

COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PROWLS N' GROWLS

“SAILING ON A VOYAGE OF LOVE AND LEARNING”

OCTOBER 2018 EDITION

Principals' Message

Dear Families,

Happy October CHE!

It is hard to believe that it is October already! I feel like we were just saying “Welcome back!”

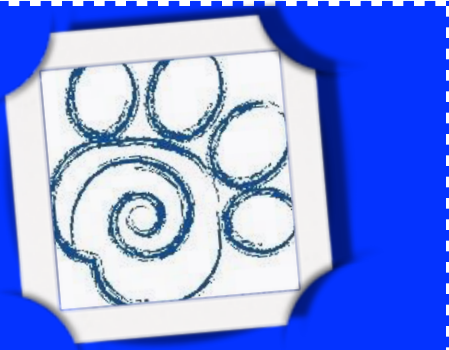
We have a busy month ahead of us with a read-a-thon, book fair, McDonald's Night, Walk to School Day, Unicef, and the Halloween Parade to look forward to on October 31st!

This year we will be asking each family to fill out a permission slip to participate in the parade. We will be following the same parade route as we have done in the past but need permission for each child to march. If you feel more comfortable having your child stay indoors behind a locked door we will have a fun activity for your child to participate in as well. We hope to see you all at the Parade and Halloween Bingo on October 26th in the cafeteria at 6:30pm.

We will also have our first early release day on October 18th and we will dismiss at 12:10pm. If there is any change in dismissal for that day, please send a letter in writing to the school. We thank everyone for their support and commitment to making Country Hills such an AMAZING place for our children each and every day!

It truly has been a wonderful two months getting to know your children and all of you! I look forward to our continued partnership!

Happy Fall,
Nicole Ortega
Principal



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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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School Website: <https://www.browardschools.com/countryhills>

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October Calendar of Events

Thursday, 10/4
5th grade D5 & Overnight mtg. @ 6:30 pm

Tuesday, 10/9
PTA Meeting 9:15 am

Monday, 10/8
Book Fair starts



Wednesday, 10/10
Walk to School Day

Thursday, 10/11
McDonald's Night



Tuesday, 10/16
Digital Citizenship Week

Thursday, 10/18
Early Release Day

Friday, 10/19
No School/Employee Planning

Monday, 10/22
2nd quarter begins

10/24
Individual picture retakes

10/26
Halloween Bingo @ 6:30 pm



10/29
SAC/SAF @ 6:30 pm

10/31
Halloween Parade

Read-a-thon has begun! Reading minutes and donations will be collected November 1st. The calendar for reading minutes was sent home. The class with the highest reading minutes (K-2 & 3-5) will earn an ice cream party!



Please support our PTA! Membership is \$10. You can join at any time during the year. Monthly meeting dates and times will be listed each month in the newsletter. We look forward to seeing you!

Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, October 9th at 9:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. We hope to see you there!



Broward County Public Schools Single Sign-On

The links below will allow students, parents, and staff to gain access to District's most commonly used applications. All data and application settings for the programs below will be the same as when you logged in with the previous launchpad.

Student Login Format
 [Student Number]@my.browardschools.com
Staff Login Format
 [personnel number]@browardschools.com
Your login password has not changed.



Here are two ways to stay up to date with PTA happenings at the school. You can join our FB Page or sign up for Remind messages.

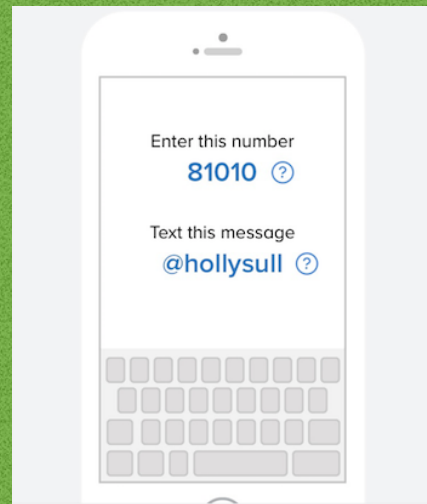
CHE PTA

Our Facebook page is more of an informational tool of activities that we can post instantly but you do not have to be a member of PTA to join it. If you want to know what's happening at CHE, here's one form of communication available to you!

LIKE US!

<https://m.facebook.com/groups/131179600228583>

Download the REMIND app!



Help CHE earn money! Shop www.smile.amazon.com. Select Country Hills PTA as the charity to sponsor.



AN EASY WAY TO EARN CASH FOR YOUR SCHOOL!

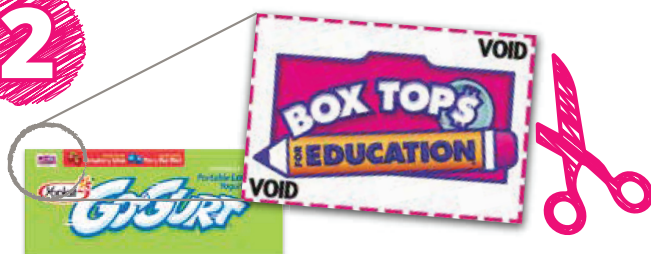
Look for the pink Box Top on hundreds of participating products. Each is worth 10¢ for your school!

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BUY your favorite Box Tops products.

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CUT out the Box Top from each package.

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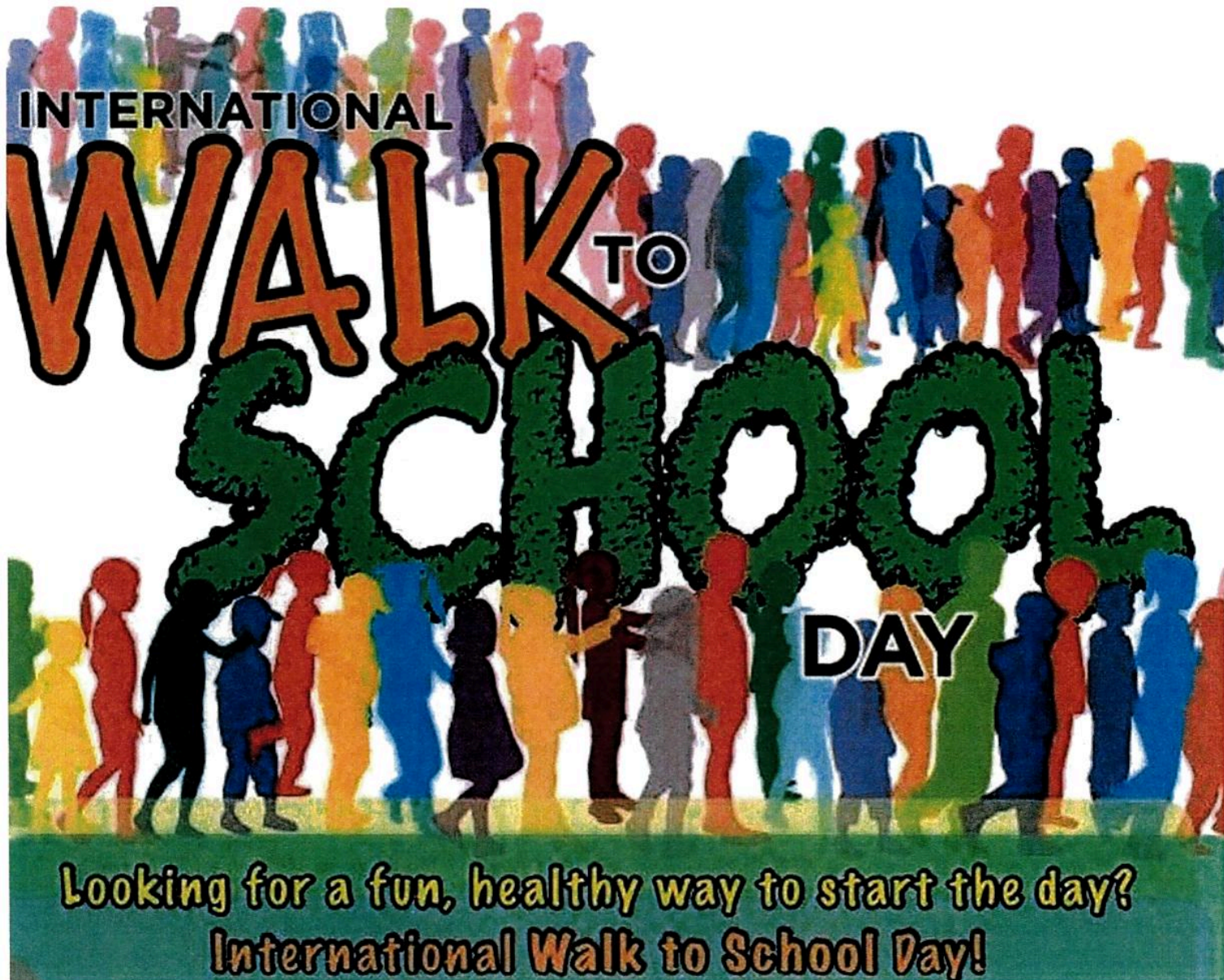
SEND your Box Tops to school with your child.

4



YOUR SCHOOL GETS CASH for every Box Top collected to help buy the things it needs most. All those Box Tops really add up!

Go online to www.btf.com/products for a complete list of participating box tops products.



ALL WALKERS WILL BE ENTERED INTO A RAFFLE!



Country Hills Elementary

Meeting point will be at North Community Park

October 10, 2018





Sheriff Scott Israel
sheriff.org



IF YOU SEE SOMETHING, SEND SOMETHING

School safety is BSO's top priority.
But we need your help.

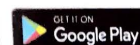
Bullying, perceived threats, suspicious activity - the SaferWatch App gives you the power to record or report non-emergency incidents as they happen in the hallways, classrooms or courtyards of your school. Students, parents and teachers now have the ability to communicate with law enforcement seamlessly on a secure network.

DOWNLOADING AND USING SAFERWATCH IS AS EASY AS ONE, TWO, THREE.

1. Download SaferWatch from the App Store or Google Play and select any school within Broward County
2. Record or report an incident or anonymous tip
3. BSO personnel will receive the information and take the appropriate action



Learn more at: BrowardAlerts.com





Dear Parents and Families:

The Country Hills Elementary PTA Fall Book Fair will be held from **October 8th- 12th, 2018** on the stage side of the cafeteria. Your child will be visiting the book fair during school hours to view and purchase books; feel free to send your child with money during the classroom visit days.

Scholastic strives to have as many titles as possible available for the Fair, but strong demand for some titles means we may have limited or no copies of some popular titles at the fair. You can also order online at <http://www.scholastic.com/bf/countryhillselemschool1> beginning on 10/1/18.

Schedule!

Classroom Visit Days:

Monday, 10/8	8:30 am-2:00 pm
Tuesday, 10/9	8:30 am-2:00 pm

Open visits:

Wednesday, 10/10	8:30 am-2:00 pm
Thursday, 10/11	8:30 am-2:00 pm
Thursday, 10/11	2:00 pm- 8:30 pm <i>*after school & Books and Burgers</i>
Friday, 10/12	8:30 am-12:00 pm

Scholastic books are very affordable. Most paperbacks are \$4.99 and up. **Please note that we must charge 6% Florida State Sales Tax on all items sold at the Book Fair.** We accept cash, all major credit cards, debit cards, and checks made payable to "CHE PTA" **WITH THE CORRECT AMOUNT OF TAX FIGURED IN.**

NEW digital payment option for students: eWallet! Now you can send your child to shop the fair cash-free! Visit our Book Fair Homepage to learn more and to create an account:

<http://www.scholastic.com/bf/countryhillselemschool1>

There will be a donation opportunity at the Book Fair for children to donate loose change/leftover eWallet money in exchange for a lollipop from The Giving Tree. This money goes directly to the "All For Books" fund, which provides books to children at Country Hills who might otherwise not be able to afford them.

Thank you Country Hills families for your continued support.

Caryn Cuadra, Media Specialist

Jessica Adelman and Michelle Jewell, PTA Book Fair Chairs



Family Newsletter

Dear Parent:

Responsibility is the character trait of the month of October. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of responsibility. Responsibility is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person, and it is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do. This belongs at home where children learn to take care of their belongings, clean up after themselves, do chores with a good attitude, finish their homework and resolve conflicts peacefully. Encourage your children to take responsibility in "little things" so they are ready for greater opportunities in the future!

Ideas to Do as a Family

- Have your child share with you about times they are responsible. Emphasize that being responsible requires knowing what is expected and not making excuses.
- Share with your child about something you did that required responsibility. Explain how you are responsible.
- Schedule daily household chores that your child will be responsible for.
- "Catch" your child being responsible and offer your encouragement by verbally showing your appreciation.
- Watch a movie or TV program together and discuss how the characters are being responsible.
- Volunteer as a family to do a community service project together.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn.



Character Education: Elementary

October



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Character Check

- Do your friends encourage you to be responsible?
- In what ways do you feel you are responsible?
- What are three ways you can be more responsible?

"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."
- Anne Frank



Once a week at a family meal, have family members tell about their responsibilities.

Congratulations to our Teacher of the Year and Non-Instructional Employee of the Year! Ms. Tezekjian, our amazing 5th grade teacher, has taught at Country Hills for the past 12 years! Mrs. Alex Meticheccia, our awesome front office secretary, has been with Country Hills for 3 years! We are fortunate to have such awesome employees!

