

SEPTEMBER 2019 EDITION



# PROWLS & GROWLS



Country Hills Elementary School Newsletter



Dear families,

Thank you so much for helping to make the start of the new school year so smooth for our Rising Stars! 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,

Thank you as well, for participating in our Open Houses last month. Turnout was great! Our teachers were so pleased to meet you and we hope you are as excited as we are about all the learning and activities taking place in our classrooms throughout the 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 new 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 Sensational 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 2 - No School - Labor Day
- September 3 - PTA Coupon Book Sales Begin
- September 5 - ELOP Clubs Begin
- September 10 - 9:15 am - PTA Meeting
- September 13 - Interim Reports Go Home
- September 18 - Picture Day
- September 18 - 6:15 pm - 5th Grade-Digital 5 Meeting
- September 23 - 6:15 pm SAC/SAF Meeting
- September 23-27 - Start with Hello Week
- September 25 - Dad's take your child to school day
- September 26 - Student Council Speeches
- September 30 - No School - Rosh HaShana

## SAC MEETING DATES FOR 19-20

*all meetings begin @ 6:15 pm*

- Monday, September 23, 2019**
- Monday, October 28, 2019**
- Monday, November 25, 2019**
- Monday, January 27, 2020**
- Monday, February 24, 2020**
- Monday, March 30, 2020**
- Monday, April 27, 2020**
- Monday, May 18, 2020**

## 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.





## What's New on the Menu

The District's Food and Nutrition Services Department is dedicated to ensuring students have healthy and tasty food choices in their school cafeterias!

Here's a look at What's New on the 2019/20 school year:

### LUNCH

Bean & Green Chili Burrito (vegan)\*  
 Chik'n Nugget Entree Salad (vegan)\*  
 Fish Sticks with Tartar Sauce\*  
 Lemongrass Chicken\*  
 Macaroni & Cheese in Cornbread Bowl\*  
 Meatloaf with Mashed Potatoes and Gravy\*  
 Smart Cookies with No-Nut Butter\*  
 Southwest Chicken in Cornbread Bowl\*  
 Sunbutter & Grape Jelly Sandwich\* (vegan)  
 Crinkle Cut Sweet Potatoes\*

### BREAKFAST

Coco Puffs Cereal Bar\*  
 Pretzel Nuggets

### GRAB AND GO MEALS:

Power UP Meal #1 (vegan) No-nut Butter Meal comes with Sunflower Kernels, Smart Cookies, Vegetable Juice and Fruit Cup  
 Power UP Meal #2 (vegetarian) Cheese Sauce Cup & Tortilla Chip Meal – comes with Ultimate Cheddar Dip, Sunflower Kernels, Tortilla Chip Rounds, Salsa Cup, and Apple Sauce Cup



*\*Student's taste-tested these items at the 2019 Student Food Show.*

Remember to power-up each school day with a healthy breakfast, offered free for all students at every District school.

To view school cafeteria menus, visit [browardschools.com/menus](http://browardschools.com/menus).



## 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



Thank you Officer Andrade for taking time to read to our littlest Rising Stars!



# Beanstack

Dear Parents,

I'm excited to announce that we will continue to use Beanstack to track your child's reading this year! The app can be accessed through your child's Single Sign On Page ([www.sso.browardschools.com](http://www.sso.browardschools.com)).

**Login: 06#**

**Password:** Birthday with a capital P in the front and 2 digits for month, 2 digits for day, and 4 digits for year. Ex: (PXX/XX/XXXX).

There is also a downloadable app for your phone - "Beanstack Tracker" – the login is the same, but the password is slightly different (*still your child's birthday, but 2 digits for the month, 2 digits for the day, and 2 digits for the year XXXXX*).

Paperwork for logging in will go home during Open House! 😊

You may need to register for the Reading Across Broward program if you are on a computer. When you (or your child) log in to Beanstack, you can add books read by title which counts for Reading Across Broward as well. Books can be logged for any date (you can even back date to April 1)! Students in grades 3-5 will not need to log each day, only as each book is completed (50 chapter books minimum). Please know, I count every 150 pages as a book, so longer books can be counted more than once!

As your child meets goals, new badges will appear on their home page! K-2 will likely need to log almost every day to reach their 100 picture books requirement.

**All books must be logged by March 31!**

You can also add Award Winners like Sunshine State Young Readers Award books (students may have to answer questions related to these books). This year we are awarding those who read SSYRA books with a special "brag tag" for each book! If your child started with Beanstack this summer at the Public Library, their account should have migrated over to Country Hills. If it did not, here is a link to help you merge the accounts: <http://somup.com/cqj0oreOsa>

Teachers can pull progress reports throughout the month and I will pull progress reports as well for our End of Year Reading Celebrations. Additionally, I will be adding a video on the school website by next week (*under Departments/Media Center*) with more Beanstack information.

Happy Reading!

Mrs. Cuadra

For an accessible version of this calendar, visit [browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar](http://browardschools.com/accessiblecalendar).

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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 makeup days in order of preference: 10/17/19, 12/20/19, 2/20/20, 3/19/20, 4/9/20, 6/2/20