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A Bi-Monthly Newsletter for
Parents and Students



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EMBASSY CREEK ELEMENTARY MISSION STATEMENT

To empower, nurture and facilitate our students to become global thinkers, lifelong learners and the problem solvers of tomorrow.



- Dec. 6th Light Up Cooper City @6:00 pm
- Dec. 9th-11th Annual Toy Drive
- Dec. 11th SAC/SAF Meeting @ 2:30 pm
- Dec. 20th Jingle Bell Jog
- Dec. 20th Early Release Day @ 8:00-12:00 pm
- Dec. 23rd- Jan. 3rd Winter Break – NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 6th Employee Planning Day – NO SCHOOL
- Jan. 7th Start of 3rd Quarter



In celebration of the winter season, the children, staff, and community will take to the streets during our Jingle Bell Jog.
Friday, December 20, 2019
8:15 – 10:30 AM

Please note that S.E. Lake Blvd. will be closed to traffic during the jog. Absolutely, no parking on the swale during the jog. We apologize for any inconvenience this may cause. BSO will be supervising the closure of S.E. Lake Blvd. Permission slips will be sent home on Friday, Dec. 6th and must be signed and returned by Friday, Dec. 13th for your child to participate. If you have questions or concerns, contact Deputy Kiar at 754-323-5563.



On Tuesday, December 10th and Thursday, December 12th, 2019, the Broward Sheriff's Office will be conducting a training exercise at Embassy Creek Elementary at 6:00am. The training exercise should conclude at 7:00am. For all who may be arriving to school early that day, we wanted to let you know that if you see several deputies and patrol vehicles on campus that there is no reason to be alarmed, it is only a training exercise.



Parents,
As you know, iReady is the interactive learning program we utilize in our school. Since we are almost at the end of the second quarter, our students will be taking their second iReady Diagnostic very soon. The iReady diagnostic is an adaptive assessment designed to provide teachers with actionable insight into student needs.

Our K-5th grade students will be completing Diagnostic #2 as follows:

Reading Diagnostic- December 9-13
Math Diagnostic- January 8-15

Once students are finished with their diagnostics, they will be able to resume their iReady lessons. It's important they do their very best as their results will be used to measure student growth and identify students who may need support or enrichment.



Embassy Creek's Annual Toy Drive
Sponsored by FFEA

Help us help our sister school, Walker Elementary!
Drop off a new toy before school on Monday, December 9th-
Wednesday December 11th. Tables will be located at the front & back gates. **Please do not wrap the toys**, Thank you!

ESE Corner

ACE (Autism) Committee

Wednesday, December 11th (9:30 am – 11:30 am)
Baudhuin Preschool
7600 SW 36th St., Davie

Dyslexia/Specific Learning Disabilities Committee

Tuesday, December 10th (6:30 pm)
Hollywood Hills High School
5400 Stirling Rd., Hollywood

Broward ESE Advisory Council's 5th Annual Parent Resource Fair

Wednesday, January 15th (6pm – 9 pm)
Piper High School
8000 NW 44th St., Sunrise



Are you interested in becoming part of our ECE family? We have a part-time position available for 2.75 hours per day (10:30am–1:15pm) monitoring the students in the cafeteria. Please contact Mrs. Lanza in the front office at 754-323-5550 if you are interested. Thank you!

PTA & OTHER MISC. NEWS...



Many thanks to all the volunteers who presented at Career Day! Our students learned a lot and found your careers very interesting. We hope you will join us again next year!

Mrs. Yates and Mrs. Kern



The Flamingo Express is up and running!

Take a few minutes and write a nice letter to a friend, teacher or anyone else who works in the school. You can say "Hi" and let them know how you are doing, or you can draw them a nice picture with a small note attached. Everyone loves getting mail and it's a great way to brighten someone's day.

You write it, we deliver it
The Flamingo Express

Embassy Creek Sr. Chorus Concert!

Next Thursday, our Embassy Creek Senior Chorus will present "**December in Our Town!**" on our very own Embassy stage on December 12, 2019. Performers have been working diligently on their show and are excited bring it to the stage! We will warm-up in the music room at 6:40 PM that evening. It will be the perfect family night and our Embassy stars will be shining bright that evening!! Everyone is invited!!!!

Sing a Song of Holiday Cheer!

Embassy Creek's very own "Joyful Noise" has been busy spreading good tidings of great joy this holiday season. Our first appearance was on the 8th Avenue Stage at Christmas on Las Olas on Tuesday evening, December 3, 2019 at 7:00 PM. The crowd of onlookers totaled more than 40, 000!

TONIGHT! Joyful Noise can be seen and heard at our hometown celebration, "Light Up Cooper City", at Memorial Park. Embassy's Joyful Noise will sing with great joy! Congratulations on your hard work JN kids! Well done!

Thanks to all of the amazing moms, dads, teachers, family and friends who have supported us! What an awesome season!



Yearbook News

Yearbooks are on SALE for \$35

Don't delay and order your yearbook early.

<http://ybpay.lifetouch.com/>

Use school code: **13273220**

Oct 1- Jan 17: Books \$35

Jan 18 - Until we sell out: Books \$40

Yearbook ADS

1/8 page: \$50 1/4 page: \$75 1/2 page: \$125 Full Page: \$225
Use School Code: 13273220

*****REPORTING AN ABSENCE*****

We are asking parents to please use our attendance line to report your child's absence. The number is 754-323-5552. Please speak clearly and slowly as we have to listen to the recording to gather the information.

State your child's name, teacher, the reason, and the date they are absent. All absences should be reported to this number no later than 10 a.m. If you have any questions, please feel free to call the school.



This year, ECE is transitioning into a virtual Reading Across Broward program called Beanstack. Beanstack is an app found on Clever used to track student's independent reading time.

The purpose of the program is to make it easier for students to track their reading as well as keep them motivated.

Beanstack has the same expectations as Reading Across Broward- the only difference is that Beanstack is more interactive as students will earn virtual badges as they log books.

At the end of the year, students will still get Reading Across Broward certificates depending on the level they achieved (Participation, Silver, Gold).

ECE will also continue to acknowledge the students who received the Superintendent award level.

We would like to encourage everyone to try this new online system of logging their books. The paper version of Reading Across Broward will still be accepted but we highly recommend students to complete the list digitally since we are going 100% green next year.

Below are the steps you and your child can follow to log books on Beanstack:

1. Go to your child's dashboard on the BCPS student launch pad: <https://sso.browardschools.com> Login, and select the Clever icon, then click on the "Beanstack" option.
2. In Beanstack, click on the "Log Reading and Activities" button at the top left corner and begin logging in titles.
3. As your child logs reading, he or she will earn virtual badges and special recognition.



You can add money to your child's school meal account via the internet at www.myschoolbucks.com. Be sure to check your child's account often to ensure there is money available for them to purchase school lunch.



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