

# COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

“SAILING ON A VOYAGE OF LOVE AND LEARNING”

JANUARY 2019 EDITION

## PRINCIPALS' MESSAGE

Dear Families,

Happy New Year Country Hills Elementary and Welcome Back! We hope you have enjoyed your winter break and had time to relax, enjoy family and friends and reenergize for 2019! As we return from the break, we will review our safety expectations with students and practice our drills to make sure everyone is clear and aware of what to do if a situation would arise. We will also participate in the Broward Standards Assessment (BSA) in grades 3-5. This assessment will help us drive our instruction based on each child's performance. We will then be able to highlight strengths and deficits and work to remediate the deficits for each student. BSA will begin on January 15th. Please be sure to schedule a conference after the BSA with your child's teacher to review the results.

Our December chorus and band concerts were amazing. Thank you to all who attended and especially to our students who dedicated their time and talents to be part of it! We would also like to thank Ms. Zinkin and Mr. Pichinelli for their time, effort, and leadership in bringing out the gift of music in our children. We look forward to our spring performances!

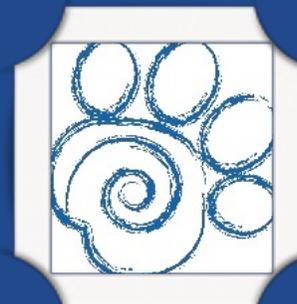
Our school Fundraiser, The Boosterthon Fun Run, is coming up at the end of the month. This event helps raise funds for our school but also teaches our students the benefit of character, and what it means to have good character. It is a WIN-WIN for all! We hope you will help us reach our goal of raising \$15K for our school! There is more information included in the Newsletter.

Please note we have a slight change if you are signing your child out early. 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.

We look forward to an amazing 2019 with all of you!

Cheers!

Nicole Ortega



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.

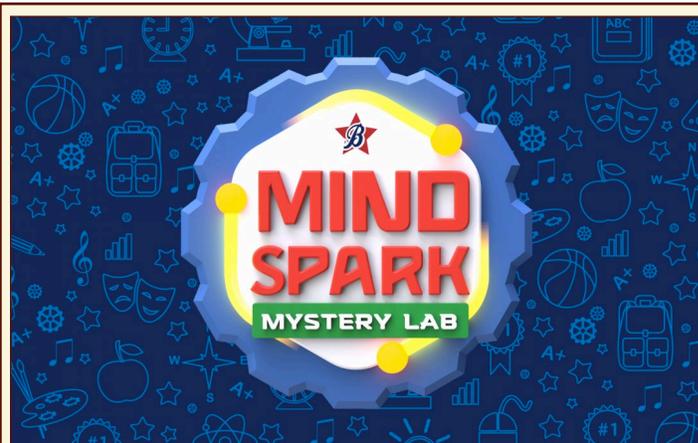
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## January Calendar of Events

1/7/19	Teacher Planning day
1/15-18	BSA Testing (gr. 3-5/ ELA & Math)
1/10	ELOP Session
1/15 a.m.	Student Council Meeting @ 7:40 a.m.
1/15	PTA Meeting @ 9:15 a.m.
1/17	ELOP Session
1/21	Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day/ No School
1/21-25	"No Name Calling Week"
1/24	Family Reading Night @ 6:30
1/25	Douglas I-Zone Meeting @ 8:30
1/28	SAC/SAF meeting @ 6:30 p.m.
1/30	Report Cards go home



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!



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# COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY



***Sharp Blades***

***Landscaping  
& Lawn Care***

***Pressure Cleaning  
& Painting***

**954-802-6886**

The Country Hills Family would like to send a huge thank you to Sharp Blades Landscaping & Lawn Care for making our school grounds beautiful! It was such a warm welcome for our students and staff to come back to a freshly manicured entrance. We appreciate your hard work! Thank you so much!

Sincerely,

CHE Students & Staff

# COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY

## 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!



# COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY

## Country Hills Annual Family Reading Night Thursday, January 24, 2019 6:30 – 7:30 pm



### OPTIONAL:

#### What to Wear:

- \*Pajamas (**must** follow school dress code)
- \*Slippers
- \*Robe

#### What to Bring:

- \*Blanket
- \*Pillow
- \*Stuffed Animal
- \*Flashlight



**Bring your reading logs to record your reading!**

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## SCHOOL SPIRIT TASTES GREAT



Make dinner a selfless act by joining us for a fundraiser to support Country Hills Elementary PTA. Come in to the Chipotle at **4600 University Drive** in Coral Springs on **Tuesday, January 15th** between **5:00pm** and **9:00pm**. Bring in this flyer, show it on your smartphone or tell the cashier you're supporting the cause to make sure that 33% of the proceeds will be donated to Country Hills Elementary PTA.



Online orders will not be included in the fundraiser total. To ensure your purchase is counted in the fundraiser, be sure to order and pay in-restaurant. Gift card purchases during fundraisers do not count towards total donated sales, but purchases made with an existing gift card will count.

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## Family Newsletter

### Dear Parent:

Respect is a critical element in all healthy relationships. When children respect others, they treat people with consideration and courtesy and do not violate them physically or verbally. Respect for others should be woven into the fabric of each student's life and characterize all of their relationships. It is a fundamental character quality that prepares children to live productive lives as they relate to and work with others.

Respect for others is based on self-respect and self-respect in children comes from being treated with respect by their parents and other adult role models. Teaching children self-respect does not mean complimenting everything they do. They also need honest criticism. When we do criticize, we should focus on things they have done, not on them personally.

### What You Can Do:

- Encourage your child to build a positive identity that focuses on his/her integrity and talents.
- Emphasize that character is built upon the decisions and actions a person takes.
- Help your child reach his/her full potential by encouraging him/her to develop their talents, set reachable goals and honor themselves as a unique person.
- Teach your child how to choose good values.



Character Education: Elementary

January



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### Six Ways to Teach Respect:

Do as I do - Children learn from the example show them.  
Do as I say - Do as I say will be better received after "do as I do" has been taken care of.  
Show them respect - Respect is not only about showing people who are older than you regard. It's about establishing in everyone's mind the dignity of the human person.  
Teach them at an early age - It's never too late to teach and model respectful behavior but always start as soon as possible.  
Negative and Positive Responses - Learn to show disapproval when they talk or act disrespectfully to others. When they act respectfully ALWAYS show your appreciation or approval of their actions.  
Monitor their environment - When people come to your house, let them know that bad manners are strongly discouraged. The goal of your home is to make everyone feel respected.

# COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY

## **LAST CHANCE TO PURCHASE CHE'S YEARBOOK FOR ONLY \$35**

**Price will increase to \$40 on January 20, 2019**

**Purchase Your Yearbook Today Online at  
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**Full Page Ad - \$150**

**Quarter Page Ad - \$40**

**Half Page Ad - \$75**

**Eighth Page Ad - \$25**

## **PHOTOS NEEDED!**

Please upload your pictures to [commpe.pictavo.com](http://commpe.pictavo.com) that you would like to submit for consideration by 3/1/18. The yearbook is looking for pictures from field trips and special class events.

**Any questions contact [cheptayearbook@gmail.com](mailto:cheptayearbook@gmail.com)**