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From the General Manager

The First Quarter has ended and report cards will go home on Nov. 17th. Show your support and celebrate your student's achievements at our First Quarter Honor Roll assemblies starting on November 15th. Programs will be sent home with specific dates and times for each grade.

November is a busy month here at Palm Cove! These are just a few of the special events we have going on that all families are encouraged to participate in: Writing Night - FCAT Parent Training; Harvest Food Drive; and Turkey Night. Dates and times are listed on the calendar below. Additional information may be sent home as dates get closer, so be sure to check your child's book bag daily.

November is the time when we give special thanks for all the wonderful and positive things in our lives. Let us all be thankful for what we have and hopeful for a better and brighter future for our children. To all our Palm Cove families, have a wonderful Thanksgiving.

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Cain

Principal



November Is National Family Literacy Month

Families Reading and Learning Together

Since November 1, 1994, National Family Literacy Day has been recognized and celebrated all across the United States. Throughout the month of November, emphasis is placed on the importance of family literacy and literacy-related activities.

This year, Broward County Schools is encouraging children and their families to read together by hosting a district-wide family read-a-thon. Are you up to the challenge?

Families reading for a total of 600 minutes during the month of November will receive a participation certificate and will have the opportunity to win a home library collection. Winners will be notified in January.

Reading Logs will be sent home on November 2nd. Completed logs are due back to your child's teacher on November 30th. Please visit Palm Cove's Front Office if you need additional copies.

Please see the flyer for more details about this program.



"ON-DECK" CALENDAR OF EVENTS



Harvest Food Drive: see flyer	10/31 to 11/10/11
Papa John's Family Night: see flyer	11/03/11
Title I Writing Training: Concession Stand, 6:30 pm	11/09/11
Holiday - school closed	11/11/11
Honor Roll Awards: Grades K & 1, see flyer for details	11/15/11
PTA General Meeting: Concession Stand, 6:00 pm	11/16/11
Annual Turkey Night: Concession Stand, 6:30 pm	11/16/11
Picture Re-take Day: uniforms required	11/17/11
Honor Roll Awards: Grades 2 & 3, see flyer for details	11/17/11
Report Cards Go Home	11/17/11
Honor Roll Awards: Grades 4 & 5, see flyer for details	11/18/11
Holiday - school closed	11/21 to 11/25/11
SAC/SAF Meeting: Media Center, 2:30 pm	11/28/11
BAT Testing: Grades 3 to 5	11/28 to 12/02/11

Title I Parent Training Academy

Central Area Meeting
Thursday, November 3, 2011 - 7:30 pm

READING: "Building Vocabulary, A Key To Comprehension"

Where: Rock Island Elementary School
2350 NW 19th Street, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33311

FREE! FREE! FREE!

Child Care - Valuable Information - Refreshments - Parenting Tips

Refreshments from 6:30 to 7:00 pm

If you have questions, contact Giselle del Barrio at 754-323-6800 or Priscilla Waller, Title I Parent Involvement at 754-321-1410

Palm Cove Elementary Title I Parent Training: Writing Night

Wednesday, November 9, 2011
6:00 to 8:00 pm

Light refreshments will be served from 6:00 to 6:30 pm

FREE homework pass for all students who attend.

See flyer for more details!



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Classroom News



Kindergarten

We begin the month of November with many exciting activities in store for Kindergarten. In Language Arts, we will be working on blending sounds and recognizing Dolch sight words. In Math, we will begin addition and subtraction. In Science, we will learn about energy and in Social Studies, we will learn about The First Thanksgiving, Pilgrims and Native Americans. On November 17th we will have our Annual Kindergarten Thanksgiving Feast.

Please continue to work with your child at home on letter names, letter sounds, shapes, colors, Level One and Two Dolch sight words and numbers.

1st Grade

Our Fantastic First Graders have been very busy during the first quarter and can't believe it has come to an end. They've worked diligently and will continue to learn math addition and subtraction facts from our "Go Math" series, hands-on-Science and Reading Strategies.

Parents, please continue to read to your child every night. Make sure your child practices the Dolch Words. Discuss reading materials together, ask questions about why the author wrote the story, sequence of events in the story, and ask them to give details related to the story.

We were delighted to see the children dressed up in their favorite character from their chosen story in our Storybook Parade.

November is a time for sharing and giving thanks. Let us remember to give thanks to our Palm Cove students for all of their effort. Happy Thanksgiving!

2nd Grade

Fall is definitely in the air and the Second Grade Team is having a blast! The Storybook Parade was a hit! We loved seeing all of the fans come out to see our players dress up as their favorite storybook characters to celebrate reading.

The first quarter of school is over and report cards will be issued on November 17th. Please contact your child's coach if you would like to set up a conference to discuss his or progress this school year.

We have begun logging into Ticket To Read, which contains online reading activities for your child. The students are enjoying reading online passages and earning tickets! Reading groups, centers, and computer time have also been a fun source of learning for our second graders. The content areas are a great way to learn about people and places.

Please continue to read and sign your child's planner nightly as it is the communication link between teacher and parent. Just a reminder that schools are closed the entire week of Thanksgiving, November 21- November 25. School will resume on Monday, November 28. Have a happy and safe holiday week with your families!

Palm Cove Elementary Supports The Harvest Drive!



Help the Harvest Drive to feed 200 Broward County families in need this Thanksgiving by purchasing any of the following non-perishable items:

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| APPLE JUICE (PLASTIC BOTTLES) | COOKIES |
| CANNED VEGETABLES | PEANUT BUTTER |
| CANNED SWEET POTATOES | JELLY |
| CANNED GRAVY | STUFFING |
| CANNED CRANBERRIES | CEREAL |
| CANNED FRUIT | ALUMINUM FOIL |
| CANNED SOUP | SHAMPOO |
| PANCAKE MIX | DISH SOAP |
| PANCAKE SYRUP | LAUNDRY DETERGENT |
| PASTA | NAPKINS |
| SPAGHETTI SAUCE | |

No Glass and Please check expiration dates!

Donations will be accepted at Palm Cove Elementary from October 31st through November 10th

3rd Grade

Another month has gone by and November is here already! This month in Reading we will continue learning and working on main ideas, problem/solution, character traits, and plot development. When reading at home ask your child questions that could help him or her become more comfortable with these skills. We are continuing to work hard in math with multiplication. Please review multiplication facts with your child at home; it is a daily part of our math activities.

Third grade has been very productive so far in assessing skills and beginning preparations for FCAT assessments in the later part of the school year. Our students have completed a Reading Benchmark assessment and a Math Benchmark assessment. These assessments will provide us with feedback about areas in which we should continue to work to improve. Please check your child's score on virtual counselor. Just as a friendly Reminder our next BAT Assessment will be the last week of November. Please make sure your child is here that week.

Continue working with your child on homework and remember to sign student planners nightly. Assistance at home is beneficial to understanding concepts taught at school. Together, teachers, students, and parents have started with great momentum this year and we hope to see it continue!

4th Grade

The Fourth Grade Team is off to a winning second quarter. We are getting ready to switch gears from narrative to expository writing. In expository essays, the writer explains reasons why or ways how to do something with detailed support.

In Math we are getting into 2 and 3 digit multiplication. Knowing their multiplication tables fluency is critical this year.

In reading we are exploring all types of literature, both fiction and non-fiction while learning about skills such as main idea, author's purpose, and comparing and contrasting

Please continue to sign your child's planner nightly, and be on the lookout for report cards for the first quarter. They go home on November 17th. Have a safe and Happy Thanksgiving with your families!

5th Grade

We are steadily getting ready for FCAT. With November Benchmark Tests quickly approaching, it's very important that your child is practicing reading for at least 30 minutes every night. Did you receive an important notice in the mail with passwords? Treat these passwords like gold! They will help your child out with online encyclopedias in order to complete upcoming research projects, such as the science fair and multicultural fair.

Fifth graders are learning a lot about how to say no to gangs and drugs. Try having a dinner time conversation with your student about what he or she has learned in the GRADE program about positive self-esteem and making healthy life choices. It's never too early to talk to your kids about how to say no when someone offers them any form of drugs including tobacco and alcohol.

As always, keep drilling those multiplication and division facts. The 1-12 times tables should be fully memorized and easily recalled.

Birthday Celebrations



Many parents and students request to celebrate birthdays at school by sending in cupcakes at lunchtime.

If parents want to provide this treat to the class to acknowledge their child's birthday, commercially prepared (store-bought) **cupcakes** can be shared during the child's regularly scheduled lunch period.

Parents can report to the Front Office to obtain a visitors pass and may take the cupcakes to the cafeteria. **Parents are responsible for passing cupcakes out to the students. Balloons, candles and pictures are not permitted!**

Home baked goods are not allowed at any time. This is a violation of State of Florida Health Department regulations that The School Board of Broward County strictly adheres to.

Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

As the 2011/12 school year begins, we urge parents to follow these guidelines for student drop off and pick up.

Parents must not use the swales along Washington Street or 114th Avenue, or the parking lot area to drop off or pick up students. Parents who are trying to avoid the line are creating a safety hazard for all children, including their own!

It is also unlawful to park in the bus loop or the traffic lanes around the perimeter of the parking lot!

Parents of 3rd, 4th and 5th graders must use the back car loop (accessed from 114th Avenue) for drop off and pick up. Parents of Kindergarten, 1st and 2nd graders must use the front car loop (accessed from Washington Street) for drop off and pick up.

Students were provided with blue car shaped tags, which are to be hung from the rear view mirror inside your car. Please put the child's name, grade and teacher on the front of the tag. We will see your child(ren)'s names and will call them up to the curb for pick up. This will expedite the dismissal process as we move cars more rapidly through the line.

We expect all parents to be courteous and considerate to each other. Your cooperation and patience is appreciated.

Traffic Safety Concerns

We have observed the following traffic activity in the immediate area around our school, which is cause for concern about the safety of our students. In an effort to avoid having to go all the way out to Flamingo Street to turn around, many parents are exiting our campus onto Washington Street (which is a right turn only during arrival and dismissal) and using the entrance to the Eagle Creek community to turn around. In some instances, parents are using resident's driveways or front yards as well.

We cannot stress enough how dangerous this practice is as there are children walking to and from school from this neighborhood. Drivers in a hurry, not paying attention may not see the children and cause an accident. We urge parents to allow themselves an extra 5 minutes so they are not rushing to leave Palm Cove's campus in the mornings or afternoons.

Also we remind parents to direct their children to only cross Washington Street where the Crossing Guard is stationed. Drivers in a hurry to get to work or drop off/pick up children to or from school may not be paying attention if a child is running across the street at various points along Washington Street where there is no Crossing Guard. This is a tragedy we all want to avoid!



**Palm Cove Elementary's
Annual Turkey Night
November 16, 2011 6:30 pm**



Thanksgiving is almost here! We have lots to be thankful for and we'd like to celebrate with our Palm Cove "family." Please join us for this fun-filled annual event to decorate a turkey. We provide the turkey and some basic decorating supplies. Families are encouraged to bring additional decorating supplies like pompoms, glue, sequins, fabric, tissue paper, feathers, and buttons.

Gobble Gobble Gobble

Palm Cove PTA will hold a General PTA meeting at 6:00 pm prior to Turkey Night in the Concession Stand. All interested parents and community members are invited.

Check your child's book bag for a flyer containing more information and details.

Family Counseling Program

The Family Counseling Program, School Board of Broward County, Florida is committed to the goal of helping students reach their maximum potential in the classroom while promoting optimal mental health and family functioning.

The Family Counseling Program has been serving the Broward County community for more than twenty-five years. The program has consistently and positively affected student academic performance, responsible behavior in school, and regular attendance through the individual, family, and group counseling services offered. Mental health treatment goals enhanced family functioning, parenting skills, self-esteem, and interpersonal relationships.

The Family Counseling Program has found that when someone experiences emotional difficulty they may suffer repercussions that lead to problems in their general daily functioning. For students, this is often evident in the academic arena. Frequently, school-related problems may be symptomatic of those troubles.

The family counselors address a variety of family and emotional problems in counseling, including:

- Learning Disorders, School Phobia, ADD/ADHD
- Hyperactivity, Study Skills, Peer Pressure
- Parenting Skills, Self-esteem Issues, Abandonment
- Bereavement/Loss, Separation/Divorce, Domestic Violence
- Anger Management, Substance Abuse, Physical Abuse
- Stress Management, Eating Disorders, Aggression
- Communication Skills, Anxiety/Depression, Crisis Intervention
- Economic Issues, Self-destructiveness, Bullying



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