

# PROWLS N' GROWLS

September 2022

- September 5 - Labor Day (No School)
- September 8 - Afterschool Enrichment Begins
- September 13 - Interims Issued
- September 13 - PTA mtg @ 9:15 am
- September 14 - Open House
  - K-2 - 6:00-6:45 PM
  - 3-5 - 6:45-7:30 PM
- September 19 - SAC meeting @ 3:30 in media
- September 19-23 - Penny Wars
- September 20 - Student Pic Day
- September 21 - Chipotle Fundraiser 4-8 pm
- September 26 - No School

## Breakfast & Tardies

Breakfast is served every day from 7:40 to 8:00 am.

If your child is having breakfast at school, he / she must be at the school between these times. Instructional time begins promptly at 8:10 am, and students need to be in their rooms and ready to work. Students are marked tardy if they are not in their classroom at 8:10. Thank you for your cooperation.



## September Character Trait is Cooperation



While the start of a new school year is a busy time for all, it's important to remember that the WELLBEING of SELF should always remain priority.

The Broward County Public School District encourages Social Emotional Learning via the Mindfulness concept. Social Emotional Learning incorporates the intrapersonal (i.e. self) awareness/engagement component of Mindfulness AND combines it with an interpersonal (i.e. self with others) awareness/engagement component. For more information please visit the district's school counseling weblink on Social Emotional Learning at <https://www.browardschools.com/Page/35264>

Lastly, the month of September not only begins the school year, it's the month in which we celebrate and explore the character trait of

## COOPERATION

Cooperation is when a group of people work together effectively in order to accomplish a common goal, that is Cooperation. Emphasize the importance of Cooperation in your homes this month!



## School Advisory Update

**School Advisory Council (SAC): SAC is a committee of parents, community members, and teachers who meet to discuss and monitor our School Improvement Plan. The focus of SAC is primarily student achievement but many issues are discussed that affect the school.**

**SAC has an official elected membership but all are welcome to attend each meeting**

**School Advisory Forum (SAF):** SAF is an open forum to discuss any school or community issue. While SAC focuses on the School

improvement Plan, SAF is the place to get more information, address any other concerns, or share ideas that impact the school. SAF has no official membership and our SAF meetings are held back to back with our SAC meetings.

Why is it important for parents to be active participants? The SAC committee provides a place where parents can voice their opinions and suggestions. They have an active role in making decisions that will best serve the students. SAC also provides the opportunity for parents to actively participate in setting goals and making plans to achieve those academic goals. SAC allows for parents to identify issues that need to be addressed concerning the school climate. We look forward to seeing you there!

**How can parents get involved and participate in the SAC/SAF committee?** Parents are encouraged to attend the monthly meeting of the SAC/SAF at our school. See dates below. Please consider joining us whenever you can. Your input and support towards the school's mission are greatly appreciated!

All meetings @ 3:30  
in Media Ctr.



*Save  
the  
date*

Monday, Sept. 19<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Monday, Nov. 7<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Monday, Dec. 5<sup>th</sup>, 2022

Monday, Jan. 30<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Monday, Feb. 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Monday, March 27<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Monday, April 24<sup>th</sup>, 2023

Monday, May 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023



**Broward County Schools  
Food and Nutrition Services**

**FREE/REDUCED PRICE MEALS**

Please don't forget to apply/renew your application for free and reduced lunch today! The deadline to renew the application is October 2nd. If you don't apply by then you will be terminated from the program. Call the Food and Nutrition and Services Department at 754-321-0250 or email [freereducedmeals@browardschools.com](mailto:freereducedmeals@browardschools.com) for help.

Parents should go online to [www.applyforlunch.com](http://www.applyforlunch.com) to fill out their application. It is a quicker way to apply.



**Back-To-School  
Online Documents**

We have several families that are still missing Back to School forms!

Please take a moment to complete these at the link below:

[BTS Forms](#)

● Hello from Country Hills PTA! ●

We hope you had a GREAT summer! We are so excited that everyone is back for the 2022-2023 school year! As we start this school year we would LOVE for everyone to get involved!

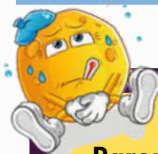
Did you know we have a Facebook page!? Don't forget to head over using this link:  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/131179600228583>

This is where you can find up to date information on all of our upcoming events!

Are you a member of the PTA!? Follow the link to join and also purchase other items from our store!  
<https://countryhillselem.memberhub.com/>

We look forward to giving back to our students and staff!!

Sincerely,  
CHE PTA

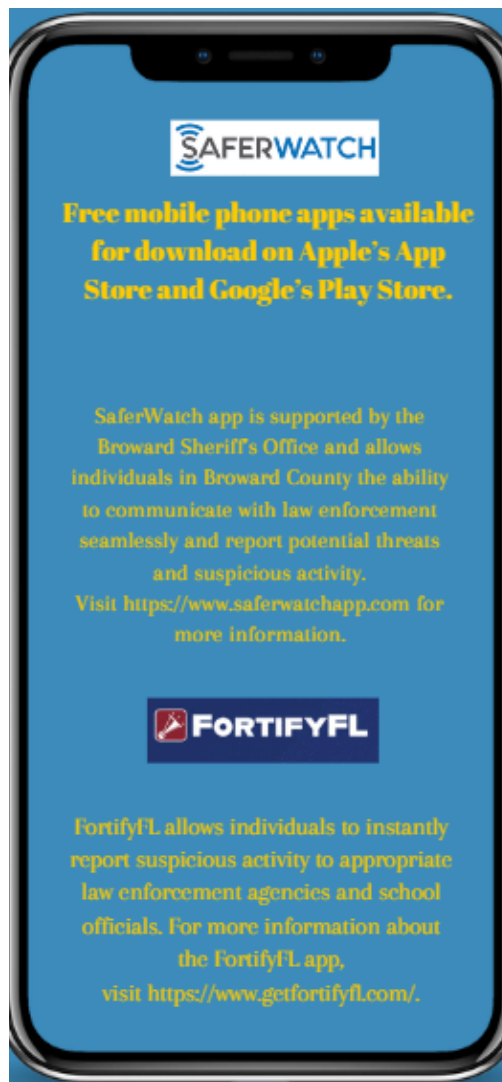


**IMPORTANT REMINDER**

Parents of students, please be sure you perform the Daily Health Self-Assessment Checklist (pg 12) on your child(ren) PRIOR to sending them to school.

Students who do not feel well, should NOT come into school.

Thank you for your cooperation.



**SAFERWATCH**

**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**

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/>.

# Country Hills CORNERSTORE!

**Every Wednesday during lunch PTA will be selling small spirit items, fun school supplies & novelties.**

**Cash Only**

**Items between \$0.50-\$5**



## Emergency Preparedness

Teaching children what to do in the event of different types of emergencies has always been embedded in your child's instruction. We conduct fire drills monthly and tornado drills two times a year. The district mandates that we conduct "lockdown" drills every month. In the event of an actual emergency, Country Hills ES will communicate with the school community as soon as feasibly possible using our ParentLink System. To ensure that you can receive this timely communication, please keep your contact information up to date with the front office of the school.



# MEET THE COUNSELOR

Hello and Welcome back Panthers! I hope you had a relaxing and fun summer break. My name is Ms. Mora and I am the new school counselor at Country Hills Elementary School. I am excited to get to know you and your students this year.

I would like to take a minute to share a few things about myself. I was born and raised in Ohio (Go Buckeyes!), and completed my Bachelor's and Master's degrees at Capital University in Columbus, Ohio. I have three older siblings, and I am the proud aunt to eight nieces and nephews. Over the summer, I moved to Florida with my two dogs, Marley and Bentley. This will be my third year as a school counselor, and my first within Florida schools.

School counselors work with students on academic, career, and social-emotional skills through class lessons, short-term small groups, and short-term individual counseling. I have prepared a Needs Assessment survey, that will help gauge what area(s) you believe your student could benefit from. Please take a minute to fill out the survey, <https://forms.gle/JMmMpeL3DaufcjFS7> so I can best serve the students, and help create a fun, safe, and positive environment here at CHE.



I am excited to be a part of the Country Hills family and look forward to an awesome school year.

Ms. Mora

Jordan.Mora@browardschools.com

754.322.5950

# Meet the Social Worker



Hello!

My name is Brittany Ortiz and I'm proud to serve as your School Social Worker for the 2022-2023 school year.

If I'm off campus on a particular day that I'm needed, please do not hesitate to contact me via phone or email. Let's make it a great year!! 😊

## Services provided, but not limited to:

- Mental health support in group, social, emotional and family concerns
- Consultations: Available to meet with teachers and parents, parent conferences, RTI, case management, etc.
- Attendance and truancy interventions
- Collaboration: Linking parents and staff to mental health services, medical support, food, school supplies, etc.

## Where you can find me...

**Tuesday & Thursday:**  
Country Hills Elementary

**Friday:**  
Schedule varies

## Contact Information:

[Brittany.Ortiz@browardschools.com](mailto:Brittany.Ortiz@browardschools.com)

(754) 321-1618





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## We declare a PENNY WAR!



**SEPTEMBER 19TH-23RD IN THE CAFETERIA**

### **RULES:**

Each grade has their own jug for collecting money.  
Gain points by adding pennies and bills to your grade's jug.  
Lower other grades' points by adding silver coins to their jug

### **PENNIES AND BILLS:**

All pennies and bills  
ADD to the grade total

### **SILVER COINS:**

All silver coins SUBTRACT  
from the grades' total

**GRADE WITH THE MOST POINTS WINS!**

### **ADDING POINTS**

1 PENNY = +1 POINT  
1 DOLLAR = +100 POINTS  
5 DOLLAR BILL = +500 POINTS  
10 DOLLAR BILL = +1000 POINTS

### **SUBTRACTING POINTS**

1 NICKEL = -5 POINTS  
1 DIME = -10 POINTS  
1 QUARTER = -25 POINTS

**PRIZE FOR WINNING GRADE:**



WE CAN DO THIS!!! FOOD WITH INTEGRITY  
COMMUNITY STARTS HERE  
FOIL-WRAP  
GOOD NEWS  
GENEROUS  
HELPING  
BURRITOS  
CAUSE  
AN EFFECT  
25% TASTES  
MAD  
FRESH  
EVERY  
OTHER DAY  
SOMETHING  
GOOD  
CULTIVATE  
WORTH  
OFFER  
MADE OF

# DO GOOD WITH CHIPOTLE



CHIPOTLE FUNDRAISER FOR  
**COUNTRY HILLS  
ELEMENTARY PTA**

33% OF EVENT SALES GET DONATED TO THE CAUSE

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**WEDNESDAY, SEPTEMBER 21ST | 4-8PM**  
4600 N UNIVERSITY DR, CORAL SPRINGS, FL, 33067

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ORDER ONLINE FOR PICKUP USING CODE **EYPLHAB**  
OR SHOW THIS FLYER IN RESTAURANT



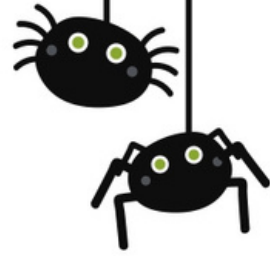
For online orders to count towards the fundraiser, they must be placed for pickup only from the restaurant location of, and during the hours of, the fundraiser. Delivery orders and gift cards do not qualify. \$150 minimum event sales required to receive any donation.





# COUNTRY HILLS ELEMENTARY

## TRUNK OR TREAT!



### TRUNKERS NEEDED FOR OUR ANNUAL

### TRUNK OR TREAT EVENT

Friday, October 14, 2022

6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

CHE - Car Loop B Parking Lot



## Come and be part of a Fun Family Night at Country Hills Elementary!

Set up will be between 5:00pm - 5:45pm

*When coming up with your theme and decorating ideas, keep in mind there are young children at this event (nothing too spooky).*

Trunkers are responsible for providing their own treats but we will have extras.

**Bring Your 'A' Game! 3 WINNERS will receive a special SWAG BAG!!**

**\*\*\* DEADLINE TO REGISTER IS FRIDAY, OCTOBER 7TH \*\*\***

**Fee**



Business: \$25

CHE PTA Member: Free

Non-PTA Member: \$10 or JOIN the PTA for \$10!!

**Registration**



Please send the following information to **countryhillselempta@gmail.com**

Name	Phone
Business/Personal	Email
Address	



**\*\*Payment can be made on our e-store\*\***

**<https://countryhillselem.memberhub.com/store>**





# *Candy Donations Needed*

*Country Hills Elementary*

**TRUNK** *Or* **TREAT**

**WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!**

**PLEASE DONATE BAGS OF INDIVIDUALLY WRAPPED CANDY.**

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**PLEASE DROP OFF CANDY IN THE DONATION BOX.  
A BOX WILL BE LOCATED IN THE FRONT OFFICE.  
DONATIONS ACCEPTED THROUGH FRIDAY, 10/7.**

**THANK YOU!**



# The Office of Academics

## Professional Learning Opportunities

# HISPANIC HERITAGE MONTH



Course Number	Course Description
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<p><b>Hispanic Communities</b> 39136511 Instructional &amp; Non-Instructional</p>	<p>This course will help participants demonstrate cultural competency, diversity inclusion, and gender-responsiveness through instructional strategies. This course will also allow participants to demonstrate self-reflection, adapt to the cultural context of their students, staff, and communities with specific integration of state mandates.</p>
<p><b>Hispanic Heritage Instructional Practices</b> 39127470 Instructional Only</p>	<p>The content of this course focuses on Hispanic Contributions to the United States, Hispanic History, and Hispanic Culture. It is designed to support the infusion of Hispanic Contributions to the United States, State Mandate (Florida Statute 1003.42). Participants will learn how to implement the content through various instructional practices aligned with this content.</p>

Elementary Hispanic Communities	Secondary Hispanic Communities	Elementary Hispanic Heritage Instructional Practices	Secondary Hispanic Heritage Instructional Practices
September 22, 2022 September 29, 2022 October 12, 2022	September 20, 2022 September 29, 2022 October 12, 2022	September 21, 2022 September 28, 2022 October 11, 2022	September 15, 2022 September 22, 2022 October 11, 2022

There is a \$ 15.00 per hour stipend, and in-service points for Instructional Staff or CAP points for Non-Instructional Staff. If you have any questions, please contact the Office of Secondary Learning at 754-321-2119 or email Kimberly M. Williams, Mandates PL Supervisor at [MandatesPL@browardschools.com](mailto:MandatesPL@browardschools.com). All professional learning will be in person.

**Location: Lauderdale Manors, 1400 NW 14th Court, Fort Lauderdale, Florida 33311**



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# AT HOME DAILY HEALTH SCREENING

Broward County Public Schools is committed to the health and safety of our students, our staff and our community. The District has instituted enhanced cleaning schedules, staggered work schedules and continues to reduce the number of people in our facilities to promote physical distancing.

**In order to enter Broward County Public Schools facilities, all students, parents/caregivers, visitors, contractors and employees should answer the following self-assessment questions at home each morning prior to coming to school or work:**

## DAILY HEALTH SELF ASSESSMENT QUESTIONS:



Do you feel warm, have a fever or elevated temperature (100.4), or have the chills?



Do you have a persistent cough, runny nose or sore throat?



Have you recently had a loss of taste or smell?



Has anyone in your household tested positive for COVID-19?



Have you been in close, unprotected contact with anyone who has tested positive for COVID-19?

*(spent longer than 15 minutes within six feet of someone who was sick with a fever and cough or confirmed/suspected of having COVID-19)*



Are you feeling sick or ill today?



Are you awaiting test results for COVID-19?



Have you been told to self-quarantine or self-isolate by a doctor or the Florida Department of Health?



If you can answer **“NO”** to all of these questions, proceed to school or work.



If you answered **“YES”** to any of these questions, do not go to school or work.  
 Students: Contact the school nurse  
 Staff: Complete the District's Online  
 Coronavirus Notification Form