



Seahawk Sentinel



Mission: To provide a safe and supportive learning community where every student experiences success.

Vision: We believe that the most promising strategy for achieving the mission of Cape Elementary is to develop our capacity to function as a professional learning community.

December 1, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATORS

Dear Cape Families,

As we move from Thanksgiving into the winter holidays, we are reminded of all for which we are thankful. We are thankful for our amazing staff, outstanding students and excellent parents. How honored, thankful and privileged we are to be part of the Cape family! Enjoy the holidays with your family and friends.

December and January are busy months at our school. Please check your calendar in the planner, website and newsletter for school events held during December and January. Remember we have full school days on December 19, 20 and 21. We have an early dismissal day on December 22. We return from Winter Break on Monday, January 8.

Cape has the best parents in Lee County! You have demonstrated this time and time again by asking what you can do to support our school, our staff and most importantly, your children. Thank you for coming to our Spirit Nights at Culvers, Chipotle and Jason's Deli. It will soon be time for our PTO Holiday Shoppe, and we need volunteers to help students pick out gifts, to wrap and to stock the shop. Please email CapeElementaryPTO@gmail.com or call Cape if you can help for an hour or a day. Our students love shopping for their families, and our PTO has a huge selection of wonderful gifts.

Listed below are several resources you can utilize to support your child at Cape Elementary:

- Launchpad.leeschools.net
- Go Math link on Cape Elementary websites offers videos to assist students with their homework and to assist parents with helping.
- Reading Renaissance Home Connect – this link enables you to access student performances on AR quizzes and Math Facts in a Flash.
- Twitter! Follow us @CapeElem!
- Lee County School District App and Parent Link. Directions on how to log in can be found at www.leeschools.net.
- Classroom teacher's website: go to www.Cap.leeschools.net

We serve over 300 students breakfast each day from 7:30 to 7:45! Our goal is to close breakfast at 7:45, so learning can begin promptly at 7:55. However, if we have late buses or a long line at Parent Drop Off, breakfast will remain open until those students are through the breakfast line.

We love our Spirit Days each Friday. Our students look awesome in their Cape t-shirts. Parents and students may buy school t-shirts in the front office for \$12 or \$15.

We continue to be honored and privileged to be the leaders at Cape Elementary. Please call, email or set up a meeting to chat with us if you ever have a question or concern. We love hearing from parents! Thank you for your support, for your understanding, and for giving us your children to teach. They are simply the best, and they are the reason we love what we do! Happy Holidays!

Sincerely,

Nicole Osterholm and Kristi Sund



The Cape Elementary Holiday Shoppe will be held December 11th-15th (7:30 a.m.—12:00 p.m. each day). Students will get the opportunity to purchase gifts for their families and friends. More information will go home soon. A volunteer signup can be found on our webpage at <https://capeelementarypto.ptboard.com/home>. We need many helpers to make it a wonderful experience for our kids. Please email us if you have any questions or would like to volunteer.

We will be hosting our first ever Pancake Breakfast with Santa on Saturday, December 9th from 8-10am at the Applebees on Del Prado. Tickets can be purchased in the front office, online at <https://capeelementarypto.ptboard.com/home>, or by filling out the order form that was sent home with your student. Tickets are \$8.00 each and include pancakes, sausage, scrambled eggs and a drink... and of course a visit with Santa!! We hope to see you all there!

Happy Holidays from Cape PTO!

Yearbooks

Yearbooks will go on sale in January.

Yearbooks will cost \$15 until March 15th.

Love Notes will be sold for \$5. You can write a special message to your child which will be printed in the yearbook.

Look for the flyer in January for more details.

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Student Assignment 2018-2019

Parents of **currently** enrolled students in Lee County Public School grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2018/19, will be mailed their child's personalized application between January 19 - February 9, 2018. To alleviate the volume of people in the Student Assignment office, applications will be mailed out by level.

- Current 8th grade student applications will be mailed on January 19th.
- Current Pre-K student applications will be mailed on February 2nd.
- Current 5th grade student applications will be mailed on February 9th.

Those receiving applications can save time by applying online! Please read the documents sent to you very carefully, and determine if you want to apply online, mail it back to us, or bring it to one of our offices in person. This is an application collection period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days as all applications are processed as a group after the first enrollment deadline. Those who apply online will be able to view their results one week earlier than assignments are mailed out.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1, 2018 and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of our offices to register for kindergarten for the 2018-2019 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 22 – March 23) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school.

There are **no automatic assignments** – parents need to register incoming kindergartners even if they have an older sibling already attending the preferred school.

Please visit www.leeschools.net for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

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December Counseling Corner

Thanks to Cape Coral First United Methodist Church, or K-Kids club, and our amazing faculty and staff, we were able to provide Thanksgiving dinners for 15 families this year. We are looking forward to continuing our partnerships with Cape Coral First United Methodist, the Police Association of Cape Coral (Cop Shop), and the Cape Coral Police Department to provide gifts for 20 families.

It seems hard to believe, but our 2nd quarter SOAR celebration is right around the corner. Students who met SOAR expectations for quarter 2 will be treated to Seymour's Winter Olympics on December 21.

The district-wide character word for December is KINDNESS/COMPASSION. This involves demonstrating concern for the well-being of others: giving support and showing empathy. Traits of kindness include: Helping others in need, without being asked; forgiving others for their mistakes; complimenting your friends; using polite words like please, thank you, and excuse me; sharing with others, and understanding the feelings of others.

As we consider the holidays and spending time with family and friends, it is especially important to teach and develop compassion in our children. It is easy to get caught up in the excitement of the season, but as we look around, it becomes evident that not everyone is feeling the joy associated with this time of the year. We need to be supportive of those who are dealing with loss and grief. Compassion is one of the greatest gifts we can give one another. Being supportive doesn't drain your bank account, and something as simple as a smile or a kind word can mean all the difference to someone who needs it.

The district-wide character word for January is Commitment. This involves binding yourself to a course of action despite obstacles. The district's quote for the month is, "Make yourself a promise and keep it."

Please take some time over the break to talk to your child about his/her commitment to keep the promises made by signing the pledge in the front of the planner at the beginning of the school year to follow the school's rules and focus on positive behavior. The rewards our students earn for following the Cape Elementary SOAR expectations reinforce their commitment to keeping our school safe and positive. Following the rules requires commitment - what a great way to build this character trait not just in January but throughout the year!

Thanks for partnering with us to develop compassionate, committed learners at Cape Elementary School. Enjoy your holiday break. See you back in school on January 8.

From Our School Nurse



Let's fight the flu together! Your decision to get the flu shot or not goes well beyond you. It also affects the many lives you touch....

Influenza is a contagious disease of the respiratory tract (nose, throat, and lungs) that can lead to serious complications, including pneumonia and the worsening of other chronic health conditions. Flu symptoms may include fever, headache, extreme tiredness, dry cough, sore throat, runny or stuffy nose, and muscle aches. The best way to protect your family from new influenza strains is to get vaccinated each year.

The top five most virus-contaminated areas in the home are:

- Telephones (have you cleaned your cell phone lately?)
- Appliances such as the refrigerator and microwave
- Faucets
- Light switches and door handles
- TV remotes

Follow good health guidelines: eat right, exercise, and get plenty of rest to help boost your immunity to fight the effects of colds and flu. Wash hands frequently, do the elbow cough, and disinfect hot spots at school, work, and home. Treat the symptoms if you must, but avoid giving aspirin to children because it may cause a rare but serious illness called Reye syndrome.

Enjoy a healthy holiday season!

Safety Concern-Dress Code

We Need Your Help! Please be sure your children wear safe and protective closed-toe shoes to school. The following types of shoes are not permitted: Sandals, flip-flops, high-heel shoes, open toe shoes, platform shoes, slip-on sneakers, shoes without backs, shoes with wheels (heeries). Crocs with backs are acceptable on non PE days.



CAPE ELEMENTARY

DECEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
						Pancakes w/ Santa & Seymour the Elf at Applebee's 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m.
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
	PTO Holiday Shoppe begins thru 12/15 7:30 a.m.-12:00 p.m. Each Day	3rd Grade Cape Choir Holiday Program 6:00 p.m. Hanukkah Begins	4th and 5th Grade Winter Choir Concert 6:00 p.m.	Kindergarten Holiday Program in Cafè 8:15 a.m.	PTO Holiday Shoppe Ends Winter Kids Night Out 6:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	
17	18	19	20	21	22	23
			Hanukkah Ends	SOAR Celebration All Grades	School Open Early Dismissal Day 12:10 p.m.	
24/31	25	26	27	28	29	30/31
	Winter Break Begins School Closed Thru January 5, 2018	Winter Break School Closed	Winter Break School Closed	Winter Break School Closed	Winter Break School Closed	