

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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