

# The Country Isles CHRONICLE



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## COOL CHARACTERS

We began our Character Education program at Country Isles in September. The program, entitled "COOL CHARACTERS", got off to a wonderful start. During the month of September the character trait was cooperation. Students who were cooperative were nominated and their nomination slip was placed in their classroom's cool character box. All students who were nominated were recognized with their name on the morning show and also received a small prize. These students were eligible to eat lunch with Mrs. Arguinzoni, the guidance counselor and other "cool characters". One nomination slip per grade was selected in a random drawing and the winners had lunch together on November 8. The winners were: Noah Izquierdo, Ellie Perez, Dhruv Seth, Brittany Kasper, Dante Dipaolo and Rachael Schafer. Congratulations!

## Meet The Masters

The Meet the Masters Committee would like to Thank all of the Teachers and Children who participated in the National PTA "Save our Arts" Program. During the month of October, individual classes took up the cause of writing their own communiqués to the President of the United States respectfully asking him to "Save our Arts" and then they created pictures (using different sorts of mediums) to depict what "The Arts" means to them.

We want to be the school that makes the strongest statement to our national leaders that we **MUST** keep Theatre, Music, Dance and the Arts in our public school systems. We hope it was a great lesson in helping them understand their significant role in forming private opinion and public policy and that they can make a difference when they work as a team and unite their voices!

Our November Artist is **Henry Matisse** – and we hope you are either already volunteering with us or are encouraging your children to look the Artists up online or in the library and continue the art education and discussion at home.

Please contact us if you would like to be a part of this very hands on, interactive and educational program with the children – we can still use project assistance in several of the grade levels. Thank you!

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## New Restrictions for After School Safety

For the **safety** of our students, the following will be implemented immediately:

\***Parents** will no longer be allowed to go to the POD areas and pick up **backpacks**.

\*A **security monitor** has been assigned to sit outside the after care office. This person will also be in charge of making sure bathrooms are cleared before parents are allowed to use it.

\*If it is necessary to enter the POD areas, a staff member will **escort** you.

\*A **yellow line** has been painted on the sidewalk indicating the STOP point of where parents will not be allowed to cross.

\*Parents will **sign in** and a visitors tag will be provided if they are attending a teacher conference.

\***Gates** will be closed at 2:15 p.m. except the main gate and the one that leads to the playground between POD C and D.

## Author/Storyteller -In -Residence

Once again, thanks to our awesome P.T.A., we will be hosting a guest author! This year we will be adding an additional component as our guest is a master storyteller! So, for this year we will be having an author/storyteller in residence for the entire day. On January 17, 2007, **Bobby Norfolk** will be spending the entire day and evening at Country Isles. **Bobby Norfolk** is a native of St. Louis Missouri. He is an internationally known story performer and teaching artist as well as a three time Emmy Award winner and parents' choice honoree. **Norfolk** is one of the most popular and dynamic story-educators in the country today!

Bobby Norfolk promotes cultural diversity, self-esteem and character education through his "story theatre" performances. He combines comedy and drama to magically weave principles that teach valuable lessons into each tale. To find out more about **Bobby Norfolk** log on to his website at [www.bobbynorfolk.com](http://www.bobbynorfolk.com).

All grade levels will have an opportunity to hear his terrific stories as well as a chance to have their books or CD's signed. Selected students will have the enriching experience of having lunch with our guest author/storyteller. To have the chance to have lunch with Bobby students will be writing a creative story.

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For the latest updates from the county visit [www.browardschools.com](http://www.browardschools.com)

Primary students (K-2) can tell a story either through words or pictures and Intermediate students (3-5) will be writing a creative story. The best entries from each grade level will have this terrific experience. All entries are due by Dec. 4, 2006.

Students wishing to order books or CD's will need to have their order forms and money in by Dec. 4, 2006. All checks should be made out to Country Isles P.T.A. There will be **no** books sold on the day of the author's visit. All books must be pre-ordered. Order forms will be going home shortly.

In preparation for **Bobby Norfolk's** visit, students will be exposed to his books and CD's during their media time. During art, students will be working on projects related to Black History Month.

In conjunction with our "Multicultural Passport to the World Series," Bobby Norfolk will also be presenting a family concert in the evening. There will be more information forthcoming on this event.

#### **ESOL Update**

The Multicultural and ESOL Program Services Education Department is proud to announce a new parents website [www.browarddesolparents.com](http://www.browarddesolparents.com) in English, Spanish, Hatian Creole, and Portuguese. This website is designed to provide important information to parents about the district and the services provided through the department and our schools.

#### **Lost and Found**

If your child has misplaced or lost any personal items please take a look at our lost and found corner in the cafeteria. All items that are not picked up by November 21<sup>st</sup> will be donated.

#### **Harvest Drive Reminders**

Country Isles Elementary Thanksgiving Food Drive is days away!!!!

Please have your child bring in as many Non-Perishable Food Items as you wish to donate!

Also, if you have any elementary age books, toys or bicycles in good condition we will gladly add them to our baskets.

Thank you for your continued support!

#### **A Time for Giving**

Country Isles Elementary would like to thank the volunteers from First Baptist Church. Our school grounds look beautiful because of their hard work cutting back our shrubs and cleaning our plant beds. Thank you for helping make our school a beautiful place to learn.

#### **Dates To Remember:**

Nov. 15<sup>th</sup>- Books-A-Million 6:00 p.m.  
Nov. 20<sup>th</sup>-22<sup>nd</sup>- Harvest Drive  
Nov. 23<sup>rd</sup>- 24<sup>th</sup> – No School  
Nov. 27<sup>th</sup>- SAC Meeting  
Dec. 5<sup>th</sup> – Meet the Masters Training 9:00 a.m.  
Dec. 6<sup>th</sup> – PTA Meeting 8:30 a.m.