

The Country Isles CHRONICLE



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POP TABS

Country Isles Elementary and our local Girl Scout troops have collected over 30 pounds of pop tabs since the beginning of this school year. Yeah!!! As you know these pop tabs go to the Ronald McDonald House in Broward County. The money raised by recycling the tabs helps to defray the cost of having the families of patients at the nearby hospital stay at the house. Collecting and donating the pop tabs is a wonderful way for your child to help other families at a time when they need it most. Thank you to everyone who has donated tabs to us so far. Please continue to bring your tabs to school. We will be collecting the tabs until the end of the school year.

Author-In-Residence

Students at Country Isles Elementary were treated to an awesome experience on January 23rd and January 24th. **Darrell House**, this year's Author-In-Residence, mesmerized all grade levels with his performances. His book, Miller the Green Caterpillar, was written in verse and was told with the aid of a guitar. **House** used his voice, guitar, and songs to enthrall our students with his love of reading and writing. Presentations were grade level appropriate and the upper grades got a chance to hear his new book entitled The King of Fish. Throughout the day students could be heard singing "Underneath the Cushions of the Couch."

P.T.A. provided a themed luncheon for the winners of our creative writing contest. Students especially liked the Miller the Green Caterpillar cake. Student momentos were a flowerpot containing seeds, dirt, and an edible lollipop. **Darrell House** spoke to all of the students and went around to each table. Photos were taken with him and students proudly showed off their winning entries which were displayed around the Media Center.

All students had the opportunity to meet Darrell House in person and have their books and/or CD's signed by him. In an e-mail received after this event, **House** said he was shocked at how many books and CD's were purchased by the CIE community.

After the student presentations, there was a staff reception honoring this year's Author-In-Residence.

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Teachers and staff had the opportunity to informally speak with **House** and ask him questions regarding writing and being an author.

Thanks to our tireless P.T.A., this event was a huge success. Special thanks goes to our P.T.A. who organized and staffed the book sale. They handled money collection and dispersed the books. As usual, lunch was spectacular! A great big **Thank You** to our P.T.A. for sponsoring this memorable experience for our students!!

Student Council sponsors...

Pasta for Pennies Coin Drive

Country Isles is as amazing as always! Our goal was \$1,500. We are up to \$2,500! Remember, if we reach our goal, the class that brings in the most money will win a Pasta Party from the Olive Garden. Well, guess what? If we double our goal, the TWO classes that bring in the most money will win a PASTA PARTY! We are only \$500 away! We are close! We can do it! Keep bringing in your coins! Thursday is the last day! All of the money goes to the Leukemia and Lymphoma Society.

A HUGE thank you to the new COMMERCE BANK at 4475 Weston Rd. (across from Home Depot). They have been extremely kind to donate prizes for our children and for the use of their coin counting machine.

Student Council sponsors...

Our Valentine ROSE Sale!
Monday, February 11 to Thursday, February 14,
2008 (or until we run out)

Buy a ROSE for that special person at Country Isles....your teacher, your friend, or that special staff member. There are so many important people here at Country Isles! For just \$1.00 your child can put a smile on the face of one of their favorite people! All profits will go to The Joe DiMaggio Children's Hospital. Happy Valentine's Day from Student Council!

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Resolutions

During the January 15th School Board Meeting the following resolutions were approved:

- Resolution in Support of Jewish History Month – January 2008
- Resolution in Support of January 2008 as Diversity and Inclusive Community Month
- Resolution in Support of Black History Month – February 2008
- Resolution In Support of National School Counselors' Week – February 4-8, 2008
- Resolution in Support of the 25th Anniversary of Partners in Education, Inc. 1983-2008

FINDS

Where are my keys? What did I do with that TV remote? What movie should we go see? These are questions we ask ourselves almost daily. When students have questions here at Country Isles, we help them find the information they need through a research process called FINDS. On Tuesday, February 26th at 6:00 PM, Country Isles will be offering a Family FINDS Night in the media center. Are you planning a family vacation and would like to find information about where you are going? Or maybe you are thinking about what your child will do for a science fair project. And yes, you can even use the FINDS research process to decide what movie you would like to see. If you are interested in learning with your child about this research information process, plan to attend the FINDS Family Night. Space is limited. To RSVP, please contact Mrs. Loy at 754-323-5250 or email her at joanne.loy@browardschools.com. Hope to see you there!

Receive Your Next Chronicle by Email

Country Isles is in the process of improving our communication with the community. You can be a part of this endeavor. Simply visit our school website at www.countryisles.net and click on the link to join our email list. Once we receive your email address we will be able to send you important information, such as the Country Isles Chronicle, school lunch menus, flyers, etc. directly to your email account. Your email address will be kept confidential and will not be given to any outside agencies. Help us with our conservation efforts and sign up for our email list today.

Dates to Remember:

- 2/1- Jump Rope for Heart
- 2/8- Report Cards
- 2/11-2/14- FCAT Writes 4th Grade
- 2/18- No School
- 2/25- SAC Meeting