



*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 2016 - January 2017

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

Dear Cape Elementary 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 there are three early dismissal days at 12:10 p.m. in December. FSA dates for our students in grades 3, 4 and 5 were released and are listed in this newsletter. Please mark your calendars now.

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. Thanks to the 200 families who attended our first Zoomer's Night! We are thankful for the new playground! We appreciate all the parents who support our fundraisers and PTO!

Several resources that we want to be sure you are utilizing are:

- Go Math link on Cape Elementary websites offers videos to assist students and parents with their homework.
- 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 are on leeschools.net.
- Classroom teacher's website: go to Cap.leeschools.net

We serve over 300 students breakfast each day from 7:30a.m. to 7:45 a.m. Our goal is to close breakfast at 7:45 a.m. so learning can begin promptly at 7:55 a.m. 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 new school 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, 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



## FSA Testing Dates

Please mark your calendar now!!

February 28	Writes	Grade 4 & 5
March 28 - 29	ELA	Grade 3
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.

## Student Assignment 2017-2018

Parents of currently enrolled students in Lee County Public Schools grades five, eight, and students in Pre-K attending Lee County Public Schools who are eligible for kindergarten for 2017/18, will be mailed their child's personalized application the first week in January.

Those receiving the 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 the LCSD, or bring it to one of the School District Student Assignment offices in person. This is a ten week application period. There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days since you have ten weeks to submit the application. All applications are processed as a group.

Parents of children who will be five on or before September 1st, 2017, and who are not enrolled in one of the district's Pre-K programs must visit one of the offices to register for Kindergarten for the 2017/2018 school year (bring registration requirements). This should be done during the first application period (January 23 - March 24) to increase the chances of being assigned to your preferred school. Brand new students cannot apply online - they must be registered in person.

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](http://www.leeschools.net) for registration requirements and Student Assignment Office locations.

## Kindergarten Open House

Open House for new incoming Kindergarten students will be held on January 18, 2017 from 6:30 - 7:30 PM. Come meet our Kindergarten team and see all the exciting learning that is happening at Cape Elementary.

Please share this information with your friends and neighbors.



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## December Counseling Corner

It seems hard to believe, but our 2<sup>nd</sup> 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 20, 21 or 22.

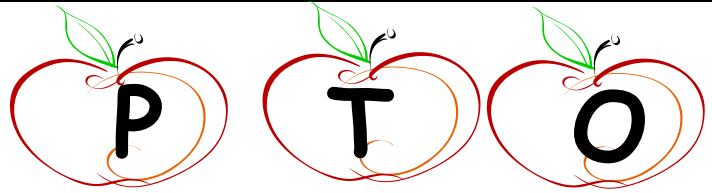
The district-wide character word for December is KINDNESS/COMPASSION. This involves demonstrating concern for the well-being of others; giving support and showing empathy. Traits of kindness include: Helping others in need, without being asked; forgiving others for their mistakes; complimenting your 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 9.



Zoomers night was a fun success! We had approximately 200 wristbands purchased for Cape Elementary! It was great to see our families having fun around the park! Thank you to all who attended.

The Cape Elementary Holiday Shoppe will be held December 12th-16th. Students will get the opportunity to purchase gifts for their families and friends. More info will go home soon. An email went out about volunteer signups and we need many helpers to make it a wonderful experience for our kids. Please email us if you need the link to volunteer.

January 19th will be Cape Elementary Spirit Night at Sky Zone in Ft Myers. We hope to see everyone there!

Thank you for your continued support! Together great things can happen!

Thanks!  
Cape Elementary PTO



## School Sweat Shirts

School Sweat Shirts are now available for sale in the office. Place your order by November 30 for a holiday gift.

Crewneck sweatshirts Youth \$20.00  
Crewneck sweatshirts Adult \$25.00

Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt Youth \$25  
Full Zip Hooded Sweatshirt Adult \$30



Color: Royal Blue Orange Lt. Grey  
Available in student and adult sizes. (Please add \$2 per sizes 2XL-3XL)

## Tours

School tours for incoming Kindergarten students will be given on January 10, 12, 17, 24, 26, 31 and February 2 from 9:00 a.m. until 10:00 a.m.

School tours for new incoming students in grades 1-5 will be given on January 11, 18 and February 8, and 15 from 9:00 a.m. to 10:00 a.m. Please call the office at 542-3551 to schedule your appointment.





# CAPPE ELEMENTARY

## DECEMBER 2016

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday	
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10	
11	12	13	14	15	16	17	
18	19	20	21	22	23	24	
25	26	27	28	29	30	31	

Winter Break Begins  
School Closed

Winter Break  
School Closed

Winter Break  
School Closed

Winter Break  
School Closed

Winter Break  
School Closed

Early Dismissal Day  
12:10 p.m.  
SOAR Celebration -  
Grades 4 & 5

Early Dismissal Day  
12:10 p.m.  
SOAR Celebration -  
Grades 2 & 3

Early Dismissal Day  
12:10 p.m.  
End of 2nd Quarter  
SOAR Celebration -  
Grades K & 1

Professional Duty Day  
School Closed

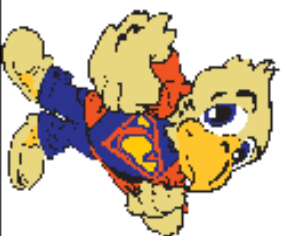
PTO Holiday Shop begins

3rd Grade Cape Choir  
Holiday Program  
6:00 p.m.

Winter 4th and 5th Grade  
Choir Concert  
6:00 p.m.

Kindergarten  
Holiday Program  
in Caf   
8:15 a.m.

PTO Holiday Shop ends



# CAPE ELEMENTARY

## JANUARY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Winter Break School Closed	3 Winter Break School Closed	4 Winter Break School Closed	5 Winter Break School Closed	6 Winter Break School Closed	7
8	9 Students Return	10	11	12 Student led Conferences for all parents and students	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Jr. Day School Closed	17	18 Kindergarten Orientation 17-18 school year 6:00 p.m.	19 Sky Zone Night 3:00 p.m. to 8:00 p.m.	20 Report Card Day	21
22	23 100 <sup>th</sup> Day of School	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				