



# 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.*

April 2017

## ***A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATORS***

Dear Cape Families:

We hope all of you have a safe and fun Spring Break! We are looking forward to everyone coming back refreshed and ready for a strong fourth quarter of school!

Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders did an outstanding job on the ELA and writing portion of the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA). Our 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> graders will continue to show everyone what they have learned in English/Language Arts, Math and Science! They will have the opportunity to take the FSA in the months of April and May. Please look at the attached calendar or our website for specific dates. Limited homework will be given during FSA testing days. Please make sure your children are:

- at school each day by 7:45.
- well rested.
- fed a nutritious breakfast.

Cape Elementary and the Lee County School District uses ParentLink and the Lee County School District App all year long to communicate important information directly to you. We will use both to communicate with you in the event of a school-wide or district-wide emergency or urgent event. The ParentLink system uses your contact information; therefore, please make sure your contact information, such as your telephone number and email, is up-to-date with us. Cape Elementary is also on Twitter! Please follow us at @CapeElem.

We are continuing to work towards our goal of having a PE shade purchased for half of our basketball court by the end of the 17-18 school year. We appreciate the donations and support we have received. We wrote two grants and will have an additional fundraiser next year for the PE shade.

Mark your calendars now. May 1<sup>st</sup> through 5<sup>th</sup> is Staff Appreciation Week at Cape Elementary. Please take a few minutes to thank a teacher or staff member during this week. We have special treats and activities planned for our staff all week. If you would like to donate to our treats, please email us at [NicoleDO@leeschools.net](mailto:NicoleDO@leeschools.net).

We hope to see all of you at our Celebrations of Learning (end of year awards) at the end of May. This is a very special ceremony for your child, and we thank you in advance for attending.

Cape is a special place to work. Please continue to email or to call us when you have a concern, question or comment. We are honored to be the leaders of this great school!

Sincerely,

Ms. Osterholm and Mrs. Sund

## FSA Testing Dates



**Please mark your calendar now!!**

April 19 - 20	Math	Grade 3
April 24 - 25	ELA	Grade 5
April 26 - 27	ELA	Grade 4
May 1 - 2	Science	Grade 5
May 3 - 4	Math	Grade 4
May 8 - 9	Math	Grade 5

- Be sure your student arrives on time.
- Make sure your student eats a healthy breakfast!
- Ensure a good night's rest.
- Come to school with a cooperative attitude.
- Think positive - tell yourself that you can do this.
- Relax! All of the hard work is done. It's time to prove that you have been working hard and have learned what is expected of you.

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## Celebrations of Learning!

Mark your calendars now for your child's end of the year awards.

**Kindergarten:** May 24th at 8:15 a.m.

**1st Grade:** May 24th at 10:00 a.m.

**2nd Grade:** May 25th at 8:15 a.m.

**3rd Grade:** May 25th at 10:00 a.m.

**4th Grade:** May 26th at 8:15 a.m.

## From our School Nurse

Children are Curious Creatures! The Poison Control Center of Florida receives approximately 500 phone calls per day with a majority of those phone calls pertaining to children under age 12. Most of these incidences were safely treated at home with the resources of The Florida Poison Control Center. Protect your loved ones with a few simple strategies suggested by The Florida Poison Control Center. Visit [www.floridapoisontreatment.org](http://www.floridapoisontreatment.org) for further resources. Program The Florida Poison Control phone number into your phone: 1-800-222-1222. Certified Specialists in Poison information respond immediately 24/7/365 in the case of an emergency or to answer your questions. Calls are Free and Confidential. Visit your School Nurse for further resources or information.

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## District News

The School District of Lee County values your opinion. Please help us in our efforts to serve you better by taking a brief online survey. You may access the survey at this link:

El Distrito Escolar del Condado Lee valora su opinión. Por favor, ayúdenos en nuestros esfuerzos de servirle mejor contestando esta encuesta. Puede tener acceso a la encuesta mediante este enlace:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/V6NKC6>



### April Counseling Corner

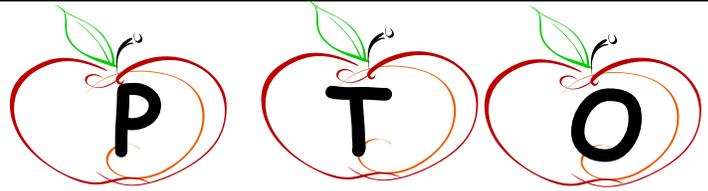
The district-wide character word for April is Integrity. This involves adhering steadfastly to a personal sense of honorable and ethical behavior. The district's quote for the month is, "Sticking to what you know is right."

For many people, "right" means not getting caught doing something "wrong." As a Positive Behavior Interventions & Support school, Cape Elementary strives to reward students for making good choices. Supporting a child's positive behavior encourages the child to continue making right choices. Developing a child's personal sense of honor and ethical behavior requires a commitment to modeling these characteristics. Instilling integrity is counter to the culture that many of the shows on television portray. Integrity has become situational, and we can all shake our heads at the lack of ethics many prominent business leaders/politicians seem to display. So are we destined to trade a personal sense of honorable and ethical behavior for situational ethics and a wishy-washy moral code?

It is there- in each and every one of us - the ability to stick to what we know is right. Does it require personal sacrifice? Absolutely. Does this trait need to be nurtured to grow? Absolutely. Will society benefit from individuals willing to commit to ethical behavior? If you are unsure of the answer to that question, just ask yourself, how important is it to trust the individuals with whom we do business?

In April, much of our school time will be consumed with Florida Standards Assessments (FSAs). Teachers are trained in maintaining "test integrity." If we believe it is important to maintain integrity for the fidelity of a test, shouldn't we be just as concerned about our students' integrity? Doing what is right includes always striving to do my personal best because it's the right thing to do.

Ghandi was quoted as saying, "Be the change you want to see in the world." Let change begin within, but let's not keep it to ourselves. Looking inward should be a start, but reaching outward is the only way to truly make a difference and to see the change. Please join with us in April in promoting integrity and in building this character trait in our future leaders here at Cape Elementary School.



## 10th Annual Spring Fling Tonight!

March 31 from 5:00-8:00 p.m.

A night of fun for everyone!

Rock wall, laser tag, bubble soccer, carnival games, food, and much more!

Our silent auction is filled with items such as DisneyWorld passes, American Girl doll, restaurant gift certificates, signed sports memorabilia, and many more great items! See you tonight!

### Upcoming Events

Cape Elementary Skate Night April 23 from 6:00-8:00pm at The Palace Skate Rink! Bring the entire family for an evening of fun and skating!

Cape Elementary Talent Show will be on April 27 at 6:00pm in the cafe! Come and see some amazing talent brought to you by our Cape kids!

More info for these events will be sent home soon!

Last PTO meeting of the school year will be May 3 at 6:00pm in the Cape Elementary library!

Thank you for your continued support of our wonderful school!

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## 5th Grade

### Mark your calendars now...

- All balances for the Busch Gardens trip were due on Thursday, March 30th. If you still owe funds, please pay as soon as possible. Make checks payable to Cape Elementary PTO.
- Busch Gardens trip is on Monday, May 15th. Students must be at school by 7:00 a.m.
- Promotion Ceremony is on Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:00 a.m. at North Ft Myers High

