



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.

September 1, 2017

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATORS

Dear Cape Elementary Families,

Welcome to the new school year! The first three weeks of school were a time for learning new faces, new routines and new teachers. We are proud of our students, staff and parents for a successful and smooth opening. Thank you for making Cape Elementary an amazing place to be. We look forward to a wonderful year together.

Our school mission is to provide a safe and supportive learning community where every student experiences success. Our parents and community support Cape's mission by volunteering in our classrooms or at our school events. Parents and community members logged close to 3,000 hours of volunteer time this past year alone. We gave over 40 of our student book bags with needed supplies with the help from Cape Coral First United Methodist Church and our PTO. Our teachers participated in professional development throughout the summer to continually enhance their instructional practices. The changes in our delivery of instruction are allowing students to take more responsibility for their academic success by learning to collaborate and problem solve. Students will also work in small groups for English Language Arts and Math. Also all students at Cape Elementary have recess for 20 minutes each day. Our PTO and Cape team are working together to purchase a PE shade structure for our kids.

As we strive for excellence, we welcome your involvement. Communication is vital to student success and to our overall growth and sense of community. To increase communication between home and school, we are requiring all parents to sign the planner each night and our teachers to sign each day. Please take time and read the Student-Parent Handbook in the back of the planner and also our school calendar. We also encourage you to download the Lee County School District App/ParentLink, visit our website and your teacher's website, along with reading teacher communication that comes each Friday or Monday in the brown envelope. Our teachers will share important information at Parent Teacher Conferences during the week of September 25 - 29.

Our PTO fall fundraiser (Yankee Candle) started last Thursday. An informational packet was sent home on the 24th, and there is more information on our website. Thanks for supporting our PTO and our school!

We are honored and privileged to be part of the Cape family. One of the most important components of a good school is the partnership between the school and parents who work together for the best interest of children. The close partnership between home and school is one of the exceptional strengths at Cape. We appreciate the phone calls, emails, offers to help and expressions of gratitude each day. We look forward to working together to make sure your student has a memorable and enjoyable experience at Cape Elementary. If you have any questions, concerns or suggestions, please do not hesitate to call, email or set up an appointment to meet with us. We will be calling ten random parents each month to ask for feedback from you. We look forward to working with you and your child throughout the school year to provide a productive and safe learning environment that supports student success.

Sincerely,

Ms. Osterholm and Mrs. Sund



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The 2017-2018 school year is off to a great start! It was nice seeing everyone at Meet the Teacher and the BooHoo/WooHoo Breakfast.

Our Yankee Candle fundraiser is underway. This is an awesome way to purchase quality products while supporting our school! All of the information was included in the packets that went home last week with students, but feel free to email us capeelementarypto@gmail.com if you have any questions. Fundraiser orders must be turned in by September 8th and your orders will arrive in plenty of time for the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will be hosting our first Chipotle Spirit Night on Tuesday, September 19th from 4:00-8:00pm. This is an easy way to support Cape AND you get the night off from cooking and dishes!

Our first PTO/SAC meeting will be held Wednesday, September 6th from 6:00-7:00pm in the Media Center. Stop by and learn Who PTO is, What we do, and How YOU can help! Hope to see you there.

Thanks for supporting Cape Elementary!!!

Fall Clubs!

Fall 2017 Clubs start the week of September 12! Look for the informational flyer next week!



From Our School Nurse



Back-to-School reminders:

- ◆ All students are required to have an updated immunization record on file in order to stay in school. Updates include MMR, DTaP, IPV, and the chicken pox vaccine. In addition to these boosters, school age children should have the Hepatitis B series. FL Department of Health offers immunization services by appointment only; please call 239-461-6100 for an appointment.
- ◆ If your child needs medication during the school day, including over the counter medication, please complete a Health Care Provider/Parent Consent for Medication Administration form. Remember a doctor's signature must be obtained. All medication must be brought to school in the original container by a parent or guardian. If your child has a special diet or health concern, please notify the clinic.
- ◆ Create a daily schedule for: waking up, eating breakfast, arriving to school on time, doing homework, enjoying free time, having dinner with the family, bathing, and packing up for the next day. Post daily chore list on fridge as a reminder.

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September Counselor's Corner



Welcome to the 2017-18 school year at Cape Elementary! This year we provided 40 backpacks for students to kick off the school year with the help of our community partner Cape Coral First United Methodist Church and our fabulous PTO. Thank you to everyone who supported this project to make sure every student had what he or she needed to start the year off right. If you are in need of a backpack or supplies for school, please stop by the front office. We still have backpacks and supplies available.

Cape Elementary is a Positive Behavior Interventions & Support school. We are looking forward to offering a school-wide SOAR celebration each quarter and classroom incentives for students who follow our school SOAR expectations.

The district-wide character word for September is **ACCEPTANCE**. This involves the recognition of the diversity of others, their opinions, practices, and culture with a favorable reception. The Quote for the month: "Strength lies in differences, not in similarities." ~ Stephen Covey

At our SOAR kick-off this year, one of the areas I covered with our intermediate grades was the difference between peer conflict and bullying. As the school counselor, one of my responsibilities is to help individuals with differences come together to see uncomfortable situations through the other person's eyes. In many situations, peer conflict can be resolved by each person practicing tolerance. Many times, once an individual is able to recognize that a disagreement stems from diversity and is able to accept another person's varying viewpoint, conflict can be resolved. Acceptance does not equal allowing harmful divergent viewpoints to marginalize a people group. It involves recognizing that which is true, respectful and the best of what brings us together as humans.

We are careful not to label instances of peer conflict as bullying as there are specific criteria that must be met for a behavior to be classified as bullying. In situations where bullying has been identified, one of the biggest ways to support an individual who has been targeted is to help that student realize that they are valued and to find his/her voice. No one deserves to be bullied. Correcting the aggressor's bullying behavior requires intervention and appropriate consequences. Our goal is to teach tolerance. Tolerance fosters acceptance. It is important to remember to focus on correcting negative behaviors and encouraging children to get along with all kinds of people.

Schools are required to investigate all reports of bullying. Bullying Complaint Report Forms can be found by following the "Parent Portal" link to the "Anti-Bullying" heading at www.leeschools.net or by contacting your child's teacher, school administration or the school counselor. Every student should feel safe and valued at school. Thank you for joining with us to ensure student success at Cape Elementary.

National Bullying Prevention Month is right around the corner. We will be kicking off a month of activities with **Blue Shirt Day - World Day of Bullying Prevention**, an initiative of STOMP Out Bullying, on Monday, October 2. All students and staff at Cape Elementary are encouraged to wear a blue shirt on this day to show our commitment to bullying prevention at Cape Elementary. A calendar of anti-bullying events will also be coming home with your student in October.

CKC (Cape Kids Care)

Before and After School Program Update

- Registration and Information is available on our school website.
- Starting October 1, when you register for the CKC program there will be a 24 hour turnaround time. If you submit your registration/fee on Monday your child may start the program on Tuesday. We appreciate your understanding with this new policy to keep our students safe.



CAPE ELEMENTARY

SEPTEMBER 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Labor Day School Closed	5	6 PTO and School Advisory Council (SAC) Informational Meeting 6:00 p.m. All parents welcome to attend!	7	8 PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser Ends	9
10	11 Salvation Army Canned Food Drive 09/11 - 09/22	12	13	14	15 Interim Report Day	16
17	18	19 Chipotle Night 4:00 p.m.— 8:00 p.m.	20	21 Rosh Hashanah School Closed	22 Canned Food Drive Ends	23
24	25	26	27	28 Individual Picture Day (pre-pay)	29 Book Fair Begins	30 Yom Kippur