

The Country Isles **CHRONICLE**



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Independence Day

Wednesday, September 5th was Country Isle's Independence Day! Thank you to all our parents for their support. The children are well on their way to becoming more independent and finding their way around campus. Give your child a hug and a kiss before you arrive at school and our independent students will report to their assigned locations. Let's keep up the good work!

PTA

Country Isles Spirit T-Shirts and agendas can be purchased at the PTA office from 7:30 a.m. - 8:15 a.m. and from 1:30 p.m. - 2:15 p.m. You can send the money in with your child and they can come in make their purchases.

COUNTRY ISLES NEEDS YOU!

DON'T MISS

VOLUNTEER BREAKFAST

Thursday, September 6 8:15 AM!

The CIE PTA is looking forward to seeing you this **Thursday, September 6th at 8:15am** in the Cafeteria for our Annual Volunteer Breakfast. Enjoy and learn what you can do to help enrich the lives of the students at Country Isles Elementary.

It doesn't matter if you have minutes, hours or days to give - there is a volunteer opportunity for you from classroom assignments to at-home projects! There is a World of Possibilities at Country Isles. The students, teachers and staff at Country Isles needs you. To get started, **please apply on-line at www.getinvolvedineducation.com**. Get involved in education and make a difference in our children's lives!!!

PTA MEMBERSHIP

PTA membership drive is underway. Our goal is 100% participation for families and teachers. The membership, for the entire year, is \$6.00 (per member.) A portion covers the cost of our national dues and the remainder **benefits each and every child here at Country Isles**. Membership envelopes went home in the first day packets or are available at the front office.

Open House K,1,2 Adults Only

Open House is tonight at 6:30. This is a great time to learn more about classroom expectations, rules, and procedures. Grade level curriculum will be reviewed. Teachers are anxious to meet every parent, but are unable to have individual conferences at this time. The schedules for Open House are as follows:

Wednesday, September 5, 6:30-7:15 p.m. Grades K,1,2
Wednesday, September 19, 6:30- 7:15 p.m. Grades 3,4,5

All cluster parents meet in room 705 Pod D. There will be a group presentation and then proceed to classrooms for visits.

Mrs. Hunter's class will NOT have Open-House until September 19. **Adults Only**

Traffic Safety

Please remember the following rules when driving on or around the school campus.

1. No cellphone use in school zones and driveways.
2. Obey school zone speed limits.
3. Drive slowly in driveways.
4. Use crosswalks when crossing roadways.
5. Be courteous to other drivers and look both ways.
6. Do not get out of your cars.
7. No pets on campus.

Following these rules will set a good example for our students and keep our children safe.

Reporting Absences

Students must be in school unless the absence has been excused for one of the following reasons:

- Illness
- Illness of an immediate family member
- Death in the family
- Required court appearance or subpoena
- Special Event (public functions, conferences, exceptional cases of family need)
- Student having or suspected of having a communicable disease or infestation that can be transmitted

Parents must report the absence the day before, the day of, or within two school days following the absence, or the absence will be considered unexcused. However, any

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Florida Kidcare Health Insurance Program

Florida KidCare is our State's children's health insurance program for uninsured children under age 19. To qualify a child must be a U.S. citizen or qualified non-citizen, not be the dependent of a state employee eligible for health insurance and meet income eligibility requirements.

Applications for Florida KidCare Health Insurance Program are readily available to parents in the main office. Children who are currently receiving benefits through the program need to be aware of their renewal dates, as renewal is required yearly.

Applications are also available in Spanish and Creole. For information call the Florida KidCare Broward County Hotline at 954-467-8737, or email the Regional KidCare Coordinator at Rebecca_miele@doh.state.fl.us. Thank you for supporting the health needs of our students.

Soda Can Pull Tabs and Ronald McDonald House

"It's that time of year when we once again ask that everyone save their pull tabs from soda, pet food, etc. to donate them to Ronald McDonald House. There will be a receptacle in the front office for your tabs. You may turn them in at any time. The tabs are recycled to defray the cost of a stay at the house for families with hospitalized family members. Thank you for your support. The Girl Scouts of Broward County and Country Isles Elementary. Contact Mimi Cushmanick for information.

DATES TO REMEMBER

September 5th- Open House Grades –K,1,2
6:30 p.m.

September 6th- Volunteer Breakfast 8:15 a.m

September 19- Open House Grades 3,4,5, p.m.

September 21- Friday, Weston Philharmonic Society,
8:15 am and 9:00 in the school cafeteria.

October 2, Tuesday, Florida Panthers Spirit Day

Remember to check the PTA page on the school Website for updates.