

DECEMBER

Prowls N Growls

SEASON'S GREETINGS

Dear Parents,

The holidays give us an opportunity to pause our busy lives and reflect on our proud accomplishments. The season offers us a chance to say “thank you” to the entire school community for all the support that you provide to our students, our families, and our staff. It is because of you, that our Harvest Drive was such a great success! Thank you all for selflessly making a positive difference for families in need.

December is now upon us, and with it comes all the excitement that the season brings. It’s a busy time filled with the hustle and bustle of gift shopping for friends and family near and far. Life at school is also very busy. We have field trips planned, chorus winter concert, the opening of our Winter Shop and a holiday Spirit Week.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the staff, students, and parents for their continued support. Our school is truly a community, and it is at this time of year when the closeness of friendship shines in our students’ faces. The new year will bring new learning experiences, new challenges, and new fun. We look forward to what lies ahead for us in 2025.

We hope you all have a joyous and special holiday season with plenty of time to relax and enjoy family and friendships. Safe travels and warm tidings to each one of you!

With Love,
Nicole Ortega, Principal
Rowena Thomas, Assistant Principal



December 2 – SAC/SAF Meeting 3:30 pm
December 2-6 – Inclusive Week
December 9-13 – Holiday Shop
December 17 – PTA Meeting 3:30 pm
December 18 – Chorus Winter Concert 6:30 pm
December 19-20 – Health Screenings K, 1st & 3rd Grade
December 20 – BMX Assembly
December 20 - RISING STARS Assembly
December 23 – January 5, 2025, No School Winter Break



Panther Pals has resumed this school year!



The Panther Pals has resumed this year to create opportunities for our 5th grade students to act as peer buddies for our students with special needs. Selected students meet twice monthly with their assigned Panther Pal to conduct activities to help build friendships and advocate for inclusivity.



CHE is thrilled to celebrate Inclusive Schools Week, promoting acceptance and inclusion to our diverse school community.

Inclusion is not a program – it's a attitude- and we invite all students, staff and families to be **VERY INCLUSIVE PLAYERS (VIPs)** each day in the following ways:

Mon, Dec 2- U: Unique Dress to show what makes you unique. "I can celebrate that we are ALL unique and have gifts. Tell a classmate what you appreciate about them

Tues, Dec 3- N: Neon Wear tie-dye or bright neon colors. "Positive talk and a growth mindset make us shine bright. Tell someone how they light up your world.

Wed, Dec 4- I: Important, Iconic, Incredible: Wear a shirt with a positive message. *I can help others feel welcomed and valued. Share your message with others

Thurs. Dec 5- T: Together We are Better: Wear your favorite sports team's jersey or clothing. * We are stronger as a team than we are alone! Find someone new wearing something similar to you and say hi!

Fri, Dec 6- Y: You Belong Here: Wear CHE spirit shirts. We are all part of the same team at CHE. We are a diverse community and that makes our school wonderful!

*Invite someone new to play with you at recess or sit with you at lunch.

CONGRATULATIONS
MRS. CALDWELL DENT



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OF THE YEAR**

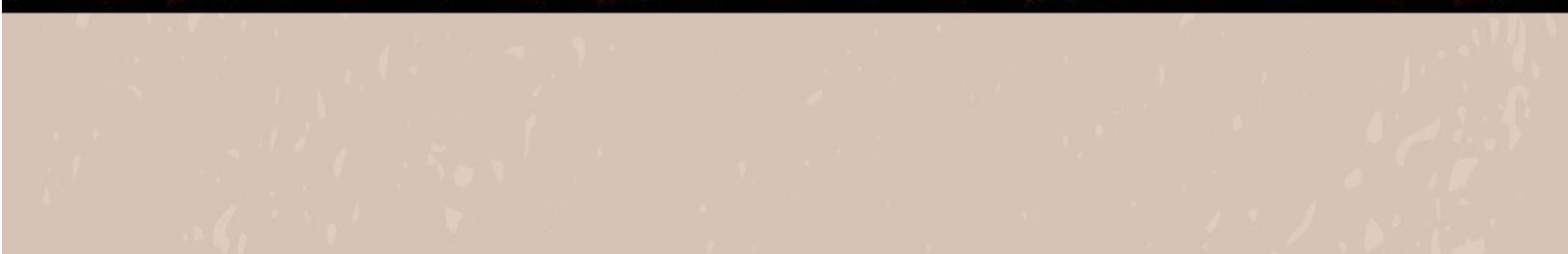


**Big Brothers
Big Sisters.**
OF BROWARD COUNTY



Resiliency Pop-up Shop

Fire Truck Visit with Kindergarten





STONE SOUP FRIENDSGIVING IN SECOND GRADE







NOVEMBER

RISING STARS

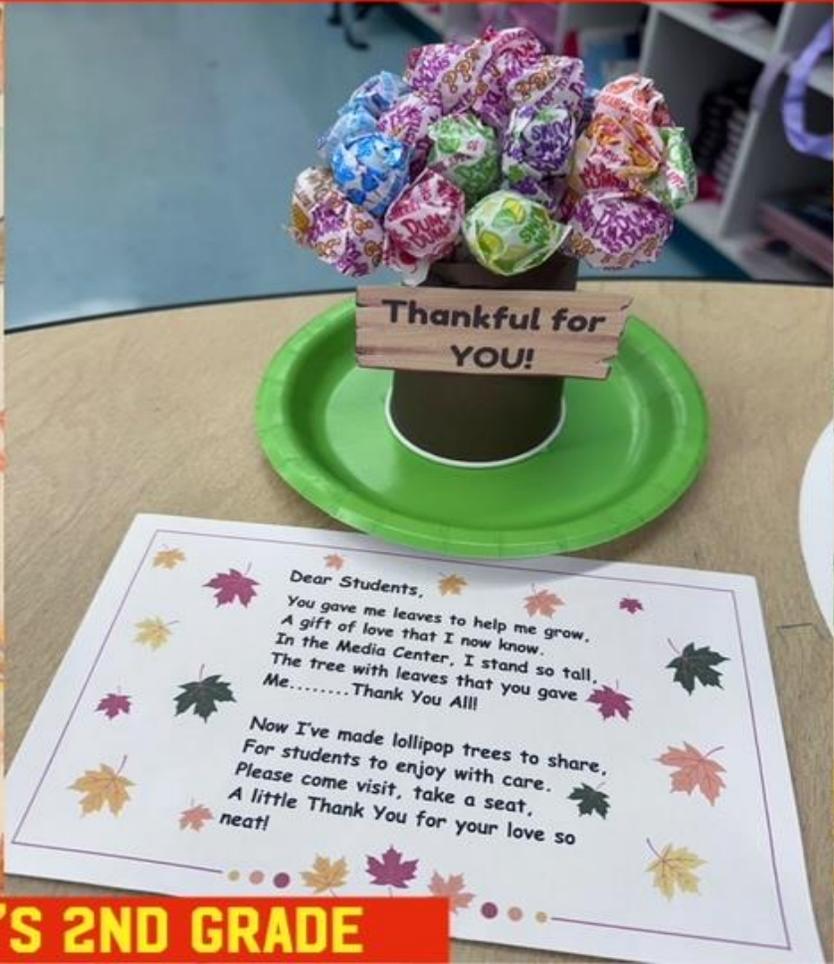


CITIZENSHIP





WE ARE SO THANKFUL FOR OUR CHE PTA



MRS. READ'S 2ND GRADE



HONORING RETIRED SCHOOL RESOURCE OFFICER DAVE DITTMAN

Let's come together to show our appreciation for all Officer Dittman has done to keep our schools safe and to support our children.

Join us as we celebrate his legacy of service and commitment to the Coral Springs community!

DATE OF EVENT :
December 4, 2024
6:30pm

EVENT PLACE :
Commission Chambers at
Coral Springs City Hall





CHE PTA'S



SPIRIT FRIDAY

TOYS FOR TICKETS

ON FRIDAY, DECEMBER 6



You can help spread joy and show your CHE Spirit this holiday season by donating new, unwrapped toys for students at Country Hills Elementary and other Broward Schools.

Please email any questions to:
CountryHillsElemPTA@gmail.com

How to Donate:

Drop off your gifts at Car Loop on Spirit Friday to Receive a Spirit Ticket

What to Bring:

New, unwrapped toys, crafts, books and games suitable for ages 5-11. Please do not donate Nerf guns or other toy weapons.



Country Hills Elementary Spirit Week

**Monday, December 18th
Ugly Sweater Day!**

**Wear your ugliest holiday
sweater!**



**Tuesday, December 19th
Baby It's Cold Outside!**

**Wear your favorite plaid
flannel or fuzzy socks.**

**Wednesday, December 20th
You're A Mean One Mr.
Grinch!**

Wear your green or hearts.



**Thursday, December 21st
Light Up The nights!**

**Wear your favorite holiday
lights & or accessories.**

**Friday, December 22nd
It Was The Night Before.....**

**Wear your warm and cozy
holiday pajamas. Pajama
Day!**



Kindness

December Character trait

A caring person is considerate, kind, compassionate and generous.
A caring person considers how decisions, words and actions are likely to affect other people.

Remind your child that they have the power to brighten another person's day through a simple act of kindness.

Ideas to Do as a Family

- Participate in a community service project with your child, which allows the family to show kindness towards others.
- As a family, discuss what you could do to show that you care about the environment, such as cleaning up a street, picking up trash, or starting a recycling program.
- As a family identify things that you can do together to make a difference in someone else's life.
- Catch your child being kind and acknowledge how important that behavior is. This is a simple opportunity to reinforce how important being kind is in your family.
- Watch a television program together and talk about the various ways in which the characters acted uncaring or caring towards one another.
- Remember that the best teaching tool is to always model the behavior you want your child to learn. You are a powerful role model for your child. If you are kind and helpful to other people





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754-321-3500



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SecurityTips@BrowardSchools.com

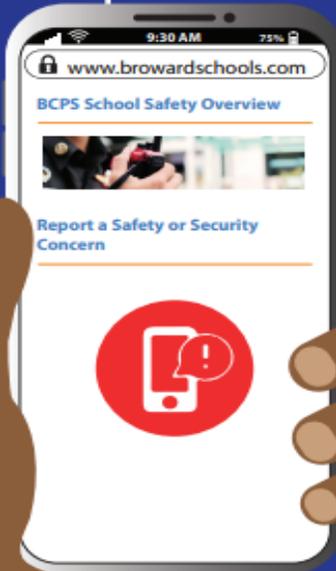


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