RELENTLESS FORCE FOR A WORLD OF LONGER, HEALTHIER LIVES.



#WinterRead2022 #ReadforaBetterWorld

From January 1 to January 31, Country Hills will participate in Beanstack’s Fifth Annual Winter Reading Challenge, “Read for a Better World,” sponsored by Lerner Publishing Group. We challenge our students to read at least 700 minutes during the month and keep track of their reading on our Beanstack site. Students can access Beanstack through Clever or by downloading the app. Thousands of other libraries and schools across the nation are joining in too, for a chance at winning prizes including book collections, signed books, and virtual author visits. Happy reading, Country Hills!



## Books

Lerner and Beanstack are teaming up to provide ebooks to all schools and communities that join #WinterRead2022. That means everyone in your school or community will have access to age-appropriate reading material in the Beanstack web and mobile apps. With no holds, borrowing limits, or restrictions, your community can truly read together for a better world.

Check out just a few of the featured titles!



Ages 0-5 / PreK



Ages 5-10 / Grades K-5



# Celebrate Literacy Week, Florida

January 24<sup>th</sup>-28<sup>th</sup>, 2022



The BCPS Literacy Department invites all staff and students to celebrate literacy by participating in these fun daily activities! **Be sure to post your pictures on social media using #CLW2022 #Browardreads and tag @BrowardLiteracy**

**Monday, January 24<sup>th</sup> "We Are Wild About Reading!"** Wear **MISMATCHED** attire.



**Tuesday, January 25<sup>th</sup> "Reading Our Way Into College!"** Wear a **COLLEGE SHIRT**.

**Wednesday, January 26<sup>th</sup> "Guess the Book!"** Dress like a **CHARACTER** from a book.



**Thursday, January 27<sup>th</sup> "Reading Sends a Positive Message!"** Wear a shirt with a **POSITIVE** word or phrase.

**Friday, January 28<sup>th</sup> "Reading Adds Color to Our Lives!"** Wear **MONOCHROME** (one color) attire.



*Note: Students must adhere to the BCPS dress code.*



# See Something, Say Something

## Be a Broward Buddy, Report a Tip!

In an emergency, call 911 immediately. To submit a safety or security concern that is not an emergency, please use one of the tip reporting methods provided below. Please remember you can choose to remain anonymous.



### Anonymous Tip Submission Box

Submit a tip easily via our Anonymous Tip Submission Box (**no download required**). Provide as much detail as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.



[BrowardSchools.com/SecurityTips](https://www.browardschools.com/SecurityTips)



### Call Us Anytime (Even on Holidays)

Call our District Security Operations Center (DSOC) 24 hours a day, 7 days a week (including holidays). One of our friendly DSOC Specialists will take your tip over the phone and submit it immediately to our investigators. Please let the DSOC Specialist know if you wish to remain anonymous.

**754-321-3500**



### Send Us an Email

Submit a tip using the email address below. Although your email address is displayed using this tip reporting method, you can choose to remain anonymous by simply requesting it in your message.

[SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com](mailto:SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com)



### FortifyFL

Submit a tip via FortifyFL online (**no download required**) or download the app for easier use. Visit FortifyFL using the link below. Your tip will immediately reach law enforcement and Broward Schools investigators.



[GetFortifyFL.com](https://www.getfortifyfl.com)

