From the desk of Dale Delpit

As we move into the 2nd semester, I’d like to share with you the new Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) initiatives that are presently in progress. Mrs. Sherrie Smith with a group of students is planning on publishing our first magazine. About 50 magazines will be published and sent to area Doctors’ offices for them to display in their waiting rooms. If you work at an office and would host our magazine, please let us know by emailing Glenda at kauffmang@lake.k12.fl.us

Mrs. Sproule has started a computer programming class for 3th through 5th graders in the technology lab. Mrs. Williams has begun introducing Engineering concepts and principles in our new engineering zone, which is presently being developed. You will see in this newsletter a list of supplies that we need to begin this new and exciting lab based on KID power (Kcreate, Imagine, Design) by our own KIDGINEERS.

All grade level teachers are presently designing new curriculum modules in the classroom as part of our STEM expansion. A flyer will be printed out and distributed explaining some of these new initiatives. We are planning on introducing aeronautics to 4th graders in the near future.

You are already seeing some changes around campus with new STEM signs along the front, posters showing the thinking process displayed around campus and a new mural presently being painted by one of our parents, Mrs. Rosa Perez. We appreciate all the help from several parents involved in this process and if you think you can volunteer your time, we still have many more projects on the drawing board. I know that both time and money are things we keep asking for, but Cypress Ridge is on the move and we would like to see STEM continue to gain momentum. Your support is vitally needed and very much appreciate!

SPIRIT NIGHTS

Cypress Ridge Elementary is always appreciative of the businesses that support our school through Spirit Nights. Although we are selective in the businesses that offer Spirit Nights, we recognize that not all of them are totally family oriented. Every parent needs to be responsible to select the appropriate businesses and times for school age children. We appreciate you supporting us through these Spirit Nights.

VOLUNTEER OPPORTUNITIES

- Carpentry work - building storage box/benches
- Count laps and pass out water during the FUN RUN Feb. 14th
- Help Ms. Williams with the Book Fair
  - Feb. 12th - Set-up from 1:45-3:00 p.m.
  - Feb. 24th - Pack-up 8:00-9:00 a.m.
- FCAT proctoring the week of April 14th-17th
- Experienced quilters email olsones@lake.k12.fl.us
- Car rider drop-off and pick-up lines
- Family Walk & Family Reading Nights
- Helping in Lunch Room or Media Center
- Ask your child’s teacher if there is any project that you can work on at home

P.E. Fun Run - Feb.14th

We will be collecting donations from sponsors before the Fun Run.

THERE WILL BE NO BILLING DONE. All donations will be a pre-paid set amount and not based on the amount of laps the students walk.

We need for each sponsor to record their name and phone number with each of their donations on the sponsor sheet.

Any checks need to be made payable to CRES.


Parents are encouraged to come. We need volunteers to count laps and pass out water. It will be a fun day for everyone so please come! The Fun Run times will be as follows:

- Grades 3-5 at 9:30AM
- Grades K-2 at 1:00PM

Please remember that you may park at Waterfront Park if our front lot is full. We will be using the field in the back for the Fun Run.

CLASSROOM GROUP PICTURES

We will be taking orders for class pictures Feb. 24th-28th. These picture were taken in October. Watch for order forms to come home. Thank you

Cypress Ridge Elementary www.cypressridge.org 352-394-6633
Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test

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As most of you are aware, these tests are extremely important to all students and especially to 3rd grade students. We are confident that all of our students will do their best, if you help them with the following:

- Get lots of rest the night before
- Eat a nutritious breakfast (a snack will be provided at school)
- Have a pleasant start to the day, arriving on time and prepared to take the test
- Be in attendance every testing day
- Avoid scheduling any appointments on testing dates

Mrs. Mathis is looking for volunteers to help with FCAT proctoring the week of April 14th-17th. If you are interested in helping, please call the school or email Mrs. Mathis mathisl@lake.k12.fl.us. Thank you.

4th Grade FCAT Parent Night

There will be an informational meeting February 6th in the Media Center from 5:30-6:30 for fourth grade parents who have questions or concerns about Florida Writes, Reading and Math FCAT testing.

Superintendent’s Reading Challenge ends on March 5th. Our goal is 100% student participation. Please encourage your children to read and turn in log sheets by March 5th.

2nd Grade READING CARNIVAL

Parents of second graders, please encourage your child to read and help him/her record minutes each night. Total the minutes and return the Log on Friday morning each week.

SCHOOL-TO-WORK WISH LIST

The School-to-Work/Technology Lab uses a lot of supplies for various projects throughout the year. Donations are always appreciated.

- Baggies (gallon, quart, and snack size)
- Baby wipes
- Stickers to use as stamps in the post office
- Hand sanitizer

We are no longer collecting used ink cartridges or company store items.

Thanks in advance,
Mrs. Sproule

News From The Nest

ENGINEERING SUPPLIES NEEDED

- Cardboard
- Cardstock
- Cereal boxes
- Shoe boxes
- Oatmeal boxes
- Wooden Dowels
- Wooden skewers
- Tape – masking, clear, duct
- Aluminum foil
- Straws
- String
- Yarn
- Buttons
- Rubber bands
- Magnets
- Plastic water bottles w/caps
- Other plastic lids
- Glue Sticks
- Styrofoam cups
- Empty toilet paper & paper towel rolls
- Clean & empty Pringles cans w/lids
- VHS tapes & CD’s
- Fabric
- Paper grocery sacks
- Colored tissue paper
- Index cards
- Toothpicks
- Cream of tartar
- Salt, flour
- Popsicle sticks
- Cotton balls
- Mini marshmallows
- 2-gal. Ziploc bags
- PVC pipe
- PVC connectors
- Copper wiring
- LEGO’s

Banner Business Sponsors

Thank you to the following businesses for their generous donations to our school:

Minneola Realty, First Green Bank, Publix Supermarkets and Wortham Orthodontics

If you are interested in being a sponsor, contact the school for more details of business sponsorship.

Upcoming Kindergarten Siblings

Cypress Ridge Parents... Now is the time to come into the office and sign up your upcoming kindergarten sibling for the 2014-2015 school year. This must be done in person by February 28 to hold a spot. Complete registration will be done in May. At that time, the following items are required:

- Proof of residence (power bill)
- Physical exam (original form) less than one year old
- Shot records (original blue form)
- Original Birth Certificate

Discount Card Fundraiser

Thank you for your support in this fundraiser. We raised over $4,500 so far! Mrs. Wimberly’s class won a pizza party for selling the most discount cards.

We still have more cards available. Please email Mrs. Giachetti if you would like to purchase additional Discount Cards, giachettir@lake.k12.fl.us. Cards are only $10 and have savings over $500.

You can now dial or call-back 1-(855) 615-8178 and replay any automated phone notifications that you might have missed.

Soaring to Great Heights!
Math Corner
Welcome back to the math corner. Pizza Night is a great opportunity to teach fractions to your children. Even the youngest child can learn about fractions looking at the slices of pizza.

Have regular pizza nights, and your child will be a regular fraction genius in no time at all! Until next time, stay warm and happy math nights!!

Lottery Information
The first round of Lottery applications for the 2014-15 school year will be available beginning March 3rd. Please remind friends and neighbors of the cut-off date for accepting applications, which is March 21st, 2014 by 3PM. Applicants must reside in the following school zones: Astatula, Clermont, Groveland, Grassy Lake, Lost Lake, Mascotte, Minneola, Pine Ridge and Sawgrass Bay Elementary. Stop by the Cypress Ridge Elementary office to pick up an application.

Items required with application:
- 1st – 5th Grades – Proof of Residence, recent Report Card and Self-addressed, Stamped, Business Letter Size Envelope (4” x 9 ½ ”)

All of the applicants meeting the above deadline will be in round one and will be used to fill up all classes first. A round two phase of accepting applications will occur after Spring break to be used to fill up any vacancies after round one applications have been exhausted or will become part of a waiting list.

Mr. Delpit’s Outstanding Ospreys
Congratulations to the following students who have demonstrated a significant improvement in a specific academic and/or behavioral area:

These students were awarded with a personal meeting and lunch with Mr. Delpit and Mrs. Nappi.

School Mall for the CRES Literacy Bank
Would you like to support literacy events and activities at CRES, but don’t want to spend extra money? If so, you’ll LOVE School Mall. Every time you, your family and friends shop at over 400 stores online or by phone, CRES Literacy Bank earns money. Simple, quick, easy— and best of all, we’re not asking you to spend extra money! To begin shopping, just go to www.schoolmall.com, then click on “MERCHANTS”.

Magazine Sales Continue to Earn Money for Cypress Ridge.
Cypress Ridge continues to earn money from Magazine sales ALL YEAR LONG. For each magazine ordered, 40% of the order price comes back to Cypress Ridge.

If any neighbors, friends or family need to renew a magazine, you can do that online at GASHOOLSTORE.COM. Be sure to enter our school ID #2533271.

Thank you for spreading the word and remembering our school each time you want to buy a new magazine subscription or renew an existing one.

You Could Win a $5000 College Scholarship or Other Great Prizes in the . . .

No Duck Left Behind Rubber Ducky Race and Carnival 1:00-4:00 p.m.
Sunday, March 9th at Pig on the Pond
Have fun and support Lake County Schools.
Adopt a Duck! $5 for 1 Duck - $10 for 3 ducks.
Look for info to come home soon.

PTO NEWS
Thank you to everyone for a wonderful Pasta Night! We had terrific volunteers and generous sponsors. Thank you to Carrabba’s Italian Grill, BJ’s Wholesale Club, Aldi, and Publix for making our Pasta Night such a success.

We will be having a Pizza and Dessert spirit night on 2/26/14. From 2-8 pm. Eat at Flipper’s Pizza and our school will receive 20%. From 2-8 pm, you can also enjoy dessert at High Five Frozen Yogurt. For every purchase made, our school will receive 15%. Come on out and support our school at Flipper’s Pizza and High Five Frozen Yogurt on February 26th.

BJ’s membership drive will be starting again the first two weeks in March, so check your student’s backpack in the first week of March for the sign up forms.

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