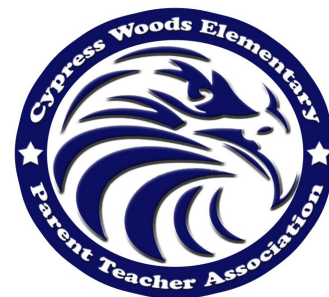


EAGLE EXPRESS



November 1, 2010

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.

It is published every month. The next deadline for submission is November 15, 2010. Submissions should be e-mailed to stephressler@msn.com.



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FROM YOUR PTA PRESIDENT...

Fundraising is a necessary evil of working in PTA. Everyone is offering a new fundraiser that guarantees quick money but I have often found the ones that profit the most are the people providing the fundraiser, not the school.

During my tenure at CWE PTA one thing has been constant: do not have a lot of fundraisers and focus on programs for the students and families of CWE. We try to have one major fundraiser in the fall and then in the spring, during our Family Fun Night.

This year, the Fundraising Committee has decided to put on a Casino Night for the parents. It is a great idea for a number of reasons. We give parents a night without kids to connect with other parents in a fun setting. We approach local businesses to help with sponsorships and great prizes. And it is a lot of bang for your buck. For only \$50 you receive your ticket that includes heavy hors d'oeuvres, two drink tickets, casino cash, an exclusive silent auction and great prizes. Where else can you get all that and support your school?

Your participation in the event supports the family reading programs like the CWE Hatchlings, the Sunshine State Book Club, as well as family education programs and teacher partnerships. It also prevents multiple fundraisers throughout the year, as well as asking children to sell items door to door to support PTA.

I hope you consider coming to this great event. If you own a business and are interested in sponsorship opportunities or a silent auction donation please contact Leona Wells at leona@thewellsfive.net. Thanks so much for supporting your school and the PTA.

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Healthy Recipe Contest!

Attention all students, parents and staff: the Wellness Committee is sponsoring a healthy recipe contest this month!

Please share your favorite healthy recipe with us and we will choose two winning recipes, which will be published in the December newsletter and the winners will receive a gift certificate to Richards Whole Foods!

Entries are due **November 19th** so let's get cooking! We can't wait to see what you have to share!

If you have any questions, please contact Andrea Conway-Thogmartin at speechpath65@yahoo.com or Michele Kelley at 727-785-1172.



READING PROGRAMS

Due to the challenging nature of the book for October, we had to postpone the Sunshine State Book Club in October. Our next Book Club will be Thursday, **November 18th** and the book is a great one! Please join Ms. Harvin, who will be discussing *Obi, Gerbil on the Loose* at 6:30pm in the media center.

Thanks to the kindergarten team for leading our first CWE Hatchlings Event. Everyone had a spooky good time listening to stories, making a placemat craft and enjoying Halloween cookies. Thanks to our great teachers for making our reading programs successful!

THE THREE RS

We have a new character initiative at CWE and it is represented by the three Rs: Respect, Responsibility and Right Choices. They can be applied school-wide and be reinforced by every teacher in the school. This is the 4th Grade spelling out the three Rs at PE. Ask your child about the three Rs today!



REFLECTIONS

The PTA Reflections Program was described by its founder, Mary Lou Anderson, as "almost too simple." That simplicity—of asking children to express themselves artistically based on a common theme—is the foundation of this long-standing PTA program. This year the theme is "Together we can..." The program has six arts areas: dance choreography, film production, literature, musical composition, photography and visual arts. Complete rules and applications are available on our website: www.cypresswoodspta.com. Entries are due Friday, **November 5th**. For more information, click <http://www.parenting.com/article/Child/Daycare--Education/PTA-and-Parenting-PTA-Reflections?cid=redirect-parenting-pta>

Time is Running Out to Order your Tickets for

“THE BIG DEAL”
CASINO NIGHT

East Lake Woodlands Country Club
Saturday, November 13, 2010 7:30pm

You Don't Want to Miss Out on the 1st Annual Adult Fundraising Event

Not only does this promise to be an exciting social event for Parents and Friends of CWE, all monies raised will go directly into our children's classrooms. This is our premier fundraising event of the year and we hope you will support us knowing that you are helping realize our goal of educating, empowering and enlightening all the students at our school.

Your VIP Ticket includes Heavy Hors d'oeuvres Buffet, Two Drinks, Vegas-Style Casino and fabulous Silent Auction. Roll the dice and play to win Our High Roller Prize of a weekend stay at the Hard Rock Casino, and all players can enter to win other prizes including Dinner for Two and relaxing Spa Treatments.

Tickets on Sale until November 5th,
for Order Form go to www.cypresswoodspta.com or CWE lobby

Please contact Leona Wells, Casino Chair at Leona@thewellsfive.net with any questions. Silent Auction donations gladly accepted and Sponsorship opportunities available until November 5th.

SCHOOL DIRECTORY

The school directory is at the printer and almost ready to be distributed. To save on printing costs, the PTA is only distributing the School Directory to PTA members. If you wish to receive a hard copy simply become a member of PTA. Otherwise an electronic copy can be emailed to you upon request. Contact Amy Dougherty at amydoc@tampabay.rr.com or 727-784-8949. Thanks for your patience!

VOLUNTEERS

We love our volunteers! Please remember to log your volunteer hours in the computer in the school lobby each and every time you volunteer at CWE. If the computer is down there is a clipboard to record your hours. Don't forget to record your time spent at home volunteering for the school or your work for PTA! We get credit for our volunteer hours so please do it every time! Thanks!

Astro Skate



Our next Astro Skate Night will be on Tuesday, **November 9th**, from 6:00-8:00pm.

Every kid can enter our raffle to win great prizes. Wear your CWE shirt and get two tickets! We also have a raffle for teachers and staff too!

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 the exciting evening for the whole family!



CALLING ALL WHO LIKE TO PARTY!

We need volunteers for our Parent/Son Dance, **November 5th**. If you are interested in helping with this rock star party for our kids please contact Maria Meola at mmeola@tampabay.rr.com or 727 772-0005. Without your help, our rock star party will fall like a rock so please consider donating some time to decorate, set up or help at the dance. Thanks!



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NOVEMBER EVENTS

Wednesday, November 3rd

PTA Board Meeting

2:00pm in the Media Center

Everyone is welcome to join and learn more about PTA!

Friday, November 5th

Parent/Son Dance

6:30-8:00pm in the Cafeteria

Come rock the night away with your friends at the super cool rock star event!

Tuesday, November 9th

Astroskate Night

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

Saturday, November 13th

The Big Deal Casino Night Fundraiser

7:30pm at East Lake Woodlands Country Club

Join us for this first annual event that is sure to be lots of fun and raise money for our school!

Thursday, November 18th

Sunshine State Book Club

6:30pm in the Media Center

All third through fifth graders and their families are invited to join Ms. Harvin in discussing *Obi, Gerbil on the Loose*. Join the club that everyone is talking about!