

The Country Isles CHRONICLE



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Attendance: Policy 5.5

As you are aware, there have been some recent changes to the District's Attendance Policy. These changes were made in order to bring the district's policy in line with the requirements of State statutes. Both the Statutes and the District Attendance Policy recognize that regular school attendance is linked with success in school as evidenced by increased academic achievement.

There are three ways your child can be absent from academic instruction: daily absences (excused/unexcused), tardiness or early sign-outs. The revised policy provides that when these absences total 1800 minutes (that is 5 days) in a marking period or 10 days within 90 days, the student has a pattern of non-attendance." When this happens, the principal/designee will talk with staff to see if there is documentation that explains the absences. If not, a Child Study Meeting, to which you can be invited, will be scheduled to determine if the "pattern of non-attendance" is an indication of early truancy. If you have appropriate documentation regarding the absences, then you must provide a statement to the school to be placed in the student's file, explaining such absences (F.S. 1003.24 (4)).

If you cannot legitimately excuse the absences and it is clear that the absences are signs of early truancy behavior, then the school will provide assistance to address the behavior to get your child to attend school on a regular basis. This assistance or intervention may include, but is not limited to, student counseling, attendance contracts, and referral to agencies for family services. If these efforts do not help to improve your child's attendance and absences continue, a referral will be made to the school social worker for more extensive interventions and assistance. In some cases, families could be required to appear in court through referrals to the BTIP process for elementary students or through referral to Children In Need of Services/ Families In Need of Services (CINS/FINS) for middle and high school students. Additionally parents may be suspended from receiving Temporary

Assistance to Needy Families (TANF), and students could have their driver's license suspended or be prevented from obtaining a driver's license.

Please partner with us in supporting your child's regular daily attendance at school. We are committed, as you are, to the academic success of your child.

SAF Meeting

A SAF meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 14th at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria to discuss proposed changes to the district's Student Progression Policy (Policy 6000.1). This policy defines the requirements for promotion and graduation. This is your opportunity to provide your input on the proposed changes. There is only one issue that relates directly to elementary schools: setting a deadline date for Good Cause promotion decisions to be made. The other issues under consideration are for middle and high school students.

Partner Corner

Kabooms

Country Isles welcomes back Kabooms Amusement as one of our 2006-2007 Partners in Education. Kabooms would like to show their dedication for achievements in education by offering rewards to all students who maintain a level of achievement in education. Students may present their report cards and receive a bonus for their hard work. Report cards for rewards are only accepted up to two weeks after each marking period.

Ice Cream Club

Join us on Tuesday, November 14th from 4:30-8:30 for our first Country Isles Night at the Ice Cream club located on Weston Road and State Road 84 in the. Register to win a free ice cream and spot the celebrity scoopers!

Copies of this document can be found at www.countryisles.net

For the latest updates from the county visit www.browardschools.com

Teacher of The Year

Congratulations! We are proud to announce Mrs. Loy as our 2006-2007 Teacher of the Year. We would like to thank Mrs. Loy for her love and dedication to our students.

Non-Instructional Employee of the Year

Congratulations! We are proud to announce Mrs. Srour as our 2006-2007 Non-Instructional Employee of the Year. Thank you Mrs. Srour for your hard work and dedication to our school.

Be A STAR Volunteer

Be a STAR Volunteer at Country Isles. Apply online today!

Go to www.getinvolvedineducation.com to fill out your volunteer application. All information is secured. In order to volunteer at school or chaperone on field trips this form must be completed on-line. Once your application has been reviewed you will be able to volunteer. You must report to the front office and show identification to receive your volunteer badge.

When entering the school to volunteer, be a guest speaker, conference with the teacher, etc. you must show your I.D. in the front office and register in our STAR system. Anyone on campus must wear a badge. If you do not have a badge you will be asked to check in at the front office. Our students and their safety are top priority. Thank you in advance for your help!

Harvest Drive Household Good Donations

If you have any household goods to donate to this year's Harvest Drive please hold them until Friday, November 17th at which time they may be delivered to the school. Please continue to bring in your donated goods to the classroom. Thank You for everyone's support.

Country Isles' Multicultural Family Night

What a great way to start off our Multicultural events! Thank you to Lisette Diaz and the multicultural committee for their organization and dedication to this project. It was an overwhelmingly successful night which allowed us to explore the Hispanic culture, through art, music, dance and literature.

Red Ribbon Week

Country Isles had a fun packed week of activities promoting a drug free environment. Thank you to Stephanie Edberg for planning all of our activities. This year our link sales raised \$2000 for Kids in Distress! We appreciate all the hard work from Student Council members for selling links and helping with our ceremony. Together Ms. Edberg and Ms. Gomez made this a successful week.

JDRF Family Gathering

The South Florida Chapter of the Juvenile Diabetes Research Foundation along with Roche Diagnostic/ Accu-Chek, is hosting a fun afternoon for children with diabetes and their families.

Event: JDRF Family Gathering
Date: Sunday, December 3, 2006
Location: Wannado City
Sawgrass Mills, Sunrise, FL
Time: 4:00-7:00 p.m.
Cost: Free to children with diabetes, and their siblings

Dates To Remember

November 2nd - Picture Retakes
November 6th - Report Cards Issued
November 7th - No School
November 8th - PTA Meeting
November 9th - Student Council Installation
November 10th - No School
November 14th - Career Day, Ice Cream Club Night, SAF Meeting
November 15th - Books-A-Million 6:00 p.m.
November 27th - SAC Meeting