

The Country Isles CHRONICLE



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Winterfest

Our students are excited about the upcoming Winterfest on the evening of Thursday, December 20, 2007! This is an opportunity to showcase all of the children's hard work, perform with their classmates, as well as to support a charity in the community.

This year during winterfest our students will be given the opportunity to explore different cultures of the world. Each grade level will be representing a different country in their pod area. Please have your children pick up a passport when they arrive. Students are encouraged to travel to each pod area and learn something new and exciting about the unique customs of the world.

Teachers' Certification

All of our professional teachers are continuously upgrading their teaching skills and developing increased levels of content expertise. We are recognizing teachers at Country Isles who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training to become certified in another subject(s). While doing this, they are teaching those subjects to students. These teachers are:

Andrea Morey	ESOL
Kim Howes	ESOL
Cibeis Carrillo	ESOL
Michele Lender	ESOL
Mariza Mendoza	ESOL
Anita Peacock	ESOL
Michele London	ESOL

Thanksgiving Thank You

A heartfelt thank you goes to the entire Country Isles Elementary community for supporting the Thanksgiving Harvest drive. The food, toys, books, and monetary donations provided an abundant holiday for many families throughout Broward County. Your generosity was a lesson well learned by our students as they passed through the cafeteria and saw all the donations, realizing the impact that was being made in the lives of others. Special thanks to the program coordinators, Renee Herman, Patti Bradley, Kim O'Neil and all the volunteers who came to the school and organized the donations for pick up.

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 will be donated.

ESOL Leadership Council

Wednesday, December 5, 2007, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Topic: Learn About the FCAT, SAT-10, CELLA and other State and District Tests

Location: K.C. Wright Building
600 S.E. 3rd Ave.
Fort Lauderdale, FL 33301

Watercraft Safety Week December 17-20

Tyler Scott Goldberg was an intelligent, responsible, and courageous young man who passed away on April 1, 2007. Tragically, his life was cut short as a result of massive neurologic and respiratory injuries that he sustained when the personal watercraft that he was operating crashed into a dock

at Markham Park in Sunrise, Florida. A Tyler Scott Goldberg foundation has been established to honor Tyler's memory.

At its core, the foundation's mission is to continue Tyler's legacy of love and compassion for others by 1) working toward legislative change that would prohibit children under the age of 16 from operating personal watercraft 2) lobbying for design changes that would improve the safety of personal watercraft 3) providing financial and emotional assistance to families whose children have sustained serious and life-threatening injuries. 4) providing financial support for relevant medical research and expansion of services in trauma centers and pediatric care units at local hospitals 5) disseminating information about watercraft safety to the general public.

Additional information about the foundation can be located on the Internet at: www.tylerscottgoldberg.com

During the week of December 17th, the students and staff of Country Isles will be supporting the efforts of the Tyler Scott Goldberg Foundation by selling bracelets and with the following activities:

Monday, December 17 - Say a safety pledge during morning announcements.

Tuesday, December 18 - Family Pizza Night at Home
More information will follow.

Wednesday, December 19 - "Be a Life Saver!" Sign your grade level LIFE SAVER!

Thursday, December 20 - "The Ocean Blue". Wear a blue CIE T-shirt to show your support for "Water Safety Week".

Stop by our booth during Winterfest! You will have a chance to put on a life jacket and have your picture taken in a canoe.

Car Loop Area

Here are some tips to help maintain a safe and smooth car loop experience:

- ❖ Stay in your cars at all times.
- ❖ If leaving your car it is ABSOLUTELY necessary, please park in the front parking lot.
- ❖ No cell phone use is permitted in the car loop lanes.
- ❖ If you need to speak to your child's teacher, set up a conference or phone call.
- ❖ If you are waiting for your child, move as far forward in the car loop lane as possible.
- ❖ Walkers- please use the sidewalk to get to your car or home. (Do not cross in the middle median or street)
- ❖ Only Kindergarteners or 1st graders (and siblings) are allowed at back car loop area.
- ❖ Do not park in bike lanes for extended period of times.
- ❖ Bike riders need to alert walkers when approaching.

Dates To Remember:

December 5th- PTA Meeting 8:15 a.m.
December 10th-12th-Benchmark Testing
December 20th- Winterfest
December 24th-January 4th Winter Break

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