

SEPTEMBER 2021 EDITION



# PROWLS & GROWLS



Country Hills Elementary School Newsletter



Dear families,

Thank you so much for a great start to the new school year. Our Rising Stars have done an amazing job transitioning back to in-person learning.

Students are so happy to socialize with their peers and teachers once again and the campus is buzzing with excitement!

Your patience as we improve our procedures each day is much appreciated. Students have done an exceptional job practicing our safety drills as we have successfully completed our first round. Our students and staff are well prepared as we continue to practice monthly,

We look forward to seeing you at our Open House on September 1st.

Our teachers are looking forward to meeting you and sharing all the exciting learning and activities that will take place this year.

Remember, you are a vital part of your child's educational success! We encourage you to join our PTA and stay abreast of the monthly calendar so you may attend our monthly meetings. Your input is valuable to our continued success at Country Hills.

As we are in the midst of hurricane season, please check the district website, our website, and our Country Hills Facebook page for real-time updates. We encourage you all to be prepared and take care during this unpredictable weather season. Have a Spectacular September,

Ms. Ortega & Ms. Wyche

**Nicole Ortega**

Principal

**April Wyche**

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.





# UPcoming EVENTS

- September 1 - Open House
  - K-2 & Multi-Age - 6:00-6:45 PM*
  - Special Programs - 6:45-7:15*
  - 3-5 - 7:00-7:45 PM*
- September 1 & 2 - Health Screenings (K, 1st, 3rd)
- September 6 - Labor Day - No School
- September 7 - Rosh Hashanah Observance - No School
- September 8th - Cornerstore Grand Opening
- September 13 - Health Screening Make-ups
- September 15 - Student Pics
- September 15 - October 15 - Hispanic Heritage Month
- September 16 - Yom Kippur Observance - No School
- September 20 - Interims Issued
- September 20-24 - Start with Hello Week

## SAC MEETING DATES FOR 21-22

*all meetings begin @ 4 pm*

**Monday, September 27, 2021**

**Monday, October 25, 2021**

**Monday, November 29, 2021**

**Monday, January 31, 2022**

**Monday, February 28, 2022**

**Monday, March 28, 2022**

**Monday, April 25, 2022**

**Monday, May 23, 2022**

## Birthday Celebrations:

Due to new safety measures, cupcakes or small treats for birthday recognition will be dropped in the front office only. Teachers will decide whether they want them to be shared in the cafeteria or in the classroom. Parents will not be allowed to celebrate birthdays on school campus.



This year in Art, your child will bring home an Art Portfolio at the end of each semester. This portfolio will include all the beautiful artwork your child has created. Be sure and set aside some time so they may share their creations !!



**What is the School  
Advisory Council?**

**SAC**

**You're Invited....Become a Member of Our School Advisory Council**

The School Advisory Council (SAC) is a team of people representing various segments of the community: parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business/industry people and other interested community members. The purpose of SAC is to assist in the preparation and evaluation of the results of the school improvement plan.





Broward County Schools  
Food and Nutrition Services



## FREE MEALS FOR STUDENTS!

Broward County Public Schools Food and Nutrition Services (BCPSFNS) offers FREE breakfast and lunch meals for all BCPS students every school day at their school. All students are encouraged to Power Up to learn with nutritious schools meals!



### PINNACLE INTERNET VIEWER

This application allows for you to view your child's grades and attendance in real time. You will be able to see up-to-date assignment lists and grades earned on those assignments.

<http://gb.browardschools.com/Pinnacle/Gradebook/>

**Username:** your child's school: ID number@my.browardschools.com

**Password:** your child's birth date: Pmm/dd/yyyy

Students are back. Please be sure to slow down and watch for students walking, biking, as well as entering or exiting a bus and other vehicles.



Recently, a magnitude 7.2 earthquake struck the nation of Haiti. As the country works to assess the full scope of casualties, the School Board of Broward County, Florida sends its deepest condolences to the Haitian community and everyone affected by this tragic event.

The Broward County community is encouraged to help victims of the Haiti earthquake recover from this devastating event. Your financial contribution will support relief and recovery efforts in Haiti and assist families who were directly impacted.

*To donate, please visit Broward Education Foundation at [browardedfoundation.org/haiti/](http://browardedfoundation.org/haiti/)*

Ask BRIA instructor support is now available to quarantined students needing quick support on specific assignments from 9 a.m. - 2 p.m. daily. Students can access Ask BRIA through links on Clever or Canvas.



COUNTRY HILLS is excited this year to be part of the largest elementary debate program in the world in Broward County

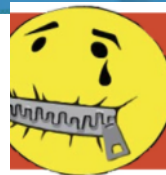
If your 4th or 5th grade child is interested in our Debate Program, please inquire about the selection process with your child's homeroom teacher or contact our Debate Coordinator, Ms. Kristi Gilroy @ [kristi.gilroy@browardschools.com](mailto:kristi.gilroy@browardschools.com)



## Participating in Debate

- ✓ Increases literacy scores by 25%
- ✓ Increases GPAs by 10%
- ✓ 98% of debate students graduate from high school and 95% attend a four-year college
- ✓ Increases an at-risk student's chance of graduating high school by 70%
- ✓ Helps first generation students get recruited and receive scholarships to college

## Safe Schools. Safety First



**SILENCE HURTS**  
SEE SOMETHING. SAY SOMETHING  
ANONYMOUS TIPS

### SAFERWATCH

Communicate with law enforcement seamlessly and report potential threats and suspicious activity.



### FORTIFYFL

Instantly report suspicious activity to appropriate law enforcement agencies and school officials.



### WHAT TO DO IF YOUR CHILD IS BEING BULLIED

First, focus on your child. Be supportive and gather information about the bullying. Next contact your child's teacher or principal.

[Read More](#)



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If shopping from the Amazon app on your iPhone or Android device, open the app and find "Settings" in the Main Menu (☰). Tap on "Amazon Smile" and follow the on-screen instructions to activate.



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A: 2XL-4XL \$30



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- Employee Planning (no school for students)
- Schools and Administrative Offices Closed
- Schools Closed
- Report Cards Issued
- Interim Reports Issued
- Early Release Day
- First and Last Day of School

Hurricane Make-Up Days: 10/19/21, 1/10/22, 2/14/22, 3/17/22, 4/14/22, 6/9/22