

MARCH 2021

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The monthly newsletter of Country Hills Elementary

Customer Survey
March 1 - April 30, 2021

In an effort to improve System Practices, Broward County School District is conducting a Parent Survey. We value your opinion and ask that you please take time to complete this survey. In order to complete the survey, go to <https://eprovesurveys.advanced.org/surveys/#!/action/158337/p568> or use your smart phone to access the survey through the QR Code below. Please be assured that your responses to this survey will be anonymous. Your honest opinion is appreciated. Thank you for taking the time to complete the survey.



Thank you to all our rising stars for showing kindness during our Kindness Challenge in February. Please continue to shine your light today and beyond!

DIANA-KAY S. MCDONALD-BERRIEM
SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Start saving!
Coming Soon



May 3-28



- March 1-14 - Online Book Fair
- March 2-3 -Primary Reading Test (1st/2nd)
- March 9-11 - Cogat Test
- March 14 - Daylight Savings Time Begins
- March 16 - Picture Make Up Day
- March 18 - Early Release 12:10pm
- March 19 - No School
- March 21-26 - Spring Break
- March 29 - SAC/SAF @ 3pm

CHEESE!



Picture Make-Up Day March 16, 2021

Face to face learners will take photos during school hours.

Home learners must go online to schedule an appointment from 2:30 to 3:30 @ <https://bit.ly/3atyAOD>

ATTENTION ONLINE LEARNERS



WE NEED YOUR PORTRAITS FOR THE YEARBOOK*

If you were unable to come to school to have your school pictures taken by Fox-Mar please follow the steps below to submit a picture to be used in this years Country Hills Elementary Yearbook.

- 1 Take a photo of your child.
 - Make sure to use good lighting.
 - Take the picture from the chest up.
 - Have your child facing forward.
 - Make sure your background is not too busy (solid background is best).
- 2 Email your photo to the yearbook
 - Email cheptayearbook@gmail.com
 - Be sure to include your child's name and teacher's name.
 - **DEADLINE for submission: April 1, 2021**
- 3 The yearbook will email you back letting you know if your image was accepted for the yearbook or if you need to retake your photo and resubmit.

Email cheptayearbook@gmail.com with any questions

* If you took your pictures at school with Fox-Mar on February 10th you don't have to submit your picture.



March 14, 2021

March is National Women's History Month



Scholastic Book Fair



DEAR PARENTS AND FAMILIES:

WE ARE WORKING HARD TO KEEP KIDS READING AND RAISE CRITICAL FUNDS FOR OUR SCHOOL WITH OUR SCHOLASTIC VIRTUAL BOOK FAIR FROM:

MARCH 1-14TH

THE FAIR WILL CONNECT YOUR KIDS TO NOTABLE BOOKS AND INSPIRING CHARACTERS—HELPING THEM BECOME LIFELONG READERS. YOU'LL LOVE THE NEW OPTION TO EXPERIENCE THE MAGIC OF A BOOK FAIR THROUGH THIS VIRTUAL SHOPPING EXPERIENCE!

PLUS, ENJOY THESE SPECIAL VIRTUAL SHOPPING FEATURES:

- ACCESS TO OVER 6,000 PRODUCTS
- ALL ORDERS SHIP DIRECT TO HOME
- EWALLET SO FRIENDS AND FAMILY CAN CONTRIBUTE
- FREE SHIPPING ON BOOK-ONLY ORDERS OVER \$25*
- ALL PURCHASES SUPPORT OUR SCHOOL AND EARN 25% IN REWARDS

VISIT OUR BOOK FAIR HOMEPAGE TO LEARN MORE AND GET STARTED WITH VIRTUAL SHOPPING:

WWW.SCHOLASTIC.COM/BF/CHESCHOOL

HAPPY READING





Country Hills Cornerstore

Every
Wednesday
during lunch
in the
PTA room.

Cash only.

We will be selling school supplies and spirit items.



Important
Update



School
Policies

Student Placement/Teacher Request Policy

As we begin to plan for the 2021-2022 school year, we would like to make you aware of our student placement policy for forming classes.

Parents have this opportunity to provide information regarding their child and any special circumstance that might need to be considered. We ask that you carefully read this information and make a note of the deadline for submitting your letter, if you choose to do so. Only letters that have followed the guidelines below will be considered.

Country Hills Elementary School Student Placement Policy

Student placement letters are neither encouraged nor discouraged but provide parents a means of expressing special circumstances that might need to be considered. Student placement is taken seriously and is initiated according to a process involving time and careful thought concerning the best interest of every child in each classroom. In order to create balanced classes of students, the following factors are considered: gender, ethnicity, ability levels, student needs, behavior concerns, and special program needs. Please note that the final decision on all student placements rests with the administration. In order for letters to be considered, please submit to **Ms. Ortega by May 7, 2021**. Students will be notified prior to the start of school regarding class placement.

ACCEPTABLE LETTERS INCLUDE:

- Issues relating to learning disabilities will be considered (testing from a psychologist and/or doctor diagnosis required and test results on file in the student's permanent record).
- Issues relating to medical need or physical impairment will be considered. (Documentation required in health room records).
- Emotional issues which dramatically impact the learning environment will be considered.
- Requests for a particular teaching style that would best match your child's learning style.
- Parents of multiples (twins, triplets, etc.) may submit requests to have their children together in the same class.

LETTERS WHICH WILL NOT BE CONSIDERED:

(Letters will be discarded.)

- Requesting a teacher by name.
- Requesting that two students be placed in the same class unless there is a documented, valid need for special consideration.
- Requesting an "experienced" teacher or "specific teacher". We understand that student success depends heavily upon the classroom environment and the relationship between the teacher and student, along with the student responsibilities of being respectful, responsible, safe, and ready to learn. All of our teachers are dedicated, hard-working, and committed to growth.

**Although we will do our best to place students accordingly,
we cannot guarantee any class placement.**

CHE YEARBOOKS NOW ON SALE!!!

ORDER YOURS TODAY AND START UPLOADING YOUR PICTURES!

Use Google Chrome
for best results!



UPLOAD YOUR PHOTOS

Please help us create the best yearbook ever!
Upload your pictures that you take around
school and at school events.
It's easy! Just follow the steps below.

Go to Pictavo Community at
commpe.pictavo.com

Find your school

Enter information

Verify Email and Login

Click or tap 'Upload Photos'

Select the images to upload

Choose an album

Add date information (if you want)

Click or tap 'Upload Photos'



PURCHASE LOVE LINES

Short messages to your children printed
in the yearbook.

Up to 20 Words - \$5

21-30 Words - \$10 • 30 -50 Words - \$20

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK NOW ONLY \$30!

Price will increase to \$35 on March 12, 2021.

Online purchases only at
commpe.pictavo.com

Find your school

Click or tap 'Shop My School'

Find your product & 'Add to Cart'

Enter student information

'Add to Cart' & 'Check Out'
to complete your purchase!



PURCHASE & DESIGN YOUR YEARBOOK AD

Space is limited so make sure to reserve
your ad today!

FULL PAGE AD - \$150 QUARTER PAGE AD - \$45
HALF PAGE AD - \$75 EIGHTH PAGE AD - \$30

Find your school

Select 'Shop My School'

Find your product & 'Add to Cart'

'Create Account'

Verify Email

'Add to Cart' & 'Check Out'
to complete your purchase.

Head to 'My Stuff' to
design and submit your
masterpiece!



Any questions or if you need help email cheptayearbook@gmail.com

Commissioner Iris A. Siple and the Education Roundtable Forum together with the City of Pembroke Pines invite parents/guardians of school-aged children, educators and youth advocates to

RAISING POSITIVE CHILDREN

VIRTUAL PRESENTATION SERIES

Parenting in the COVID-19 Age:
The Importance of Self-care

Wednesday, March 10, 2021 • 6:30pm



Guest Speakers:

Dr. Scott Poland, a Professor at the College of Psychology and the Director of the Suicide and Violence Prevention Office at Nova Southeastern University in Fort Lauderdale, and **Dr. Elizabeth Hilsman**, a Licensed Psychologist (Psy.D.) in private practice and an Adjunct Faculty Clinical Supervisor in the School-Related Psychological Assessments and Clinical Interventions (SPACI) clinic at Nova Southeastern University.



Our speakers will help empower parents by directly addressing the many and new emotions arising from the pandemic, and will outline the importance of self-care for adults and how to model coping skills for their children. The importance of parental presence in their children's lives, in modeling optimism and hope for the future, and in recognizing the need for mental health treatment will also be discussed.



For more information, please call 954-450-1030
To view virtual live presentation go to
YouTube (Pembroke Pines Media)