



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.

May 2017

A MESSAGE FROM YOUR ADMINISTRATORS

Dear Cape Families,

In the spring, many gardens are planted with the expectation and hope that strong, healthy, and beautiful plants will result. Successful gardeners don't set low expectations for the quality of their gardens. They don't hope for plants which will "merely survive." They aim high and then provide the care, support and nurturing which will ensure the "award winning" gardens. Parenting and educating children should be no different. At Cape Elementary, our expectations for all students are high. We set standards for behavior and academic progress and expect each child to behave and learn accordingly. As educators, we share the hopes and dreams you have for your child. We must work together to ensure these dreams become a reality.

Your children are surrounded by caring and dedicated Cape staff members each day! May 1st to 5th is Staff Appreciation week. Please take a moment to thank a teacher, paraprofessional, bus driver, or café worker! It is an honor to lead this wonderful staff each day.

We appreciate and thank those parents who volunteer their time at Cape Elementary. Our PTO is an example of an effective volunteer organization which helps our school in so many ways. Thank you for a wonderful Spring Fling, Silent Auction and Bake Sale. Special thank you to the board members who served this school year. We appreciate your time and dedication to our school and the PTO. You are all amazing!

We look forward to seeing all of you at our Celebrations of Learning, our end of year awards. Please look for grade level dates and times in this newsletter, on our website and in your child's weekly notes.

While we look forward with excitement and anticipation to the upcoming school year, we look to our fifth grade class to remind us of the past and of all that has been learned and accomplished throughout their years in elementary school. Parents and relatives are invited to the Fifth Grade Celebration of Learning at North Ft Myers High School on Tuesday, May 23rd at 10:00 A.M. Parents may begin arriving at 9:30.

As this is the last newsletter of the 2016-2017 school year, we want to thank parents, students and staff for a wonderful productive year. We wish you all a safe, healthy, and happy summer vacation which will ensure that our Cape Family returns to school refreshed and renewed ready to meet challenges of a new school year.

Sincerely,

Ms. Osterholm and Mrs. Sund

FSA Testing Dates



Please mark your calendar now!

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.

Culver's Night!

Thank you to all the families who supported our Culver's Night in March. Culver's gave back \$755 to Cape Elementary. We will continue this great partnership

The School Board of Lee County

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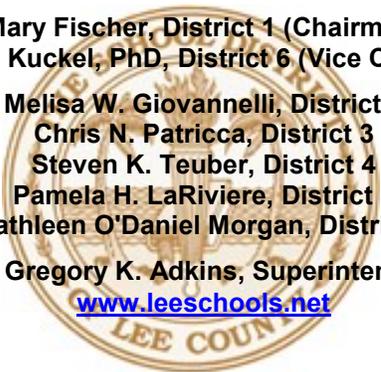
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Celebrations of Learning!

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

As the school year ends, please remember to pick up your student's medication. We cannot keep medications in the school over the summer. Medication can be picked up anytime between now and the end of the school year. We will keep just enough of the medication to finish the school year. Any medication left in the clinic after the end of the school year will be discarded. Medication permission forms must be filled out each school year, so please remember to take the form with you to the doctor over the summer so it will be ready for next year. Have a safe summer!

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Counselor's Corner



The district-wide character word for May is Patience. This is defined as the capacity to accept or tolerate delay, trouble, or suffering without getting angry or upset. Traits of patience include: Waiting my turn; not complaining when I don't get my way; accepting what cannot be changed; using my time wisely, and trying again when at first I don't succeed.

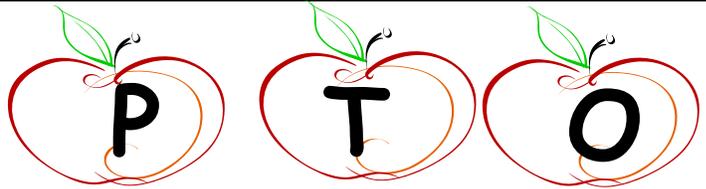
In today's world, patience is rarely practiced, and when we are forced to BE patient, our attitude is generally not what it should be.

Is it possible to teach patience? According to an article on Parenting.com, (Skolnik, Deborah. *How to Teach Patience*, 2017) it is. Here are a few suggestions from the experts:

- Don't come running every time your child asks you to do something. Say, 'I can't do that right now,' so your child does not expect immediate gratification.
- Praise your child when she waits without whining - reinforce the behavior.
- Do projects together that require patience. For example, sprinkle grass seeds over moist soil in a cup, cover it with plastic wrap and set it on a sunny window sill. In a few days, your child can enjoy the sprouts.
- Break out a sand timer occasionally. If your child is taking turns on the computer with a sibling, it will provide a visual of how the time is passing.
- eliver on promises. Don't say you'll take your child to the park after lunch then start the laundry instead. It is important to maintain trust. If your child waits, you need to follow through.

Our final SOAR celebration for the 2016-17 school year will take place on Monday, May 22. Students who have reached their SOAR goals for this quarter will attend a Luau Dance Party with music, games and a tropical treat!

Enjoy your break as we recharge our batteries and come up with even more fun and exciting ways to celebrate our students' positive choices in the upcoming school year. As always, thanks for partnering with us here at Cape Elementary to ensure that character-building continues every day - even during the summer!



The end of the 2016-2017 school year is almost here! We are so thankful for each and every person who has helped support our great school!

This year Cape PTO has purchased a new playground, school supplies, musical instruments, PE equipment, educational assemblies, library books, and so much more! This would not have been possible without our wonderful parents and guardians. Thank you to the teachers and staff who invest their time, energy, and love in our children.

Our last PTO meeting will be on May 3rd in the Cape Elementary library at 6:00pm. We will be electing the 2017-2018 Executive Board.

Cape Elementary Chic-Fil-A Spirit Night will be on Thursday, May 18th from 5:00-8:00pm at the Chic-Fil-A on Pine Island Road. A portion of all sales will be donated to our school!

Join us at Zoomers on the last day of school, Friday, May 26th from 5:00-8:00pm for an end-of-year party! Wristbands for unlimited amusement and go-kart rides will be \$10. We will also have some great items to raffle off! Bring your yearbook for your friends to sign!

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5th Grade

Mark your calendars now...

- 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 School.



CAPE ELEMENTARY

MAY 2017

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Grade 5 NGSSS Science 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	2 Grade 5 NGSSS Science 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	3 Grade 4 FSA Math 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. PTO and SAC Meeting 6:00 p.m.	4 Grade 4 FSA Math 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	5	6
7	8 Grade 5 FSA Math 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m.	9 Grade 5 FSA Math 8:00 a.m.-10:00 a.m. 3rd Grade Spring Choir Concert 6:00 p.m.	10 4th/5th Grade Spring Choir Concert 6:00 p.m.	11 2nd & 3rd Grade Field Day Chick-fil-A Night 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	12	13
14 Mothers Day	15 KG & 1st Grade Field Day	16 5th Grade Field Day	17 5th Grade Field Day	18 2nd & 3rd Grade Field Day Chick-fil-A Night 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	19 4th Grade Field Day	20
21	22 SOAR Celebration	23 5th Grade Promotion Ceremony 10:00 a.m. NFMHS	24 Early Dismissal Day 12:10 pm Celebration of Learning Kindergarten: 8:15 a.m. Grade 1: 10:00 a.m.	25 Early Dismissal Day 12:10 p.m. Last day to bring backpacks to school Celebration of Learning Grade 2: 8:15 a.m. Grade 3: 10:00 a.m.	26 Early Dismissal Day 12:10 pm Last Day for Students Celebration of Learning Grade 4: 8:15 a.m.	27
28	29 Memorial Day School Closed	30	31			