

PROWLS N' GROWLS

Country Hills Monthly Newsletter

October

UPCOMING

EVENTS



- October 2 – NO SCHOOL
- October 10 – Early Release
- October 13 – NO SCHOOL (Teacher Planning)
- October 14 - PTA meeting 9:15 am
- October 20 – NO SCHOOL
- October 21 – Report Cards Issued (via FOCUS)
- October 24 – Trunk or Treat 6:30 pm - 8:30 pm
- October 24 – Pelican Snowballs
- October 24 – Read For the Record
- October 24 – RISING STAR Assembly
- October 25 – Wear RED Support Red Ribbon
- October 27 – SAC/SAF meeting 3:30 pm
- October 30 – Student Picture ID Makeup
- October 31 – Halloween Parade
(permission slip to participate will be coming home)



Food Allergies

If your child has a food allergy, we **MUST** have a current doctor's note on file each school year. If the allergy requires a cafeteria food substitution, the note must clearly state what the replacement item should be.

Medications



If your child needs to take medication at school, please bring the medicine with a completed Authorization for Medication Form signed by the doctor to the front office. The nurse will receive the medication & forms.

Congratulations!



**Teacher of The Year
Ms. Michele Forrester**



**Employee of The Year
Mrs. Keyshia Hernandez**



AROUND THE HILLS



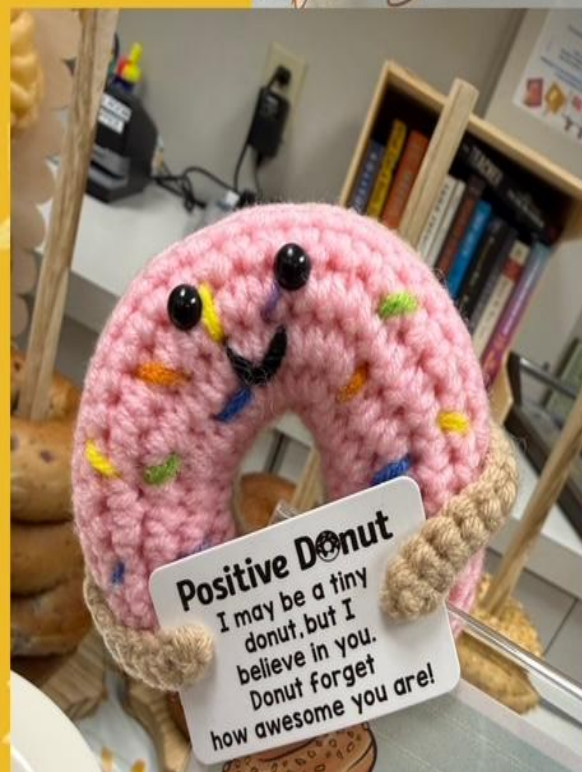
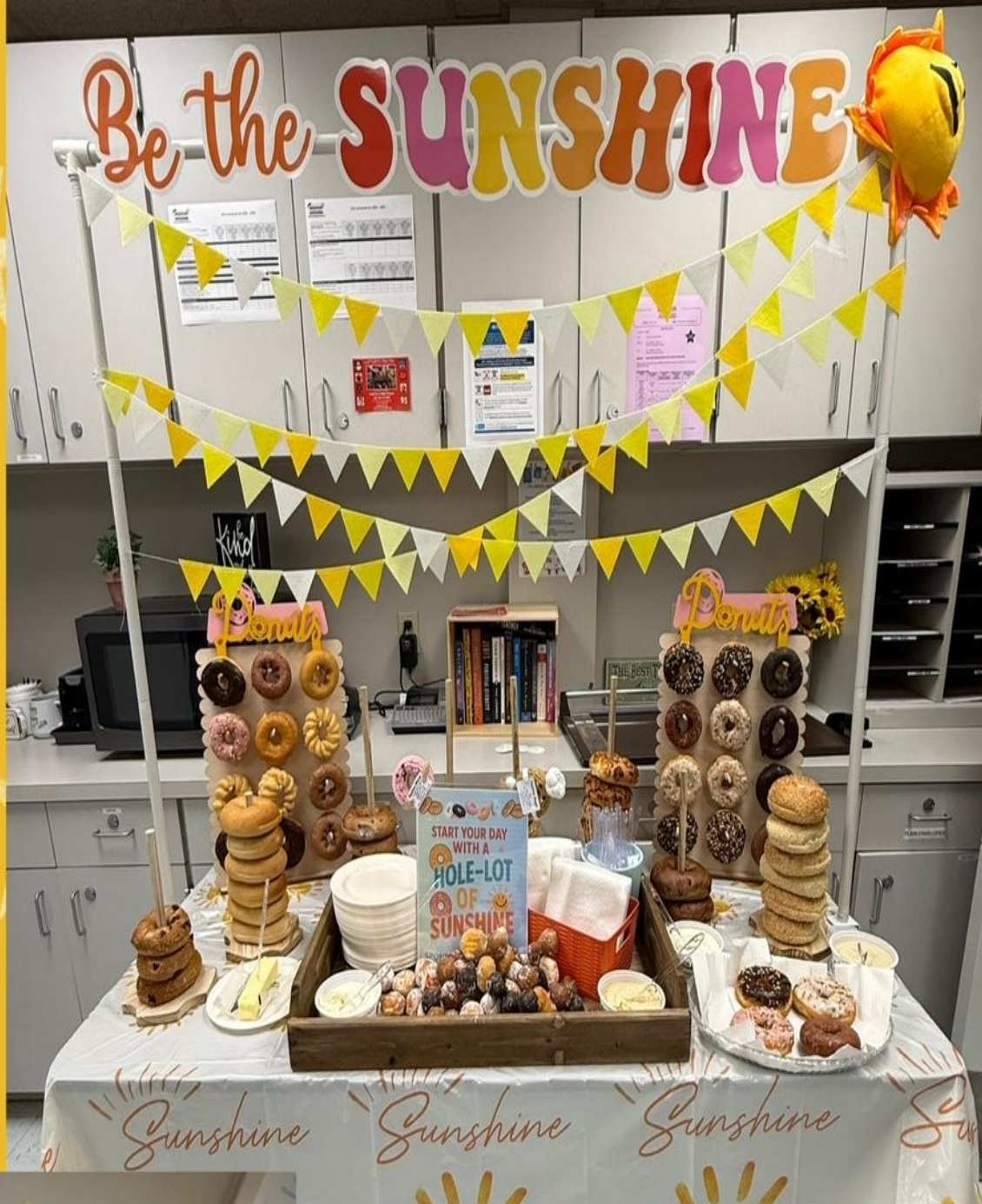
STUDENT COUNCIL 2025-2026

Congratulations to our 2025-2026 Student Council representatives.



Spirit Fridays began September 19th!
Get your spirit gear ready!

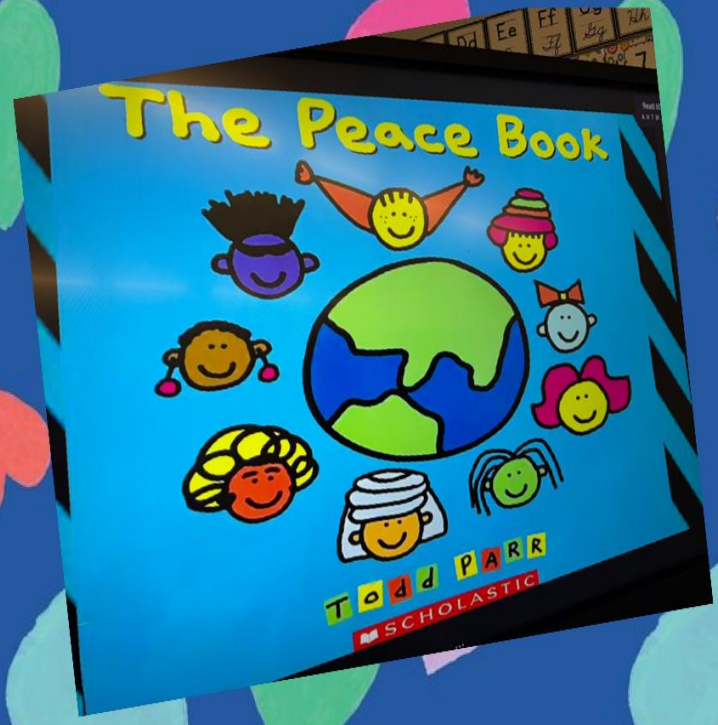
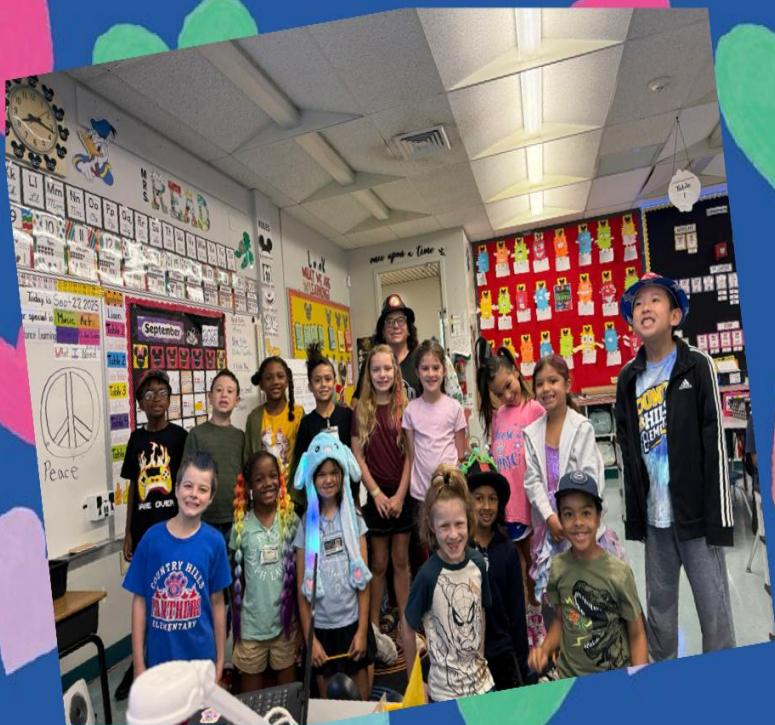
















SEPTEMBER

RISING STARS

COOPERATION



What is *i-Ready*?

i-Ready is an online program for reading and/or mathematics that will help your student's teacher(s) determine your student's needs, personalize their learning, and monitor progress throughout the school year.

i-Ready allows your teacher(s) to meet your student exactly where they are and provides data to increase your student's learning gains. *i-Ready* consists of two parts: Diagnostic and Personalized Instruction.

The *i-Ready Diagnostic* is an adaptive assessment that adjusts its questions to suit your student's needs. Each item a student sees is individualized based on their answer to the previous question. For example, a series of correct answers will result in slightly harder questions, while a series of incorrect answers will yield slightly easier questions.

i-Ready Personalized Instruction provides students with lessons based on their individual skill level and needs, so your student can learn at a pace that is just right for them. These lessons are fun and interactive to keep your student engaged as they learn.



How do I log in?

On an iPad®:

- Download the free *i-Ready Connect™ for Students* app from the App Store®. iPad must be compatible with iOS® 13 or above, such as the iPad Air® 2, iPad Air 3 (2019), iPad 5th Generation (2017), or iPad Pro®.
- If your student's district/school:
 - Uses **Clever®**, download the Clever app, log in using their district's/school's portal credentials, and click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - Uses a portal that is **NOT Clever**, students should open the Safari® browser, enter their district's/school's portal URL and log in, and click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - Does not use a portal, they should open the *i-Ready Connect for Students* app and log in to *i-Ready* using the credentials provided by their teacher(s)

From a Computer:

- If your student's district/school:
 - Uses a portal, your student should log in using their district's/school's portal credentials and then click on the *i-Ready* icon
 - Does NOT use a portal, your student should visit i-ReadyConnect.com and log in to *i-Ready* directly on a computer using the credentials provided by their teacher(s)

Access the [Technical and Troubleshooting Guide for Families](#) or visit i-Ready.com/Support to confirm that your device and internet connection meet *i-Ready* System Requirements.

How do I get my student started?

If your student's school has advised what they should work on, follow this guidance to keep your student's learning aligned with the current curriculum.

Within the *i-Ready* program, your student will be able to select:

1. **Reading or Mathematics Lessons:** *Note that some schools will have purchased just one subject, in which case your student will only see that option on their screen.*
2. **My Path Lessons or Teacher-Assigned Lessons:** My Path lessons are assigned to your student based on their latest results on the *i-Ready Diagnostic*. *Note that Teacher-Assigned Lessons will only appear as a choice on the screen if a teacher has manually assigned lessons.*
3. **Learning Games:** These games help your student build mathematics skills in fun ways.

To access the games, your student will need to choose Math in the upper left-hand corner of the To Do screen and then click on Learning Games in the bottom navigation bar. *Note that Learning Games are available to students if the school is using *i-Ready Personalized Instruction* for Mathematics and has enabled the use of the games for students.*

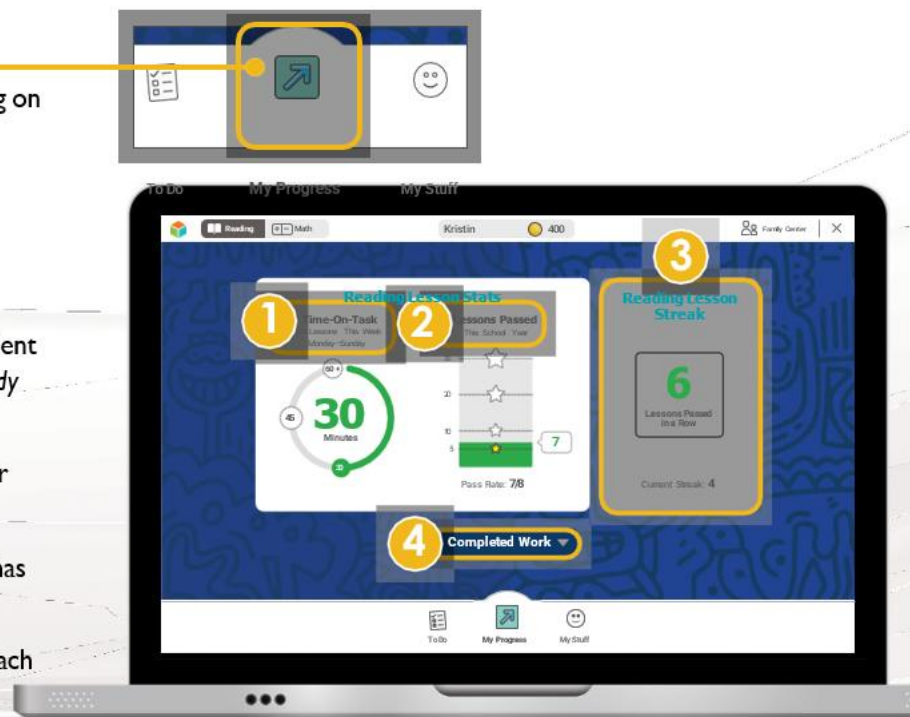


Where can my student and I see the progress being made?

You and your student can monitor progress by clicking on **My Progress** in the bottom navigation bar.

On the My Progress page, you will be able to see:

1. **Time-On-Task:** The number of minutes your student has spent this week (Monday–Sunday) on *i-Ready Personalized Instruction*
2. **Lessons Passed:** The total number of lessons your student has passed this school year
3. **Lesson Streak:** How many lessons your student has passed in a row
4. **Completed Work:** The name and quiz score for each lesson your student has taken





PARENTS CAN ACCESS THEIR STUDENT'S I-READY DIAGNOSTIC RESULTS STARTING AUGUST 18, 2025

WHAT IS THE I-READY DIAGNOSTIC?

The diagnostic supports teachers in identifying students' strengths and opportunities for growth. That information helps determine how to best support their learning.

HOW CAN I ACCESS MY STUDENT'S RESULTS?

- ① Log in to your student's i-Ready dashboard using the District's Clever portal credentials and then click on the i-Ready icon.
- ② Click on the For Families dropdown menu and select the For Families report.
- ③ Enter your District's Report Code for Grades K-8: **LOS7M**

View Progress
Overall



View Specific
Learning Areas



View Progression
Over Time



SUPPORT

For more information and support, visit the [i-Ready Family Center: Understanding Diagnostic Results](#).



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Uploading doctor's notes from your parent portal for absences/ tardies

1. Log in to parent portal FOCUS homepage from a DESKTOP computer
2. Under the alert box you will see any unexcused absences and tardies
3. If applicable an excuse note may be uploaded by clicking or dragging a file or photo into the Excuse note column.
4. When finished click the portal button to go back to the portal screen.
5. Attendance liaison will receive a message to approve your request.

The image shows two screenshots of the Broward County Public Schools Parent Portal. The top screenshot shows the 'Portal' page with a sidebar on the left and a main content area. A blue arrow labeled 'STEP 4' points to the 'Portal' link in the sidebar. A blue arrow labeled 'STEP 2' points to the 'Alerts' section in the main content area, which displays a message for 'SMITH, JANE' stating 'has 1 days with unexcused absences/tardies without a note or reason.' The bottom screenshot shows the 'Absences' page for 'SMITH, JANE'. A blue arrow labeled 'STEP 3' points to the 'Excuse Note' column in the table. Below the table, there is a box labeled 'Scan Upload Take Photo'.

Portal Page:

- Header: BROWARD County Public Schools, Help, Portal
- Sidebar: Portal, School Info, Communication, Preferences, Forms, SMITH, JANE
- Main Content: District & School Announcements, News, Events, Alerts
- Alerts: SMITH, JANE has 1 days with unexcused absences/tardies without a note or reason. A form you submitted has been recently processed. Click here for details.

Absences Page:

- Header: BROWARD County Public Schools, Help, Absences
- Sidebar: Portal, School Info, Communication, Preferences, Forms, SMITH, JANE
- Legend:

Code	Description	Periods
AT	Absent - Excused district transportation	0 periods
MT	Absent - Excused medically fragile	0 periods
OS	External Suspension	0 periods
TS	Tardy - Excused late to school	0 periods
TT	Tardy - Excused district transportation	0 periods
SO	Early Sign-Out	0 periods
PT	Present - Off campus	0 periods
PN	Present - Not in Class	0 periods
PI	Present - 1st day of attendance	3 periods
IS	In School Suspension	0 periods
AS	Alternative to External Suspension	0 periods

- Summary: Total Full Days Possible: 26, Total Full Days Attended: 26 (100%), Total Full Days Absent: 0 (0%), Total Instructional Minutes Missed: 371, Enrollment Dates: Aug 12, 2024 - ...
- Table:

Date	Daily	Excuse Note	Note Status	01	02	03	04
Aug 15, 2024	Present	No Files	N/A				

- Buttons: Summary, Chart

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SPIRIT WEAR

Fridays

ROCK YOUR SPIRIT WEAR ON FRIDAYS TO EARN A SPIRIT TICKET! EACH WEEK, PRINCIPAL MEACHAM WILL DRAW FIVE TICKETS, AND THE WINNERS WILL RECEIVE A \$3 COUPON TO CORNERSTORE

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VEBACKS.COM/SHOP](https://countryhillselem.givebacks.com/shop)

SCAN HERE





TRUNKERS NEEDED!

OCTOBER 24TH | 6:30PM-8:30PM

SETUP: 5:30PM-6:15PM | CHE CARLOOP B PARKING LOT

REGISTER NOW!

Spots Are Limited | Must Register By 10/17

PAY ON OUR E-STORE (SCAN QR CODE)

EMAIL: COUNTRYHILLSELEMPPTAFAMILYNIGHT@GMAIL.COM

YOUR CONTACT AND BUSINESS INFO

BUSINESS: \$25 (MUST DECORATE A TRUNK)

PTA MEMBER: FREE

NON-MEMBER: \$15 (OR JOIN FOR ONLY \$12!)

**TRUNKERS ARE RESPONSIBLE FOR PROVIDING
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GIVE BACK!

OCTOBER 8TH 5-9 PM



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Coral Springs, FL 33065

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**DINE-IN OR
TAKE-OUT**

**MUST MENTION COUNTRY HILLS
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Family Newsletter

Dear Parent:

Responsibility is the character trait of the month of October. This newsletter offers you activities and ideas, which will assist you with helping your child to understand the importance of responsibility. Responsibility is essential for becoming a healthy, happy, and productive person, and it is the basis for a free and civil society where each person does what he or she is expected to do. This belongs at home where children learn to take care of their belongings, clean up after themselves, do chores with a good attitude, finish their homework, and resolve conflicts peacefully. Encourage your children to take responsibility in "little things" so they are ready for greater opportunities in the future!

Ideas to Do as a Family

- Have your child share with you about times they are responsible. Emphasize that being responsible requires knowing what is expected and not making excuses.
- Share with your child about something you did that required responsibility. Explain how you are responsible.
- Schedule daily household chores that your child will be responsible for.
- "Catch" your child being responsible and offer your encouragement by verbally showing your appreciation.
- Watch a movie or TV program together and discuss how the characters are being responsible.
- Volunteer as a family to do a community service project together.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn.



Character Education: Elementary

October



Diversity, Prevention & Intervention
Lauderdale Manors Early Learning &
Resource Center
1400 NW 14th Court
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
(754) 321-1655
Fax: (754) 321-1691
www.browardprevention.org
Email:
Kimberly.Young@browardschools.com

Character Check

- Do your friends encourage you to be responsible?
- In what ways do you feel you are responsible?
- What are three ways you can be more responsible?

"Parents can only give good advice or put them on the right paths, but the final forming of a person's character lies in their own hands."
— Anne Frank



Once a week at a family meal, have family members tell about their responsibilities.

Get To and From School Safely: Tips for Walking, Biking and Driving



GENERAL TIPS

- Look! Be alert, attentive and avoid distractions!
- Phones down and headphones off!
- Wear bright, reflective colors on your clothes, shoes, belts and wristbands.
- Be aware of your surroundings.
- Do not walk across or within school traffic areas.
- Avoid interacting with strangers. If you are approached and feel uncomfortable, leave and tell a trusted adult immediately!



WALKING TIPS

- Always use sidewalks and crosswalks.
- If no sidewalks are present, walk on the shoulder a safe distance from the road, facing oncoming vehicles.
- Walk in groups whenever possible.
- Use pedestrian gates to enter and exit the school campus.



DRIVING TIPS

- Focus and avoid distractions while driving.
- Always watch for pedestrians.
- Slow down! Do not speed. Observe school zone speed limits.
- Allow a minimum of three feet between your vehicle and any bicyclist, it is Florida law.
- Students do not exit vehicles at the roadside. Use designated drop-off areas only.



BIKING TIPS

- Always wear a well-fitted helmet.
- When riding on the street, ride in the same direction as traffic.
- Always use a white front light, a red rear light and reflector.
- Obey all traffic signs, signals and markings.
- Walk your bike across busy roads.



BUS STOP TIPS

- While waiting for the bus, stay five giant steps away from the street.
- Do not play or run around at the bus stop.
- Do not walk behind the bus.



MEET US AT THE MOSS GOLF CLASSIC



You're invited to the **5th Annual Make Our Schools Safe Golf Classic** on **Friday, November 14th**, at **The Country Club of Coral Springs** (10800 W Sample Rd, Coral Springs, FL 33065). Join as an event sponsor or golfer in support of our work to safeguard schools and empower student leaders!

EVENT HIGHLIGHTS

Tickets: Register your friends or colleagues as a foursome for only \$1,000. Single golfer tickets are available for \$250. Registration includes lunch, dinner, drinks, and an incredible swag bag.

Tee Time: Registration begins at 12:00 PM with a 1:00 PM shotgun start. The day will end with an awards dinner!



It's not just about golf — it's about coming together to **Make Our Schools Safe**. So, dust off those clubs, invite your friends, and let's have a blast while driving positive change! Questions? Contact our Director of Development, Rachel Friedman, at rachel@makeourschoolssafe.org

SIGN UP TO SPONSOR
SEE YOU ON NOVEMBER 14TH





We're Hiring!



Country Hills Aftercare is looking for creative and energetic people who would like to work part-time with our students.

Hours: 1:30 – 6:00 pm

**** Experience with childcare is necessary. ****

Applications can be accessed
through HR Connect.

Questions? Please call 754-322-5988

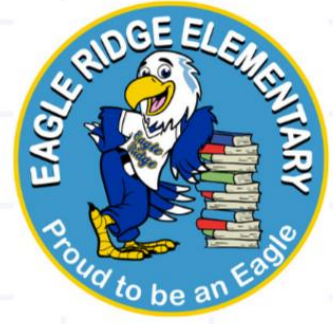
Mrs. Caldwell Dent

Ms. Ransom

Mrs. Cuadra



MARK YOUR CALENDAR!



MSD IZONE MEETING

PARENTS WELCOME!



MSD izone meeting will have information on how parents can get involved in all levels of their child's education



OCTOBER 27, 2025

AT EAGLE RIDGE
ELEMENTARY

9:30-11:00 AM



Eagle Ridge
Elementary School
11500 Westview Dr.
Coral Springs, FL 33071
(754) 322-6300



30 Years of Children Helping Children

Country Hills Elementary



Fall Harvest Drive



Country Hills Elementary Student Council would like your help once again with our annual collection for the Harvest Drive.

The Harvest Drive is a volunteer-driven grassroots program designed to improve the lives of food insecure families in Broward County, Florida. Each November, they assist more than 2400 families with a week's worth of groceries and a gift card or perishables to complete their Thanksgiving meal.

Where do I donate: Car Loop A & B

When: Monday, October 27th – Wednesday, November 5th

What to bring:

Special Programs: napkins, paper plates, Canned Cranberries, utensils

Kindergartners: microwavable popcorn and other microwavable snacks, Pop-Tarts, Chef-Boy-R-Dee

First Graders: black beans – canned or bag, brownie or cake mix, boxed stuffing

Second graders: packets of gravy, boxed mashed potatoes, canned chicken or tuna, applesauce

Third Graders: soups, peanut butter, jelly (no glass jars), canned veggies

Fourth Graders soups, ramen noodles, rice/pasta, macaroni & cheese

Fifth Graders: pancake mix, syrup, crackers, kids' cereals, oatmeal

- All donations are much appreciated.

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