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At Country Isles Elementary School giving back to the community is an important part of our education. Student Council sets the bar for excellence as we assist with school wide events, charity fundraising, and community involvement. Our purpose is to facilitate good relationships between our students, staff, and our community. We are proud to encourage character skills with an emphasis on citizenship, and we provide an outlet for students to share in the democratic process through our classroom and school wide elections in September.

This year we worked hard organizing and promoting the National Red Ribbon Week activities in October, we raised \$2,000 for Kids in Distress.

In November, we assisted PTA in a school-wide food drive to create Thanksgiving Day baskets and cards for local people in our community, and we sold leaves for donations as part of the Harvest Food Drive.

We took part in a Holiday Festival at Publix (a Partner in Education) in December and we sang holiday songs.

Our Student Council ran a coin drive in January, "Pennies for Patients" to raise money for The Leukemia and Lymphoma Society. We had set a goal of \$1,000 and raised over \$5,000. Students of all ages took part by selling lemonade, also making and selling beaded jewelry. We've never seen so many coins! We are so proud of our Country Isles' Herons!

For Valentine's Day in February, we sold roses. And they sold out fast. We raised over \$1,000 for the victims of the Central Florida tornadoes through The American Red Cross.

FCAT kept us busy in March. We celebrated the end of FCAT with HATS OFF TO FCAT hat day! Almost every student came to school wearing a hat.

April was Environmental Month and what an exciting month for Country Isles. Many of our students participated in our Country Isles' Clean Up Club. Our students learned the importance of keeping our school and community clean, along with an understanding of taking care of our planet.

During the month of May, we sent a note to remind all of our CIE students not only about Teacher Appreciation Week, but also how thankful we are about so many others. There are many people that make our school year a successful one. We need to remember where we start each morning, the bus drivers, car loop helpers, and crossing guards. Our day continues with teachers, assistants, volunteers, cafeteria staff, office staff, our school nurse and many others. It is important to let people know that you appreciate what they do!

We have been busy this year and our accomplishments are many!

Yes, Student Council works hard each and every month to exemplify our school's mission, "Educating Responsible Citizens!"

Start Planning

The school calendar for 2007-2008 is available online. Start planning your family events now according to the following schedule so your child doesn't miss their education.

2007-2008 School Year

Aug. 20	Students First Day
Dec. 24 – Jan. 4	Winter Break
March 31 – April 4	Spring Break
June 5	Students Last Day

Cafeteria Payments

Cafeteria payments must be made by cash only and all accounts need to be brought current. If you are unsure if your account is up to date you can check with the classroom teacher or stop by the cafeteria.

Artist Idol fever hits Country Isles Elementary!

Be on the lookout for a list of Meet the Masters questions that were sent home with your children, as CIE is proud to host the first annual Artist Idol competition, filmed and aired straight from our very own news room.

Each class is selecting a representative to challenge their peers on the LIVE morning news. The goal of the competition is to both summarize their year of Art history learning and to help build excitement for next year and their ongoing participation in the Meet the Master's program.

The questions are very basic and considered fair for all with just a little classroom review and some home practice. The child who is chosen will receive a "ticket to Paris" (similar to the American Idol ticket to Hollywood). A bucket of prizes as well as an ice cream party for the whole class goes to the winner at each grade level.

The Art Idol morning news competition dates are as follows:

Kindergarten:	Monday, May 7, 2007
First Grade:	Tuesday, May 8, 2007
Second Grade:	Thursday, May 10, 2007
Third Grade:	Friday, May 11, 2007
Fourth Grade:	Monday, May 14, 2007
Fifth Grade:	Tuesday, May 15, 2007
Finale:	Wednesday, May 16, 2007

We hope you can see the excitement and passion the kids are showing for this supplemental art program and that you are motivated to jump in and volunteer with us next year so we can continue to expand the width of their education and appreciation of the fine arts.

Dates To Remember:

May 7 th -11 th - Staff Appreciation Week
May 11 th - Talent Show 5:30 p.m.
May 16 th - Books-A-Million 6:00 p.m.
May 21 st - SAC Meeting 2:15 p.m.
May 25 th - DARE Graduation
May 28 th - No School
May 31 st - Last Day/ Early Release Day

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