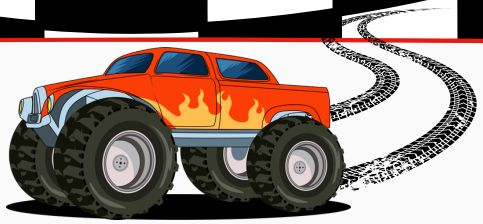
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2nd Quarter

Note from Mrs Reid:

Dear Coconut Creek Families,

As we move into November, our students continue to grow academically, socially, and emotionally. Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work together to ensure that every student reaches their full potential.

Consistent attendance, arriving at school on time, completing assignments, and reading at home each day are essential habits that contribute to student success. Please continue to review your child's progress, communicate with teachers, and encourage a positive attitude toward learning.

As we prepare for the upcoming weeks, let us remain focused on high expectations, strong character, and a commitment to excellence. Together, we can ensure that every student continues to grow, achieve, and thrive.

Thank you for being valued partners in your child's educational journey.

Sincerely,

Jocelyn Reid



School News & Calendar of Events

- School Calendar of Events

Free and Reduced Lunch

Complete an application for free and/or reduced lunch today!

- Visit myschoolapps.com to complete an application.
- Breakfast is free for all students this year.
- Add funds to your school lunch account at myschoolbucks.com

Drop-off Policy:

Please be mindful of our Item Drop Policy for the 2026 - 2027 school year. We will accept items up until 9:00 a.m. daily.

- Items may include lunches, water bottles, snacks, projects, homework, etc.
- This policy was established to minimize disruptions to our academic day and ensure extra safety on campus. We thank you in advance for your cooperation.

Volunteer Application

If you want to volunteer on our school campus or attend field trips, you must be a registered volunteer. Registering is very easy; just go to the district's volunteer website. This application must be completed every year. https://apps.raptortech.com/Apply/NDgyMDplbi1VUw==



Labeling Items:

Please label all personal items with the student's name, including lunchboxes, water bottles, and jackets. This will help us return these items when lost.

Register to Ride

If you are a bus rider, please register at browardschools.com/register2ride

FOCUS

Parents, do you need help navigating FOCUS? Broward County Public Schools has you covered.

The link below will take you to useful information on how to navigate the FOCUS Parent Portal APP.
https://browardschools.focusschoolsoftware.com/focus/auth/

SAFERWATCH

SafeWatch is a web-based and mobile app system that enables users to report an incident as it is happening or submit a tip at a later time. It also provides real-time communication during the situation.

Visit https://saferwatchapp.com/ for more information

FORTIFYFL

Submit a tip easily via our anonymous FortifyFL app. Provide as many details as you can, including names of people involved, physical descriptions, school name, social media handles, etc.

You can download the app or visit https://www.getfortifyfl.com/ for more information.



School Counselor's Corner



During the second quarter, our students will focus on three important character traits: **Citizenship**, **Kindness**, and **Respect**! Students will learn what it means to be responsible members of their school community, show kindness through their words and actions, and treat others with respect. Our goal is to encourage students to practice these traits daily, make positive choices, and help create a welcoming, supportive school environment where everyone feels valued!

ASD Program:

Our Autism Special Program is in the process of preparing for our Cougar Cubs Play Pals session. During these sessions, 5th graders in our general education classes are paired with students in our Autism Special Program. One common characteristic of autism is the challenge of developing social and play skills. This is the primary emphasis of our Cougar Cub Play Pals program. The "Play Pal" is paired up with a student and taught how to play and socialize with their pal. We have had this program in our school for years. All of our students have a great time interacting with individuals who are differently-abled and look forward to our weekly play session meetings. These meetings take place once a week when possible and count as students recess time for that day as to not interrupt instructional time.

Kindergarten:

Dear Families,
We are having a fantastic time learning and growing in Kindergarten!

📚 **Reading Adventures**
We are exploring story characters and their traits. Ask your child about the characters from the books we've been reading and what makes each one special. We love sharing our reading discoveries!

➕ **Math Fun**
Our young mathematicians are learning how to collect, sort, and compare data. We are: Sorting objects into categories

- Counting and comparing groups
- Using tally marks and numbers to show our results

Math has become a fun way for us to investigate and organize information!

⭐ **Citizenship Matters**
We have also been talking about what it means to be a good citizen. Students are learning the importance of being kind, respectful, responsible, and helpful both at school and at home.

📖 **Read Every Night**!
A friendly reminder to spend 20 minutes reading at home each evening. Reading together helps build confidence, vocabulary, and a lifelong love of books.

🌈 Thank you for your continued support and partnership. We are so proud of all the amazing learning happening in Kindergarten!

With appreciation,

🍎 The Kindergarten Team

1st Grade

We are excited to begin Quarter 2 and continue growing as learners! In Phonics, students will be working on r-blends, s-blends, and -ed endings to strengthen their reading and word-solving skills. In Reading Comprehension, we will learn about text features and practice identifying the main topic using relevant details from a text. In Math, students will explore the meaning of the equal sign, collecting and interpreting data, and extending the counting sequence. Our science lessons will focus on the sun and stars as well as the use of magnification tools to help us observe and investigate the world around us.
As always, please remember to check your child's folder each day and ensure that homework is completed and returned each week.

Thank you for your continued support in your child's learning journey!

2nd Grade

Second grade is off to an exciting and productive second quarter! Students are building their skills across Reading, Writing, Mathematics, Science, and Social Studies through daily instruction, practice, assessment, and hands-on learning. In Literacy, students are strengthening phonics, high-frequency words, comprehension, vocabulary, grammar, and expository writing skills. In Math, students are developing subtraction strategies and applying their learning to one- and two-step real-world problems. Science lessons are exploring forces, including pushes, pulls, and magnets, while social studies focuses on government, historical inquiry, primary and secondary sources, timelines, and periods of time.

As we continue through the quarter, intervention and small-group instruction will provide targeted support to help students close learning gaps in Reading and Math. Students are also preparing for the upcoming PM2 testing in November, which will allow us to celebrate their progress and identify areas for continued growth. We are especially excited about our upcoming field trip to the Broward Center for the Performing Arts, where students will enjoy an enriching learning experience while practicing SEAS etiquette.
We look forward to a quarter filled with growth, discovery, and memorable learning experiences!

3rd Grade

Hello Cougar Families,
We are officially entering the second quarter of the school year, and our Cougar Cubs have many exciting learning experiences ahead! From October through December, our students will continue building their knowledge, strengthening important skills, and growing as confident learners.

In Math, our Cougar Cubs will begin learning about quadrilaterals and the characteristics of different figures. We will then apply our understanding of geometric figures to area and perimeter, including learning and using the appropriate formulas to solve problems.
Our students will also strengthen their understanding of place value through the ten-thousand place by working with standard form, word form, and expanded form. As we continue, students will practice adding and subtracting multi-digit numbers accurately. Math requires consistent practice, so please continue encouraging your Cougar Cub to use scratch paper and show their work when solving computation problems. Practicing basic facts at home through flashcards is also a great way to strengthen addition, subtraction, multiplication, and division fluency. Fluency Flight is an 8-minute game on i-Ready that provides additional practice with the four operations. Encouraging your Cougar Cub to complete Fluency Flight regularly can help build accuracy, speed, and confidence with math facts.
Science
In Science, our Cougar Cubs will begin Unit 2: Energy. Students will explore different forms of energy and learn how energy is used in the world around us. We will focus on heat and light, including comparing these forms of energy. Students will also investigate how light can be reflected, refracted, and absorbed through hands-on learning experiences and classroom investigations.
In Reading, our Cougar Cubs will begin Unit 3: Government for the People, a nonfiction unit that will help students strengthen their understanding of informational texts.

3rd Grade - continued

Students will explore different text structures, including cause and effect and chronological order. They will also examine how text features contribute to meaning and support a reader's understanding of informational texts. Throughout the unit, students will continue developing strong expository writing skills and building positive writing habits. After completing Unit 3, we will begin Unit 4, which will emphasize character perspectives, plot, and character development. Students will explore how characters develop and change throughout a text and will also learn about figurative language, including similes and hyperbole.

In Social Studies, our Cougar Cubs will continue learning about North America, including U.S. regions and key physical features. As part of our learning, we will also explore topics connected to voting, Hispanic Heritage, Veterans Day, and Native American Heritage. These lessons will provide opportunities for students to develop a deeper understanding of our country, its people, and its history.

A Message to Our Cougar Families

Thank you for your continued support of your Cougar Cub's learning and success. Please continue to ensure that your child is present and on time each day, as consistent attendance is an important part of academic success.

We also encourage families to check ClassDojo daily for important announcements, reminders, classroom updates, and opportunities to stay connected with your child's learning.

We look forward to an exciting and productive second quarter and are grateful to have you as partners in your child's education!

Thank you for your continued support and involvement.

Warmly,
The Third-Grade Team

4th Grade

Hello again, fourth grade families!

In ELA, quarter 2 will kick off with the students taking their Unit 2 Benchmark assessment, in which they will be assessed on:

- Summarizing (including plot, theme, and how the theme develops)
- Explaining how characters contribute to the plot
- Using context clues to determine word meaning

Then we will begin Unit 3 of Benchmark, Government in Action. Following Benchmark's design, this unit will once again be non-fiction heavy. We will read informational social studies texts, science fiction, and realistic fiction. Our focus will be on:

- Identifying text structure
- Explaining how text features contribute to the meaning
- Explaining how characters contribute to the plot
- Summarizing (including central idea and relevant details)
- Using context clues to determine word meaning

By the end of quarter 2, we will be done with units 1-4 of Benchmark. Unit 4, Understanding Different Points of View, will spiral review our previously taught fiction standards.

In Math this quarter, students will focus on:

- Multiplying 2-digit numbers using different strategies
- Dividing larger numbers by 1-digit numbers
- Solving real-world multiplication and division word problems

Many students are still working toward mastery of 2-digit multiplication. Please encourage your child to practice at home and complete the attached practice packet. Even 10–15 minutes of extra practice can make a big difference!



5th Grade

The first quarter of the year flew by, and our fifth graders have been working hard so far in the second quarter. Thank you to all who participated in our APEX fundraiser. It was a great success and will benefit our CC K-8 students!

In Science, we are finishing up chemical and physical changes and will be studying forms and uses of energy next. For the month of November, our students will continue working in our reading series, Benchmark Advance, Unit 3 "The U.S. Constitution: Then and Now". We continue incorporating Reading/Writing, Science, and Social Studies topics into our daily reading program.

Continue to work on multiplication tables daily and review long division. Please check planners and take-home folders daily for important information.

Students are working on iReady lessons in the classroom. The expectation is that students pass at least 2 Reading and 2 Math iReady lessons and complete 45 minutes per week. This will help students practice the skills they will be tested on the FAST test in December and at the end of the year.

Please look for permission slips that will come home for upcoming field trips, including a SEAS play in November and the Sea World trip in March.



6th & 7th Grades

As we begin the second quarter, we encourage all families to partner with us in helping students stay focused and successful. Consistent daily habits can make a big difference in student achievement.

How Parents Can Help:

- *Check that homework is completed daily.*
- *Remind students that gum is not allowed at school.*
- *Ensure students arrive in the proper school uniform each day.*
- *Monitor grades and attendance regularly in FOCUS.*
- *Check your email often for school and class updates.*

Upcoming Field Trip Opportunity: We are excited about our upcoming trip to Windmill Park in November! This special event is reserved for students who have consistently demonstrated positive behavior by following our Middle School Leader Rules (as stated on the signed agreement). We encourage all students to continue making responsible choices, showing respect, and exhibiting leadership both in and out of the classroom.

Thank you for your continued support as we work together to make the second quarter a successful one for every student!

Art with Mrs. Bazos

This last quarter, students have been learning about other artists. Each grade level studies an artist and applies their style to their projects. Kindergarten learned about Frida Kahlo and painted a portrait of her using watercolors. First grade also learned about Frida Kahlo by making a three-dimensional collage. Second graders learned about Jean-Michel Basquiat, using paint sticks, oil pastels, and a gold crown collage. Third and Fourth graders learned that Yayoi Kusama was fascinated with dots! Third grade painted a fall pumpkin, using paint sticks and oil pastels. Fourth graders are making a three-dimensional pumpkin out of recycled paper, plastic bag, and Plaster cloth. Wait till you see all the dots! Fifth grade finished up their paintbrush nameplates, and now have begun their fall still life watercolor painting.

Middle school elective, 2-D and 3-D students have been busy. 2-D art class made an oil pastel painting of fall fruit in the style of Paul Cézanne. In addition, they just finished a landscape drawing in the style of Grant Haffner. 3-D elective class just completed their sculpture in the style of their selected artist using wire, wood, and gesso. You would be quite impressed!

Keep creating!! 🩷Mrs. Bazos



Media with Mrs. Esposito

Learning, Reading, and Staying Safe!

Our Media Center is busy with exciting learning opportunities this month! Students are participating in the Safer, Smarter Kids Program, where they are learning important skills to help them stay safe, make responsible decisions, and treat others with respect. Topics include identifying trusted adults, using a strong and confident voice, being aware of their surroundings, practicing digital safety, recognizing and preventing cyberbullying, respecting personal boundaries, protecting privacy, and making a P.L.A.N. to stay safe.

Middle School Book Checkout: Middle school students have begun checking out books, and Mrs. Esposito is working to expand the collection to provide more engaging reading choices that meet their interests and needs. We look forward to helping our middle school students discover new favorites and develop a lifelong love of reading!

Book Checkout Reminders: All students may check out one book for two weeks. Students must return their previously checked-out books before borrowing another. Books that are one month overdue are marked as lost in the system, which may result in parents needing to pay for the replacement book online. Our goal is to keep books circulating and available for everyone, so please help your child return library books on time. We want every student to enjoy reading without families having to pay for lost books!

We are also continuing to celebrate Hispanic Heritage Month and National Bullying Prevention Month through meaningful learning experiences and discussions. Students are also exploring wonderful books featuring the colors, themes, and seasonal fun of fall.

Thank you for supporting our Media Center and helping us build a community of safe, respectful, and enthusiastic readers!

Music with Ms. Shaheen

Hello CCK8 families,

This quarter in music class, our elementary students are continuing to develop their beautiful singing voices. Students are training their voices to sing in both major and minor keys using solfege syllables. Students are learning active listening skills and strengthening their ability to recognize musical patterns. We are looking forward to our holiday concert in December, when select students will have the opportunity to perform holiday songs!

This quarter in band class, our middle school students will begin learning their first songs as a band! We will focus on building playing skills, working together as an ensemble, and learning how to make music as a group. We are also looking ahead to our winter concert and beginning rehearsal and preparation for our first-ever middle school band performance. We can't wait to share our progress with our CCK8 families!

Thank you, Ms. Shaheen

PE with Coach Kenney

Our students are doing a fantastic job in Physical Education this quarter! They continue to demonstrate great sportsmanship, teamwork, and respect for their classmates. Students are encouraging one another, following directions, and giving their best effort during each activity.

Our Kindergarten through 2nd-grade students are learning the fundamental movement skills of jumping, hopping, and leaping in PE. Students are practicing how to perform each movement correctly while developing their balance, coordination, strength, and body control. Through fun and engaging activities, students are building the movement skills they will use in a variety of sports and physical activities.

Students in 3rd–5th grade are learning and practicing the proper techniques for underhand and overhand throwing and catching. Students are developing their coordination, accuracy, balance, and hand-eye coordination while learning how to use these fundamental skills safely and effectively. These skills will help prepare students for a variety of sports, games, and physical activities.

Our 6th-grade students are learning about heart rate and cardiovascular fitness. Students are practicing how to check and calculate their heart rate before, during, and after physical activity. They are also learning how to determine their estimated maximum heart rate and understand how heart rate can be used to monitor exercise intensity and overall fitness.

Our 7th-grade students are getting ready to begin their Floorball season.

Science with Mrs. Ryals

K-5 Science Special:

The students are investigating forces, the different ways things move, and forms of energy.

K-5th In-house Field Trips:

STEMobile will be joining us again this year for a **FREE** hands-on Science experience.

Here's the schedule:

- **K**: Forces in Flight: Friday, 10/30/26
- 1st: Healthy Bodies: Friday, 11/20/26
- 2nd: It's Electric: Tuesday, 12/1/26
- 3rd: Solar Power: Friday, 1/8/27
- 4th: Everglades Adventure: Friday, 2/5/27
- 5th Grade: Space: Friday, 3/12/27

Middle School Theater Elective:

The students have started memorizing their roles for the end-of-year performance (date still TBD)--they are amazing! They have also been writing their own mini-scripts and have been practicing improvisation, including generating their own scenarios. Two grants have been applied for to help pay for costumes, lighting, props, and backdrops to help our rising stars shine even brighter!

Do you follow us on Social Media?

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