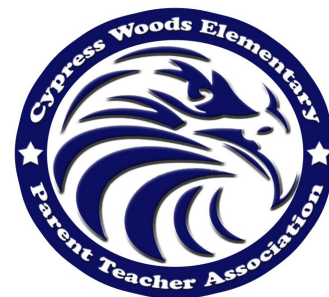


EAGLE EXPRESS



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FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT...

Why Do I Volunteer?

Some people volunteer to gain career experience, to build their resume. Develop skills or learn new ones. In addition volunteer work enables others to make contacts with people in their chosen career.

Some people volunteer to build self-esteem, to make themselves feel better. To feel needed, to feel that they have a place in this world. To truly feel like they are making a contribution to society.

Some people volunteer for the social aspect, to climb the social ladder while helping those less fortunate.

Some people volunteer as a result of the instilled set of values they have that compel them to act on deeply held beliefs about the importance of helping others.

Some people volunteer because they have felt the cruel sting that life may have afflicted them or a loved one with. For example someone might volunteer for the American Cancer Society because a family member died of cancer.

And some people do it because they want a better understanding about different people or the organization they serve, "bridging the gap," so to speak, in order to better understand their community and themselves.

However, I volunteer to give back to my community. In life you can be on top of the world one moment and grasping at straws the next. I'm glad I connected with a group of wonderful people, the people who volunteer for the PTA, who are as supportive as they are giving.

Think about volunteering today. We would love to have you.

Stephanie Ressler
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CALLING ALL BAKERS!

Do you like to bake goodies and help out your school? We have just the job for you!

As the holidays are approaching, PTA has a lot of opportunities for those interested in hospitality and ensuring our teachers and staff feel appreciated. We are also planning on including the teachers of our partner school, Sandy Lane Elementary, so we need all hands on deck!

If you are interested in helping out, please contact **Susie Hadair** at chefsousou@hotmail.com or 727 488-1128.

This would be a perfect opportunity for working parents who want to help from home. Please consider helping us make the holidays brighter for our teachers and staff!



CASINO NIGHT

"The Big Deal" Casino Night was a Big Hit!

A HUGE THANK YOU to the Casino Committee, all of the dedicated volunteers, teachers, faculty, and local businesses who helped make our first-ever "**BIG DEAL CASINO NIGHT**" such a huge success. We couldn't have done it without you! For those of you unable to attend, you missed a fabulous evening of fun, food, entertainment and Vegas-style gaming at the beautiful East Lake Woodlands Country Club. We would like to especially recognize our major sponsors: **Seminole Hard Rock Hotel & Casino, Bashor & Legendre LLP CPAs, Bechtel Financial Services, Karen Vommaro & Associates, Two Men and a Truck, Robert Carlbo Tennis Professional, Burns & Schuetzler Realtors, Michael A. Pugliese Painting, Narcosis Scuba and Dimmitt Automotive Group.**

We'd also like to thank all the local businesses, families and teachers for their very generous donations to our silent auction. All the proceeds from this event go directly back into our classrooms to benefit all the students at Cypress Woods Elementary. We hope to build on the success of our first year and intend to make this an annual tradition at CWE. Be on the look out for a "Save the Date" for next year's fall fundraiser and can't wait to see you all next year.



Leona Wells, Casino Night Chair
Leona@thewellsfive.net

ANGEL TREE

The Angel Tree is up and running and we will be distributing "stockings" until **Friday, December 3rd**. Each stocking represents a \$20 gift for a child at CWE or Sandy Lane Elementary. Please return your UNWRAPPED gift by **Tuesday, December 7th** and we will have our Grand Wrapping Party, starting at 9:30am on **Thursday, December 9th**...all are welcome to come by, get some holiday spirit and wrap some gifts...please email Leona@thewellsfive.net to be involved in this awesome and rewarding holiday tradition, teaching our kids the true meaning of the season.

Leona Wells, Angel Project Chair
Leona@thewellsfive.net



It's Yearbook Time!



We are going GREEN !

**ALL orders will be placed
ONLINE this year !**

**Order a yearbook online
at www.ybpay.com**

**“School locator” and you are on your
way**

Books are ONLY:

**\$20.00(soft cover)/\$25.00
(hardcover)**

**Reserve your child's yearbook
today!**

**We sell out every year, don't
miss out!**

**If you do not have access to a computer please contact Deborah
Tannenbaum (dtlaloba4022@aol.com) or Theresa Casey
(tjunk@tampabay.rr.com) to make other arrangements.**

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT DAY

Chick-fil-A Spirit Day is on Thursday, **December 9th**. A flier will be coming home that week so please bring the flier to Chick-fil-A with you on that day any time between 6:30am—10:00pm. 20% of all proceeds will be donated directly back to CWE.

So have some chicken and support your school. There will be the ever-popular prize wheel, too! See you Thursday!



HEALTHY LIVING WEBSITES

Our Wellness Committee as scoured the web to find websites to make healthy living easier. Check them out today!

<http://www.goodguide.com>

<http://www.elanaspantry.com/about/>

<http://www.elanaspantry.com/category/cooked-veggies/>



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, December 1st

PTA Board Meeting

2:00pm in the Media Center

Everyone is welcome to join and learn more about PTA!

Thursday, December 2nd

Reflections Awards Reception

6:30-7:30pm in the Cafeteria

PTA's program celebrating the arts culminates in an awards ceremony and reception for the students.

Friday, December 3rd

Last Day to Select an Angel Tree Ornament

Make a difference and help a family this holiday season!

Tuesday, December 7th

All Unwrapped Presents Due for Angel Tree

Please return the gifts so we have plenty of time to wrap and deliver!

Thursday, December 9th

Chick-fil-A Spirit Day

Chick-fil-A in Oldsmar

Stop by Chick-fil-A any time this day to eat more chicken, have fun with friends and earn money for our school!

Thursday, December 16th

Sunshine State Book Club

6:30pm in the Media Center

All third through fifth graders and their families are invited to join Ms. Gaughen and Ms. Russell in discussing *11 Birthdays*. Join the club that everyone is talking about!