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From the General Manager

Welcome to the 2011-2012 school year at Palm Cove Elementary, Home of the Players and Coaches! Throughout the year you will hear the staff refer to students as "The Players" and to themselves as "Coaches." If you are wondering why, that's because our school theme is baseball. We believe in the principles of teamwork and coaching. Please join us in our effort to strive to be the best and hit home runs every time we step up to the batter's plate. Please support our efforts, as you are "The Fans."

Our Student Planner is provided to assist your child with recording his/her daily assignments and to keep you informed on a daily basis. It also provides valuable information about school procedures. Please review the information. Your child should keep this agenda current and we request that you sign it daily.

We are carefully monitoring class size as students continue register. After Labor Day, class size usually stabilizes. It may be necessary to make changes to balance class size. Sometimes we must dissolve or add classes to be in compliance with state law class size targets. We appreciate your cooperation should that become necessary.

Please make sure you check our website for all school events, activities and information. The web address is www.broward.k12.fl.us/palmcoveelem.

We look forward to a spectacular year as we begin our 20th season!

Sincerely,

Dorothy A. Cain

Principal



"ON-DECK" CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Papa John's Family Night: see flyer

09/01/11

Open House: 3rd, 4th & 5th grades; 6:00 pm

09/14/11

School Closed

09/05/11

Early Release: dismissal at 12 pm

09/22/11

Open House: K, 1st and 2nd grades; 6:00 pm

09/07/11

School Closed

09/29/11

Arrival and Dismissal Procedures

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

Parents should 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 car shaped tags to be hung from the rear view mirror inside your car. We 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.

Your cooperation is appreciated.



Guidance Corner

Welcome to another fabulous year at Palm Cove Elementary! As the School Counselor, my purpose is to implement a program that fosters academic achievement, personal growth and a positive self-image for all students within a safe and secure learning environment. In other words, my mission is to help your child have a successful school year.

If you would like to talk with me regarding your student's needs, please feel free to call the school at (754) 323-6800 ext. 3236809 to set up an appointment. Meanwhile, remember that your involvement in your child's learning process results in better grades, test scores, attendance, long-term academic achievement, improved behavior, and a more positive attitude toward school and home.

Watch this space for important information and tips to help you and your child have a positive school experience in the months to come.

Sincerely,
Coach Tindell
School Counselor

The School Board of Broward County, Florida prohibits any policy or procedure, which results in discrimination on the basis of age, color, disability, gender, national origin, marital status, race, religion or sexual orientation. Individuals who wish to file a discrimination and/or harassment complaint may call the Director of Equal Educational Opportunities at 754-321-22150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.

Individuals with disabilities requesting accommodations under the American with Disabilities Act (ADA) may call Equal Educational Opportunities (EEO) at 754-321-2150 or Teletype Machine TTY 754-321-2158.



Classroom News



Kindergarten

We would like to thank all of you for a wonderful first month of school. We are extremely excited to be teaching your children.

During the month of September your child will be learning about many wonderful things. For Language Arts, we will concentrate on letter names and sounds, as well as practicing our handwriting skills. In Math, we will be learning about numbers and working with manipulatives. In Science, we will be learning about science tools and reviewing the 5 senses.

Please make sure your child is doing his/her homework and bringing it to school every Friday! Also, please continue to review and reinforce our school/classroom/cafeteria rules at home. We are looking forward to an exciting year!

1st Grade

Welcome to 1st Grade! It is hard to believe that summer vacation has come to an end and a new school year has begun. Becoming a first grader is a new experience and adjusting will take some time. The First Grade team has been working very hard at preparing the learning field for our students to make the 2011-2012 school year, an outstanding year. Our goal is to provide a safe environment for all students and to make learning interesting, fun, exciting and challenging.

Please remember that communication is a very important aspect of your child's education. We are partners in educating children.

Your child will receive a homework folder, which will include September's homework calendar. The calendar will have all the assignments for the week. Homework assignments are collected every Friday.

Please remember to read with your child for at least 20 minutes daily, practice reading Dolch words, counting from 0-100 and review addition facts.

We look forward to seeing you at Our Open House on September 7th. See you soon!

2nd Grade

Welcome back Second Grade Palm Cove Players and Fans! We hope you have had a relaxing and enjoyable summer. The Second Grade Team is sure ready to get back into the swing of things. Please take a look at all of the papers that went home in the first day Palm Cove folder, as it contains important information about the upcoming school year. It includes a list of the necessary materials your child will need to learn.

Your child was also given a daily planner. This planner will contain information about homework assignments, classroom behavior, as well as upcoming school events. It is very important that you read his or her planner and sign it nightly because this will be the constant communication link between teacher and parent.

Our icebreaker and getting to know you activities have been a blast and we've been learning a lot too! In Math this month we have been working on number sense and place value skills. Reading has us exploring the narrative elements of fiction, but we have also been introducing the students to some nonfiction pieces as well. We know that your child is going to have fun learning new things in Science and Social Studies too!

We are all definitely geared up for a homerun 2011-2012 school year. We are excited that your child is a part of it. We hope to meet all parents at our upcoming open house or a scheduled conference. It's going to be a great season!

3rd Grade

Our third grade team would like to welcome you back. We are all very excited about the new skills students will be learning.

Students are encouraged to begin the year by reading a chapter book this quarter. We will begin teaching FCAT skills this month. In Mathematics we will focus on multiplication and division concepts as well as place value. Third graders will continue to work on experiments in Science and the scientific process.

Please remember your child's textbooks are available online. Go to browardschools.com and select BEEP on the top bar. Then students select the student portal. Here they enter their student number and birthday for the password. This will give them access to their Reading, Math and Science books.

Finally, the third grade coaches would like to express their gratitude for the great amount of school supplies brought to school. In these tough economical days, we understand the sacrifices made for our children. As teachers, we appreciate your support and look forward to a phenomenal year. Together we will prepare our children for tomorrow's challenges.

4th Grade

We are off to an excellent start and would like to thank everyone for his or her support and classroom donation(s). We truly appreciate it!

This year in fourth grade, your child will be working very hard to improve not only their Reading and Math skills, but their Grammar and Writing skills as well. The skills they learn will prepare them for the FCAT Reading, Math and Writing tests that they will be taking this year. It will also enable them to prepare for their future educational and career goals.

We realize that taking FCAT Exams can be stressful on both the students and the parents. Therefore, we encourage you to become actively involved in what your child is doing/learning in their classroom daily.

To assist you with this, we will be using your child's planner as a valuable communication tool. Daily practice homework assignments will be written down and their completion monitored closely by each 4th grade teacher. Notes will be sent home in the planner to communicate any concerns by the teacher, and we also encourage you to use your child's planner to communicate any concerns you may have. Together, we can make this your child's best year ever.

GO 4TH GRADERS AND PARENTS!!!!

5th Grade

Welcome back! It's time... Our fifth graders are, sadly, in their last year here at Palm Cove. Though we will be sad to see them leave in June, there's still so much to be done!

We are currently working on division in Math. Students MUST know their basic 1-12 multiplication facts by heart in order to pass division. Please work with your child as frequently as possible to help out! In Science, we are beginning with the basics, learning about what science is and how to conduct an experiment. We are also using this time of the year to study hurricanes and how they travel. As always, students should be reading for 30 minutes every single night

We are looking forward to meeting all of you on the 14th for open house.



Calling All Parents!



WE NEED YOU! We are currently looking for parents who would like to join our School Advisory Council. The mission of Palm Cove Elementary's Advisory Council is to assist in the development and monitoring of the School Improvement Plan. The SAC committee advises the administration with decisions in matters that will academically and economically better the school by acting as a liaison between the community and the school. Council members are required to attend monthly meetings and are expected to represent the best interests of our students and school. If you would like to become part of our School Advisory Council or have additional questions, please contact Coach del Barrio, SAC Chair at 754-323-6800.

Title I - Looking for Volunteers to represent PCE at the Title I Parent Training Academy Workshops. Deadline to volunteer is Sept. 16. If you would like to volunteer to be one of our parent representatives or have additional questions, please contact Coach del Barrio, Title I Liaison at 754-323-6800.

Dear Parents:

As we approach the start of the new school year, I would like to take this opportunity to encourage your comments on your child's teacher's performance assessment. You may do this at any time by writing or requesting a meeting with me.

Also, you can provide my supervisor, Valerie Wanza, Area Director School Improvement with input on my assessment by writing or requesting a meeting with her at your convenience.

I encourage you to let us know about the good things as well as any other comments you may have. Please join us in making this school year successful for you and your child.



Sincerely,
Dorothy A. Cain
Principal

No Child Left Behind/School Public Accountability Report (NCLB/SPAR)

The Florida Department of Education has produced a No Child Left Behind/School Public Accountability Report (NCLB/SPAR) for Palm Cove Elementary that is available in our Front Office for any parent wishing to view the report.

Links to the report will also be available on the Florida Department of Education web page (<http://fldoe.org>)

and the School Improvement web page (<http://www.broward.k12.us/schoolimprove/>).



Attendance:

A Key to Your Student's Success



Research shows that children who are in school most of the time do better on state tests. Studies also show that kids who are absent more often score lower on state tests.

Being late for school hurts a child's learning, too. A student who is 10 minutes late every day will miss 30 hours of instruction during the year.

Children can copy notes or make up an assignment, but they never get back what's most important: the discussions, the questions, the explanations by the teacher and the thinking that makes learning come alive.

Your child's success in school depends on having a solid educational background—one that can only be gained through *regular school attendance*.



Join Our Team Of Volunteers!

Every year our resources are stretched to the limit, so we need your help! We need volunteers for school activities and classroom support.



Volunteering your time, whether it's one hour, one day or more, will make a valuable contribution to the students and staff at Palm Cove Elementary. Parents are proud to send their children to an award winning school like Palm Cove. We wouldn't win those awards without the hard work and dedication of our staff, students and our parents!

Each year you must re-apply to be a volunteer. You must be an approved volunteer to participate in school related activities and to chaperone field trips.

The application process is fast and easy! Just go on line and complete an application. It takes about one week to find out if you've been approved.

No computer at home? Computers are available at all Broward County Public Libraries and it's free!

Go to: www.getinvolvedineducation.com to complete a volunteer application today!

Contact Information: How to reach your child's teacher

Below is a listing of all the voice mailboxes for Palm Cove's teachers. You can leave a message by dialing 754-323-6800. Follow the options to leave a voice mail. Dial the 6 digit extension and leave your message. The teacher will return your call within 24 hours.

Teacher	Mailbox #	Teacher	Mailbox #	Teacher	Mailbox #
Kindergarten		1st Grade		2nd Grade	
Blanco, Madelen	5243046	Chang, Jackelyn	5243035	Castillo, Maribel	5243023
Henderson, Shuwana	5243013	Figuroa, Tania	5243034	Felix, Ismelie	5243039
Kamin, Judith	5243047	Green, Diane	5243033	Hoff, Yoslaxis	5243038
Masterson, Lindey	5243045	Suarez, Alina	5243010	Kuperberg, Melissa	5243022
Roach, Karen	5243011	Rodriguez, Marilyn	5243008	May, Kimberly	5243020
Storper, Sasha	5243012	Clotfelter, Megan	5243043	McLean, Marti	5243021
		Tellez, Ana	5243009	Perkall, James	5243019
3rd Grade		Chang, Jackelyn	5243035	Saunders, Lazara	5243018
Bellande, Natasha	5243078				
deVeer, Jetty	5243079	4th Grade		5th Grade	
Gardner, Nicole	5243085	Binios, Maryann	5243016	Acosta, Maria	5243050
Holzer, Mamie	5243075	Alfred, Jennifer	5243014	Armband, Julia	5243053
Hopkins, Lisa	5243080	Gerwin, Valerie	5243017	Benitez, Idania - Gifted*	5243074
Lelling, Marc	5243083	Ibarrondo, Dacy	5243081	Emery, Heather	5243051
Ortiz, Judith	5243084	Ungurait, Jill	5243082	Ginoris, Aylene	5243054
Patrick, Martyne	5243077	Zang, Christine	5243015	Heinz, Victoria	5243040
				Smith, Melissa	5243041
				Turturici, Diane	5243052
Support Staff / Other Campus Support					
del Barrio, Giselle - Reading Coach			3236814		
Cerrato, Carolyn - Reading			5243049		
Coia, Shelly - Reading			5243076		
Tindell, Susan - Guidance			3236809		
Golovin, Heidi-Psychologist			3236819		

SES *FREE* Tutoring Program

SES (Supplemental Educational Services) is a program that offers free tutoring to students who are eligible for free or reduced-price lunch.

An SES Brochure was mailed to your home on August 5, 2011. The SES Brochure included a list of SES approved providers, an SES Provider Selection form and a chart to assist you in choosing an SES Provider. If you did not receive this information and are interested in free tutoring for your child, you may obtain an application and a list of SES Providers from one of the following locations:

- * Your child's school
- * The Title I Office - 701 NW 31 Avenue, Fort Lauderdale, FL 33311
- * The SES Provider Fair
 - August 29, 2011 - Crystal Lake Middle
 - August 30's, 2011 - McNicol Middle or
 - August 31, 2011 - Arthur Ashe Middle



You must return the completed SES Provider Selection Form on or before Friday, September 9, 2011 to one of the locations listed above.

If the district receives more SES applications from eligible students than available funds, the District reserves the right to prioritize applications received by the deadline. Priority will be given to students who scored level 1 or 2 on the FCAT in Reading and/or Math.

If you have already completed an SES application, you do not need to complete another application.

How can I learn more?

Please contact Coach del Barrio, SES facilitator at Palm Cove 754-323-6800 or the Title I Office at 754-321-1400, if you have questions or need additional information.

English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) Program

The goal of the ESOL Program is to ensure that all students, entering Broward County Public Schools with varying levels of limited English proficiency, receive comparable and comprehensible instruction. This instruction helps these students to develop communicative and academic skills necessary for meeting national, state, and district educational standards.

All schools with students classified as English Language Learners (ELL) must provide an appropriate ESOL program to meet the specific students' needs in language learning, academic achievement, and in cultural integration.

Students in the ESOL program are required to meet the same curriculum standards as any other student in English/Language Arts and content area instruction. The content of the curriculum is established by the Sunshine State Standards. ESOL strategies, supplementary materials, and native language assistance are used to ensure that comprehensible instruction is being provided to every ELL.

Workshops are scheduled throughout the year to inform parents about the ESOL Program and the services provided. Watch this space each month for workshop dates and times. You can also visit our website for more information:

www.broward.k12.fl.us/esol

Birthday Celebrations



Many parents and students request to celebrate birthdays at school. Time in the classroom is critical and our focus is on instruction. **Birthdays parties are for family and friends at home.**



However, if parents want to send a special 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. The child can pass the cupcakes out to their classmates. Balloons, candles and taking 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.

Anonymous Reporting – Anti-Bullying Policy

The District's Anti-Bullying Policy specifically prohibits bullying of or by any District student or employee, with consequences for those acts that meet the definition of bullying as defined in the policy: "Bullying" means systematically and chronically inflicting physical hurt or psychological distress on one or more students or employees.



The policy provides guidelines for the identification and reporting of bullying – the goal of the initiative is the protection of students and their increased feelings of safety and belonging. The policy requires teachers and staff to utilize a variety of prevention and intervention activities and includes tools and resources that create environments of safety and respect and expectations of appropriate behavior.

Use these options to report any, all incidents of bullying (all reports are anonymous):

Anonymous Reporting/Silence Hurts Tip-line website: <http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/siu/tips/>

Emergency/Silence Hurts Tip-line phone number: 754-321-0911

Email: school911@browardschools.com

Text Message: type the letters 'SBBC' [space], plus the text message to CRIMES (274637)

