

Hello September

September Prowls & Growls

Please
Join Us!
Open House
Sept. 18th

K-2 6:00-6:45
3-5 6:45-7:30

Nicole Ortega
Principal

Rowena Thomas
Assistant Principal

Our mission at Country Hills Elementary is to provide a nurturing environment that encourages all students to reach their maximum potential through active participation in a developmentally appropriate and engaging learning process. In partnership with home and community, Country Hills will strive for excellence in education, while meeting the diverse needs of our students and fostering a lifelong love of learning.

10550 Westview Drive
Coral Springs, Florida 33076
Phone Number: 754-322-5950

Welcome to the 2024-2025 school year. Our theme this year is "We Choose to Shine!" We are excited to welcome all our students and families. It is our commitment and promise to provide each of our panthers with the best possible learning environment.

Please visit our website which contains the most up-to-date information available on our many outstanding programs and initiatives. It is our sincere hope that this will give you a glimpse into the joy and excitement felt daily at our wonderful school. We are proud to serve as your administrators and look forward to an exhilarating and fantastic school year.

We wish all our students, parents, staff, and community members an incredible year of learning!





MORNING ARRIVAL

1. Gates open at 7:40 am. No supervision is provided prior to this time.
2. Breakfast is served from 7:40-8:05 am.
3. School begins at 8:10 am.
4. Late arrivals must be signed in at the front office.
5. Please contact the attendance line to report an absence @ 754-322-5952

SCHOOL DISMISSAL

- School finishes at 2:10 pm.
- Early sign-outs end at 1:40 pm
- Please be sure your child knows his/her method of pickup (car, bus, parent, walker)
- If there is any change in your child's transportation schedule, please notify the front office or your teacher directly



[BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM/READYFORYOU](https://www.browardschools.com/readyforyou)

- Use the District's back-to-school Wizard to complete annual forms @ <https://scaweb.browardschools.com/bts>
- Watch the Code Book for Student Conduct together as a family
- Download the mobile app to stay connected with information on your student's academics & school accounts
- The World According to Humphrey by Betty Birney



Lunch

First lunch is free daily

Second lunch meals are \$4.75

We encourage you to complete a Meal Benefits application for the 2024–2025 school year at [MySchoolApps.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com)



MY SCHOOL BUCKS



The Simple Way to Pay FOR SCHOOL MEALS

[myschoolbucks.com](https://www.myschoolbucks.com)



View account balances and meal purchases



Schedule automatic payments



Make payments anytime, anywhere from our mobile app

Important Dates and INFORMATION

- September 2 - Labor Day (No School)
- September 6 – Student pictures & IDs
- September 16-20 - Fall Book Fair
- September 18 - Corner Store Opens
- September 18 - Fall Book Fair Parent Night
- September 18 - Open House
 - K-2 - 6:00-6:45 PM
 - 3-5 - 6:45-7:30 PM
- September 23 – SAC & SAF Meeting 3:30 pm
- September 24 – PTA Meeting 9:15 am
- September 27 – Pelican Snoballs
- September 27 – Interim Reports Issued
- September 27 - Rising STAR assembly



Here Comes The Bus[®]

HERE COMES THE BUS IS AN EASY-TO-USE WEBSITE AND APP THAT ENABLES PARENTS TO SEE THE LOCATION OF THEIR CHILD'S SCHOOL BUS ON A SMARTPHONE, TABLET, OR A PERSONAL COMPUTER.

All students in Broward County Schools are required to wear identification tags. Country Hills will provide your child with an ID badge and lanyard. The ID badge will remain in school. All staff are required to wear ID badges as well.

SCHOOL HEALTH



Please inform the school if your child is out sick with a diagnosed communicable illness such as COVID-19, meningitis, measles, salmonella, etc.

Please support our PTA!

Membership is \$10.

Monthly meeting dates and times will be listed each month in the newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you!

To JOIN, visit us online @

<https://countryhillslem.new.memberhub.store/store>



BROWARD COUNTY PUBLIC SCHOOLS IS EXCITED TO WELCOME VOLUNTEERS TO OUR SCHOOLS FOR THE 2024/2025 SCHOOL YEAR.

ALL VOLUNTEERS MUST COMPLETE THE ONLINE APPLICATION FOR LEVEL 1 SCREENING, WHICH IS AVAILABLE AT [BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM/VOLUNTEER](https://www.browardschools.com/volunteer). APPROVED VOLUNTEERS WILL RECEIVE AN EMAIL INFORMING THEM TO VISIT THE PREFERRED SCHOOL LISTED ON THEIR APPLICATIONS.

NOTE: A VALID SOCIAL SECURITY NUMBER IS REQUIRED TO SCREEN ALL INDIVIDUALS WHO WANT TO VOLUNTEER WITH OUR SCHOOL. FOR MORE INFORMATION ON THE DISTRICT'S SCREENING POLICY, PLEASE CONTACT KAREN MANIE IN THE SECURITY CLEARANCE OFFICE AT [KAREN.MANIE@BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM](mailto:karen.manie@browardschools.com) OR 754-321-2374.

Hello **CHE's AMAZING** Rising Stars



DAILY READING

Students need to continue reading every night!
They should be reading or listening to reading
at least 20 minutes a night.

We will be successful because

we can do **HARD** things.

Beanstack!

Please make sure your child reads daily!



Reading Across **BROWARD**

- BEGINS** April 1 of each year
- ENDS** March 31 of each year
- GOAL** 7,000 minutes read
- CELEBRATIONS** In May/June
- QUESTIONS?** Contact Mrs. Cuadra

READING

learning **100%**
 enjoying **100%**
 grade **A+**

Beanstack is a way to record your Reading Across Broward.

You and/or your child are to record their reading.

You can record daily or weekly – whichever works best for your family.

Contact



caryncuadra@browardschools.com

Log-in Directions

Computer: Go through Clever
 Log-in: 06#
 PW: Birthday – PXX/XX/XXXX

App: "Beanstack Tracker"

Log-in: 06#

PW: Birthday –

XXXXXX 2 digits for each



Mrs. Cuadra

YOU'VE GOT THIS RISING STARS!



Country Hills Elementary

Car Loop, Parent Walk-Up & Parking Notice



Car Loop Procedures



All vehicles picking up students are **REQUIRED** to hang the provided Curb Smart placard from the rear-view mirror.

Please utilize the grade designated car loop when picking up your children.

Car Loop A- Enter from Coral Springs Drive

Students in grades K-2 and Special Programs and their older siblings will be picked up at Car Loop A.

Car Loop B- Enter from Westview Drive

Students in grades 3-5 will be picked up at Car Loop B.



Carpools are encouraged! Carpool students should go to the car loop of the youngest child in the car.

Students will only be loaded on the passenger side of the vehicle. Vehicles **MUST** pull all the way forward in the car loop. Drivers should always remain in the car while in the car loop; use of cell phones is **NOT** permitted.

Parents are not permitted in the Car Loops on foot for the safety and security of our students.

Dismissal time begins at 2:10pm.

Parent Walk-Up Procedures- Located in the Bike Rack between Car Loop A and Car Loop B

Students in K-2 who are walkers must be released to an adult following these procedures.

Students in K-2 will be in the bike rack between Car Loop A and Car Loop B.

You will receive a Curb Smart placard with your child's pickup number on it.

Please show your placard to the staff member at the gate for input into the system.

This will ensure the safety and security of **ALL** students.



BIKES MAY BE PARKED IN THE BIKE RACKS BETWEEN CAR LOOP A AND CAR LOOP B

Dismissal Changes

ALL dismissal changes need to be in writing. No exceptions!

Friendly Reminders

- Please Do Not Park in the Fire Lane in the bus loading zone unless it is a medical emergency.
- Children may not walk alone through the parking lot area.
- Please use the crosswalks and crossing guards when walking to and from school.
- During school-wide events please use both parking lots and North Community Park to park your cars safely.
- Please remember there is no parking on the grassy areas around the school.
- Please be sure your child's teacher has your completed dismissal permission slip.



Country Hills Elementary PTA

Marquee Birthday Announcements



Celebrate your child in an extra special way on their birthday! For **\$20**, you can have your child's name run for 24 hours on the CHE Marquee, wishing them a Happy Birthday!

Orders must be placed by Friday before your child's birthday. If your child's birthday falls on a weekend or a no school day, the announcement will be posted the next school day. Please scan the QR Code to visit our store and place your order.

Option 1



Option 2



Create an account at [Browardschools.com/Focus](https://browardschools.com/Focus) 

To create a new Parent Portal account and then attach each student, parents will need the following:

Parent/Guardian information:

- A valid email address associated on file with the school(s) for the student(s)
 - If a parent has multiple students, each student must have the same email address associated with the parent
- The name must be an exact match to the name on file with the school(s) for the student(s)
- **FOR BCPS STAFF ONLY: You cannot use your @browardschools.com email address**
 - If that is the email address you have on file for your student(s), **please contact your student's school to update the email address on file to a non-BCPS email address**

Student's information needed:

1. Student's full name
2. Student's ID number (begins with '06')
3. Student's date of birth

For parent questions about Focus, they can email focuscommunications@browardschools.com. All technical issues and students' ID numbers must be directed at the school level.



Alyssa's Alert

- Report Crime and Suspicious Activity
- Receive Emergency Alerts
- Anonymously Submit a Tip

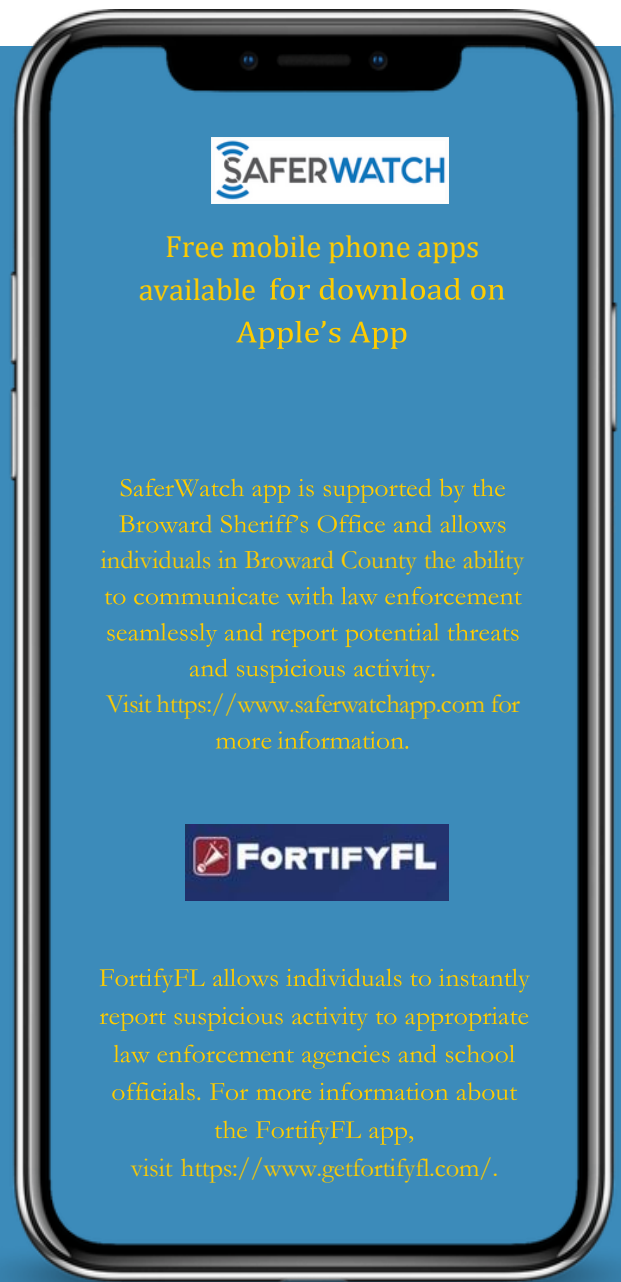


Mobile Duress Alert App

DOWNLOAD THE SAFERWATCH APP NOW

GET IT ON Google play

Download on the App Store



Updated Wireless Device Policy

The School Board has taken a bold step by updating its wireless device usage policy across all grade levels.

Effective on August 26, 2024, students cannot use their wireless communications devices during the entire school day, including lunch or between classes. All devices must be powered off or placed in airplane mode, silenced and stowed away as directed by the classroom instructor.

We believe this action will serve our students in the long run by helping them focus on learning, reconnecting with their peers and limiting the time they spend on social media during the school day.

Disconnect To Reconnect



To learn more about the updated policy, visit [browardschools.com/wirelessdevices](https://www.browardschools.com/wirelessdevices)