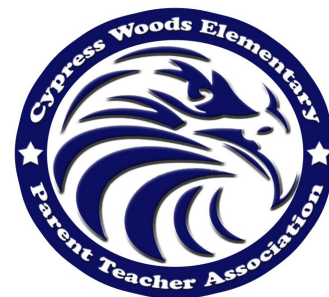


EAGLE EXPRESS



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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...

When my oldest was in first grade a fellow parent asked me why I wasn't involved in PTA. The reason was, I really didn't know what PTA did and how it affected me or my child. In case you were wondering the same thing yourself, let me share with you what I found out when I got brave and jumped to find out.

PTA is good for our school. Besides the extras PTA supplies our families at no profit, like the yearbook and t-shirts, PTA provides family education programs like our Sunshine State Book Club and Hatchlings PJ Reading Events. We also raise money for technology such as Elmo projectors and Smart Boards.

PTA is good for children. PTA is the largest advocacy group benefitting children. By being involved in PTA you are informed of national, state and local proposed changes that affect children. In the age of budget cuts and downsizing, information is so valuable!

PTA is good for you. By becoming involved in PTA I have connected with parents, teachers and administrators who all share the same goal: making CWE the best it can be. My children get to see me making a difference and I'm proud of the work I do for the school.

So why not get involved today? Just give me a call or e-mail and we will get you started in the most rewarding and most important job in the school: volunteering!

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Thanks to Dr. Moore's class who wrote letters to the PTA for their partnership!

International Walk to School Day

Please join us and several other Pinellas County schools for the International Walk to School Day, **Wednesday October 6, 2010!** "Walk This Way" is a grassroots pedestrian safety initiative in more than 600 schools nationwide. You can walk or ride your bike to school that day or you can meet a group of us at the Ridgemoor Blvd. Publix at 8 am. We will be leaving for our walk around 8:10 am. The purpose of this day is to show kids and families how fun it could be to walk or ride bikes to school and how to follow the rules of the road by being safe. So please join us On Wednesday October 6th for this fun healthy event!



PARENT/SON DANCE

It's that time of year again, The Parent/Son Dance is just around the corner. Join us on the dance committee, and be a part of the fun. This year we are going to rock out with the theme of Rock/Pop Star. There will be a DJ, snacks, costumes, games and more..... Mark your calendar for Friday, **November 5th 2010.** If you have any questions or are interested in volunteering please contact Maria Meola at mmeola@tampabay.rr.com or call 727-772-0005.

READING PROGRAMS

We had a great time at our book club meeting! Ms. Wasiluk and Mrs. Wilson led the families into small groups and they worked on fun activities and then had a riveting game of jeopardy. Third graders win again!

We hope these book club meetings will bring families and reading closer together and emphasize to our kids that reading is important. Your participation is essential for the program to succeed!

Please join us for our next book club, Thursday, **October 28th** at 6:30pm. Ms. Halleran and Ms. Bonnici will be presenting *The Girl Who Could Fly*. Come join the club and win more the more you attend!

Our first Hatchlings PJ Party is Wednesday, **October 27th** at 6:00pm. Join the kindergarten teachers as they lead a night of story-telling, crafts, snacks and fun for the whole family! This is a great opportunity to learn how to read a great story from the professionals who do it every day!



CWE Hatchlings is a family reading program for pre-K through 2nd grade children that promotes families cultivating a passion for reading together and discovering a world where anything can happen: the world inside of a book!

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>

CASINO NIGHT

Join us to begin a new PTA tradition, and to raise money for the classrooms at CWE! **Mark your calendars now** for this major fundraising event.

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

More details to follow. If you have any questions or would like to volunteer to help make this an evening to remember, please contact Leona Wells (leona@thewellsfive.net).

MEMBERSHIP CONTEST WINNERS

Thanks to all who sent in their memberships early: PTA membership is one of the things that makes CWE the best! We had a contest for Early Bird Memberships and Kindergarten Welcome Participants.

Early bird Winners:

Nancy Lamont – Jennifer (Moore)
 Enyra Rojas – William (Baker)
 Karen Kuzianik – Kaitlyn (Wasiluk)
 Alysa Damboise – Isabella (Russell)
 Diane Rondou – Gabriel (Lisa Smith)
 Elisa Liptak – Riley (Gaughn)
 Roni Hersh-Lawson – Rhiannon (Bonnici)
 Suzanne Dieffenthaler – Michael (Pearson)
 Narumon Pongkeasorn – Norrich (Edleman)

Kindergarten Skittles Winners:

Liam Sanders (Mitchell)
 Campbell (Poczerwinski)
 Nella (Poczerwinski)
 Danielle (Poczerwinski)
 Sarah (Boczarski)
 Ashley (Boczarski)
 Kylie (Mitchell)
 Meghan (Skarr)
 J.D. (Mitchell)
 Katelyn (Mitchell)

Congratulations to the winners and thanks again to all who entered! It's not too late to submit your membership. Help us reach our goal of 100%.

CHICK-FIL-A SPIRIT DAY

Our first Chick-fil-A date is on Thursday, **October 14th**. 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!



YEARBOOK GOES GREEN!

Yearbook is Going Green this year! No "paper" order forms will be sent home this year. Yearbook orders can be placed on line at www.ybpay.com starting today. The presale price is \$17 for a soft cover and \$20 for a hard cover. This presale pricing ends on **October 31st**, so make sure to reserve your copy today. Just go to www.ybpay.com and select "school locator", from there you will be on your way to reserving your copy of the full color, 88 page book full of memories that will last a lifetime! Thank you for supporting our efforts to be green!



Your PTA Board

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OCTOBER EVENTS

Wednesday, October 6th

International Walk to School Day

8:00am at Ridgemoor Blvd. Publix

Join your friends and walk or ride your bike to school!

Wednesday, October 6th

PTA Board Meeting

2:00pm in the Media Center

Everyone is welcome to join and learn more about PTA!

Wednesday, October 6th

School Appreciation Night

Celebration Station in Clearwater

Students and teachers eat and ride for free! The class that brings in the most students will win a free pizza party. Some height requirements apply.

Thursday, October 14th

Chick-fil-A Spirit Night

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!

Wednesday, October 27th

Hatchlings PJ Party

6:00pm in the Multi-Purpose Room

Pre-K through 2nd graders and their families are invited to join the kindergarten teachers as they lead a night of reading, crafts, snacks and fun!

Thursday, October 28th

Sunshine State Book Club

6:30pm in the Media Center

All third through fifth graders and their families are invited to join Ms. Halleran and Ms. Bonnici in discussing *The Girl Who Could Fly*.