

EAGLE EXPRESS



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The Eagle Express is a publication of the CWE PTA. It is designed to keep you informed of all the happenings here at Cypress Woods Elementary.

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FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT...

On behalf of the 2010/2011 CWE PTA Executive Officers and Board, welcome back! I hope everyone had a fun and safe summer. If you are new to Cypress Woods, please know that your children are attending a wonderful school. We are excited to have you join us as we start the new school year and want to welcome our new principal, Lisa Freeman.

PTA sponsors many events at Cypress Woods, and this year is no exception. We plan on hosting our Parent/Child dances, as well as our popular Hatchlings events and the Sunshine State Book Club. Our biggest event of the year is Family Fun Night in the spring, and we are working on a Casino Night fundraiser so the parents can have fun too!

Please review the information in the packet going home today. There is information regarding easy fundraising we do as well as opportunities for volunteering, membership, school spirit apparel and the school directory. All these forms can also be found on our website: www.cypresswoodspta.com. Please check it out and sign up to receive our newsflashes. Don't forget to look at the back of this newsletter: we already have September events ready and waiting!

By choosing to become a member of the Cypress Woods Elementary PTA you automatically become a member of Florida PTA and National PTA. These two organizations not only support our efforts to enrich our children's learning experience, they also advocate for the rights of children everywhere. Nothing else is required of you, yet all students will benefit.

We hope to see you throughout the year. If you have any questions or suggestions, please let us know. We would love to hear from you. And if you would like to get involved with a great organization at a great school, we would love to have you.

Stephanie
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Come Join Us For Our First Astro Skate Night This Year!



Our first Astro Skate Night will be on Thursday, **September 17th**, from 6:00-8:00.

This is a cool night that benefits your school, so grab your skates and we'll see you there!

Astro Skate and Fun Center is located in Tarpon Springs at 875 Cypress Street. For more information, call 938-5778.

Come join us for this exciting family evening!



GRANDPARENTS DAY

We invite all our grandparents for a special celebration **September 10th**. Please stop by the multi-purpose room at your grandchild's lunch time for a special treat so PTA can show you how we appreciate our grandparents!

Any parents who want to help out during this special day, please contact Amira Ray at amrays@tampabay.rr.com or 773.1845. We look forward to seeing you there!

SUNSHINE STATE READERS

Are you a member of the club? Which club? The Sunshine State Readers' Club! Ms. Wasiluk's class is; they are reading *Piper Reed, Navy Brat*. Join them and read this funny book and then come to the Book Club meeting **September 30th at 6:30pm** in the media center.

We want to get families reading together and encourage our young learners on their journey into the world of reading. Becoming an enthusiastic reader is paramount to becoming a successful student and citizen. And we know that a child will be more likely to read if the whole family is involved so please read with your child and attend our very first book club meeting. PTA will provide the snacks, Ms. Wasiluk will provide the direction and our kids will provide the discussion and fun!



We also have a brand new incentive program, thanks to a grant from Target, so every time you come you qualify for great prizes!

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Ressler at stephressler@msn.com or 686.2099. We look forward to seeing you there!

THANK YOU

Without the support of local businesses, the PTA could not do all that we do for the students, parents and staff at Cypress Woods Elementary.

Thank you to **Publix Supermarkets** (Ridgemoor), **Chili's**, **Smoothie King**, **Flamestone**, **Moe's**, **Chick-fil-A**, **Beef O Brady's**, **Pizza Hut**, **Salon Solei**, **Papa Johns**, and **Varsity Club** for their donations to our Welcome Back Breakfast for the teachers and staff.

Thank you to **Pinch-a-Penny** for donating pool toys as prizes for our kindergarten raffle.

Thanks so much for helping us make a difference!

ANGEL BACKPACKS

What is Angel Backpacks? PTA collects and distributes backpacks and school supplies to kids who need them, starting with students at Cypress Woods Elementary with the help of the entire community.



We will then be reaching out to Sandy Lane Elementary by forming a partnership with them and supporting them throughout the year. This school in Clearwater is a Title I school, identified in need of improvement. The kids and school really need our help and support and we know our students will benefit from the satisfaction of helping others in need. We are collecting backpacks and other school supplies through next week in the front office area of the school. If you would like to get involved with our Angel project in any way, please contact Leona Wells at Leona@thewellsfive.net or 935.5039.

FIRST GENERAL MEETING

Our first PTA General Meeting will be Tuesday, **September 21st** at 6:30pm in the cafeteria. Join the CWE PTA for our first general meeting of the year and meet The Tricky Dogs, five little terriers, one poodle and their human Rick Martin. The Tricky Dogs Show guarantees wild laughter while including important messages on reading, fire safety, stranger danger, bicycle helmets, setting goals and practice and perseverance.

If you have any questions, please contact Stephanie Ressler at stephressler@msn.com or 686.2099. We look forward to seeing you there!



MEMBERSHIP EARLY BIRDS

We are off to great start with memberships and received a great response from our kindergarten welcome and meet the teacher date. Don't forget to submit your PTA membership today: membership is \$6.00 for a single membership and \$10.00 for a family membership. Why is it important to join PTA? We have several reasons:

You will receive a discount card filled with local businesses that is exclusive to PTA members. Being a member of PTA keeps you connected to your school and exposes you and your child to great resources and programs. PTA offers a way for parents to tap into a network of like-minded parents who care about their child's education and their school's continued improvement.

Right now we are having an early bird contest. Memberships submitted by **September 10th** will be entered into a drawing for some great prizes, so please send in yours today!

MEET YOUR BOARD

Stephanie Ressler, President

Stephanie is mom to two kids, one at CWE. Besides her hobbies of sewing and scrapbooking she works as an ESE assistant at the school. This is the fifth year she has served on the CWE PTA Board.

Amy Dougherty, 1st VP

Amy has been involved with PTA for many years. She has two kids at CWE in 3rd and 5th grade. Amy enjoys scrapbooking and taking pictures.

Kim Hardgrove, 2nd VP

Kim Hardgrove is a 4th grade teacher here at CWE as well as the mother of three children. Her daughter will be attending the 3 pre-k here at CWE this school year. She is looking forward to collaborating with the parents, students, and teachers this year as a member of the PTA board.

Dee Nasr, Treasurer

Dee grew up in Chicago but has lived here for 22 years. She has three kids; two currently attend Cypress Woods. In her free time she enjoys the theater, sports and music.

Leona Wells, Secretary

Leona came to Palm Harbor 2 years ago and is originally from Dublin Ireland. She moved to Dallas 15 years ago, married an Australian and has 3 Texan boys. Any of these might be the reason she talks funny sometimes. She has recently become a Triathlete and enjoys swimming, biking and running 'cause if they can't catch you, they can't ask you anything!

STAY INFORMED!

Get connected to Cypress Woods Elementary PTA by going to www.cypresswoodspta.com. Put this site on your favorites list and check for:

- ◆ Upcoming events and programs;
- ◆ School calendar;
- ◆ Contact information;
- ◆ Important resources

Be sure to sign up for our email **NEWSFLASH!**



Your PTA Board

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SEPTEMBER EVENTS

All Month Long Angel Backpacks

PTA will collect backpacks and school supplies for kids who need them here at CWE and Sandy Lane Elementary. Drop off donations in the school lobby.

Wednesday, September 1st PTA Board Meeting

2:00pm in the Conference Room

Everyone is welcome and encouraged to come find out what's going on with your PTA!

Friday, September 10th Parent Packet Forms Due

Don't be left out! Complete and turn in your forms for the school directory, membership and school spirit items!

Friday, September 10th Grandparents Day

Lunchtime in the Multi Purpose Room

Come join your grandchildren for lunch and enjoy a special treat from PTA! Check the school lobby for your child's lunch time. All visitors to CWE must sign in with the school office.

Thursday, September 16th Astroskate Spirit Night

Join us at the Astroskate Fun and Skate Center in Tarpon Springs for fun that earns the school money!

Tuesday, September 21st Tricky Dogs Show and General Meeting

6:30pm in the Cafeteria

Come see the tricky dogs do amazing tricks and comedy!

Thursday, September 30th Sunshine State Book Club

6:30pm in the Media Center

Join Ms. Wasiluk in discussing *Piper Reed*, *Navy Brat*. Everyone who attends gets a CWE nylon bag!