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OTTER NEWS



CYPRESS CREEK ELEMENTARY NEWSLETTER

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

BY MRS. KANIA, PRINCIPAL

The first grading period ends on October 10th. Report cards will be available on Parent Portal on October 15th. If you have any concerns regarding your child's progress, now would be a great time to schedule a parent teacher conference by reaching out to your child's teacher.

As we begin the second quarter, I encourage you to talk with your child and discuss his/her academic goals that have been set in class. By goal setting, students can improve their academic performance, increase their motivation to achieve, and improve their self-confidence.

Regards,
Mrs. Kania



It's National Principals Month! Join us in honoring Mrs. Kania for her dedication and leadership!

Custodian Appreciation Day is October 2nd. Shout out to our amazing CCE custodians for keeping our school clean and safe!

We celebrate National School Lunch Week October 13-17 where School Way Cafe encourages students to enjoy school lunch with prizes and giveaways throughout the week.

SCHOOL HOURS

Hours: 7:50 a.m. - 2:30 p.m.
Campus Opens to Students at
7:15 a.m.

Breakfast Served from

7:20 a.m. - 7:45 a.m.

No Early Check Outs after
2:00 p.m.

October 2- Math VBA1 3-5

October 7- ELA VBA1 3-5

October 8- NO Early Release

Walk to School Day

October 10- End of Grading Period

Kona Ice

October 13- Teacher Duty Day/No School

October 13-17- National School Lunch Week

October 14- SAC 3pm

October 15- Grades on Parent Portal

Unity Day/Wear Orange

October 17- Fall Picture Re-takes

October 18- Fishing Tournament

October 24- Pink Out Day

October 27-31- Red Ribbon Week

October 1, 15, 22, 29- Early Release

CCE PTA NEWS

BY KACEY LANKFORD, PTA PRESIDENT

Your Happy October, Otter Families! 🍂🍂

As we (hopefully) welcome cooler weather, the PTA is excited to share the fun events we have planned this month. We can't wait to see you at these activities supporting our school!

Mark Your Calendars:

- Oct. 3 - Otter Spirit Day - Show your Otter pride (order new spirit wear here: tinyurl.com/cceshirt25!)
- Oct. 6 - Spirit Night at Red Robin - 11am-10pm; Dine in or carry out to support the PTA!
- Oct. 10 - Kona Ice Day - Cool off with a sweet treat after school!
- Oct. 24 - Trunk or Treat - 5:30-7:30pm; Stay tuned for more info on one of the most popular events of the year!

Join the PTA! Your membership makes all things PTA possible, from spirit shirts to family events. Be part of the fun and join today: tinyurl.com/ccepta25

Thank you for your continued support! ❤️



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CYPRESS CREEK ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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Eri., Oct.
24
Pink Out Day
Donate \$1 and wear as much PINK as you can! All proceeds will benefit the CCE team "Otters Give Hope" for Making Strides Against Breast Cancer.

Mon., Oct.
27
Jersey Day
Wear your favorite team shirt or jersey! No matter who you root for, we all support and cheer for good choices!

Tue., Oct.
28
Tie Dye Day
Wear tie dye! Peace out to unkind, unsafe and unhealthy choices!

Wed., Oct.
29
Disney Day
Wear your favorite Disney character shirt and/or Mickey ears!
"All of our dreams can come true, if we have the courage to pursue them."
-Walt Disney

Thu., Oct.
30
Neon Day
Wear bright, neon clothing! Your future is so bright when you're making good choices!

Fri., Oct.
31
Orange & Black Day
Dress in orange and black! Happy Halloween! Say "Boo!" to unkind, unsafe, and unhealthy choices. (No costumes permitted.)

Red Ribbon Week is about encouraging students to make good choices when it comes to character, safety and health.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

BY MRS. JEFFERIS

As we step into October, we're excited to celebrate the importance of making positive choices when it comes to character, safety, and health. From October 24th-31st, our school will participate in Red Ribbon Week with daily spirit days and activities that promote safe, healthy, and drug-free lifestyles. In accordance with Florida Statutes Section 1003.42(2)(n), all public schools are required to provide age-appropriate and developmentally appropriate K-12 health education focused on mental and emotional well-being as well as substance abuse prevention. Throughout the month of October, I will be visiting classrooms to deliver the first of three state-mandated lessons that support these goals. If you have any questions about these lessons, please don't hesitate to reach out. Additionally, this month we're highlighting the Resiliency Characteristic of Honesty - telling the truth. In Kindergarten through 2nd grade, students are learning to identify the difference between the truth and a lie, and understanding that dishonesty has consequences. In 3rd through 5th grade, students are focusing on the importance of honesty, ways to demonstrate trustworthiness, and how to show honesty and loyalty toward others. We encourage you to partner with us by reinforcing the value of honesty at home. Together, we can help our students build strong character and make safe, healthy choices.



ATTENDANCE REMINDER:

Please report all student absences by calling (386) 322-6101 and selecting option #2 for attendance. Even if you have already spoken with your child's teacher, calling the attendance line ensures the absence is properly coded in FOCUS.

- Up to 15 days of absences can be excused with parent communication (ex. illness, appointments, etc.).
- More than 15 days require a doctor's note to be excused.

Thank you for your cooperation!

SAFETY REMINDERS

BY MRS. HEMINGS

"Otters S.W.I.M.--"Safety First"

At our school, safety is our top priority. We teach students that Safety First means using kind words, keeping hands and bodies to ourselves, and avoiding any behaviors such as hitting, spitting, or threatening gestures or language. Students are also expected to remain with their teacher and follow classroom and school rules at all times. With support at home and school, we can work together to ensure a safe, positive learning environment for every child.

PBIS Updates

At our school, we are focused on PBIS--Positive Behavior Interventions and Supports. Each day we celebrate safe, respectful, and responsible choices with Otter Coins for classes to earn special rewards! During the first quarter, classes have earned extra recess, technology time, flashlight reading, and even a seat at the V.I.P. table on the stage at lunch for the entire class. Making positive choices makes school safe, fun, and exciting for everyone!

The Otter Store is up and running! Students are excited to use their Otter Bucks to purchase items and rewards at the store. Thanks to all Otter staff and families for promoting PBIS initiatives at CCE!



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