

The Country Isles **CHRONICLE**



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Welcome Back

What a great opening! Thanks to all of our students and parents for a fantastic beginning of the year! Students are getting adjusted to their new classes and getting to know new faces around the school. There are many exciting activities planned throughout the year. Look for announcements in the *Chronicle* and mark your calendars.

Open House

Open House is around the corner. This is a great time to learn more about classroom expectations, rules, and procedures. Grade level curriculum will be reviewed. Parent representatives for SAC will be voted on. Teachers are anxious to meet every parent, but are unable to have individual conferences at this time. Adults only - No children.

The schedules for Open House are as follows:

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Grades K – 2, Cluster

Wednesday, September 19, 6:30-7:15 p.m.
Grades 3-5

School Public Accountability Report (SPAR)

No Child Left Behind federal legislation and Florida Statute requires that schools provide parents with an annual school status report. If you would like to review this report it is available in the front office.

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

Arrival and Dismissal at the beginning of the school year is always hectic. It takes time to learn new routines and procedures. Please remember:

- Do not park in the back loop, it is only for drop off and pick up.
- Do not park on the south side of Three Village Road by the barricades.
- If you arrive after 8:00 a.m. please escort your child to the office to obtain a late pass. We appreciate all the patience and helpful hands to ensure the safety of our students. Report any

changes of your child's dismissal plans to the front office by 12:00 Noon.

Arrive on Time!

Arriving to school on time is crucial to the start of a productive day! Students are allowed to enter their classrooms at 7:55 a.m. This gives them time to unpack their supplies so they are ready to work when the bell rings at 8:00 a.m.

Report to the Front Office

The safety and protection of our students is of the utmost importance. Please report to the office before going to a classroom. Everyone will be given a badge or sticker to wear for identification purposes. If you are seen on campus without a badge you will be asked to report to the office to sign in.

Independence Day

On Wednesday, September 5, we will celebrate Independence Day at Country Isles. All students can wear red, white and blue to celebrate their independence. Students will show their independence by walking to their class without a parent escort. We request that parents drop their children off in the appropriate car loops where they will be carefully supervised by our staff.

School Improvement Plan

Please plan on attending our first SAC meeting of the year on Monday, August 27th at 2:15. We will be reviewing the SIP plan for the 2007-2008 school year. The SAC team has 4 parent openings. We encourage anyone interested to submit a bio to Mrs. Loy by next Friday, August 31. SAC parent ballots will be voted on at Open House. Everyone is invited to join us to review the plan and give your input.

Parent Tips

When bringing items forgotten at home to school, they must be dropped off at the front office. The teacher/child will be notified that the item has been brought to school. Instructional time will not be interrupted.

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

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

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Birthdays

Our School recognizes birthdays on our morning T.V. announcements. Please do not send cakes or treats for your child's birthday. If you would like special recognition for your child please see Ms. Loy, our Media Specialist, and purchase a book for our Media Center in his/her name.

Welcome To P.T.A.!

The next P.T.A. Meeting is Friday, August 31st at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. P.T.A. is an excellent place to become involved with school activities. If you are not a member of P.T.A. it is not too late. Join us at the next meeting!

Safety Tips

Broward Sheriff Department wants to remind parents and students of some important tips to ensure students safety to and from school:

- Discuss the safest route to and from school or to the bus stop.
- Encourage your child to walk with friends.
- Tell children to avoid places that could be dangerous.
- Map out the route you will help your children select.
- Talk about why it is safer to cross at the corners using crosswalks.
- Help your children understand how important it is to cooperate with deputies, school safety patrols and adult crossing guards.
- Teach your children to STOP, LISTEN, and LOOK for approaching and turning vehicles.
- Stress the importance of allowing enough time to cross the street safely.
- Make sure your children understand they must walk not run across the street.
- Remind children never to go with strangers.
- Encourage and praise your children for following the guidelines for safe walking everyday.

Cafeteria

Breakfast and lunch will be offered daily.

Breakfast \$1.00

Lunch \$1.75

Breakfast and/or lunch can be prepaid by the week or month. If you choose to prepay meals, please sign in at the office before seeing the cashier in the morning. Every Wednesday is ice cream day. Ice Cream will be sold for \$.60. On Fridays, a juice bar is available for \$.40. If you have any questions about your child's account, please call Linda Ippel at 754-323-5260.

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.

Volunteer Breakfast

You are invited to our Volunteer Breakfast on September 6th at 8:15 a.m. in the cafeteria. Enjoy breakfast and learn what you can do to help enrich the lives of our students. There are a "World of Volunteering Possibilities" at Country Isles. Information will be shared regarding different programs available; (i.e. Meet the Masters, Math Superstars, Book Fair)

DATES TO REMEMBER

August 27th - SAC Meeting 2:15 p.m

August 31st - P.T.A. Mtg. 8:15

September 4 – No School

September 5 – Independence Day

September 5th - Open House Grades K-2,
Cluster 6:30 p.m. Adults Only

September 19th - Open House Grades 3-5
6:30 p.m. Adults Only