



# 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, 2016

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

Dear Cape Elementary Families,

Welcome to the new school year! The first two 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 2,000 hours of volunteer time this past year alone. We gave away over 70 student book bags with needed supplies to students with help from Cape Coral First United Methodist Church and 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 using Kagan Cooperative Learning Structures. Also, all students at Cape Elementary have recess for 15 minutes each day. Our PTO and Cape Elementary are working together to purchase a new playground for our students to use during their daily recess.

As we strive for excellence, we welcome your involvement. Communication is vital to students' 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 to read the Student-Parent Handbook in the back of the planner and also our school calendar. We encourage you to download the Lee County School District App/ParentLink, visit our school website and your teacher's website. Please read the teacher communication that comes home each Friday in the brown envelope. Our teachers will be sharing important information at Curriculum Night on Thursday, September 15. We hope to see you there.

Our PTO will have their one big fundraiser (Yankee Candle) starting on Thursday, September 1. Please look for information in your child's brown envelope and 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,

Nicole Osterholm and Kristi Sund

### Parent Drop Off Tips

- Drop off begins at 7:20
- There is no line from 7:20 to 7:35
- Please pull to the front of the ramp and stop close to the car in front of you
- Make sure your child is ready to hop out when you stop
- Practice unbuckling and getting out of the car quickly
- If your child needs help walking to class, please tell a safety patrol or Cape staff member
- Student must be at school by 7:45 if they want to eat breakfast

### Parent Pick up Tips:

- Pick Up begins around 2:15
- You must have your parent pick up sign
- If you don't have your sign you must park and go to the office with your driver's license.
- Please stay in your car
- Please pull to the front of the ramp and stop close to the car in front of you
- Kids will load on the passenger side of the car
- If your child does not come to the car, please tell a Cape staff member
- Thanks for focusing on driving and not using your cell phone

### Thank You Business Partners

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 Applebees  
 Jason's Deli  
 Bob Evans Restaurant  
 Cape Coral First United Methodist Church  
 Horace Mann Insurance  
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Cape Elementary is holding a fundraiser to obtain funds to purchase a PE Shade structure. Our students are outdoors during PE time with no shade for the students. With the structure, our students would be protected from exposure to ultraviolet (UV) radiation from the sun. All staff and students could enjoy outdoor activities under this shade without exposure to the sun and weather.

Please consider a donation to Cape Elementary PE/ Shade fund. Donors contributing \$100 or more will have their names posted on a banner which will be placed at the site of the PE structure.

We are confident that with the support of our families and the community we can meet our goal. The estimated cost of the structure is \$90,000.00.

Thank you for supporting Cape Elementary.

### PE Shade Contributors

Honc Marine Contracting	\$200
Edison Insurance Services	\$200
S & L Properties (Culver's)	\$200
Rossmann Realty Group	\$100
Aubuchon Homes, Inc.	\$100
Florida Skin Center	\$100
LCEC	\$100

## Severe Weather Preparation

"The School District of Lee County will always consider student and staff safety of primary importance when making a decision to close school when severe weather threatens. Unless there is a clear threat of danger, the decision to close school will be made around 4:00 a.m. and announced through local TV news shows, via the District's Internet Website and via NOAA Weather Alert Radios. Parents and staff should monitor local media and the District's Website for the latest information pertaining to school closing during severe weather months."

*It is important for parents to maintain current phone numbers with Cape Elementary for use in severe weather or emergencies.*

# Counselor's Corner



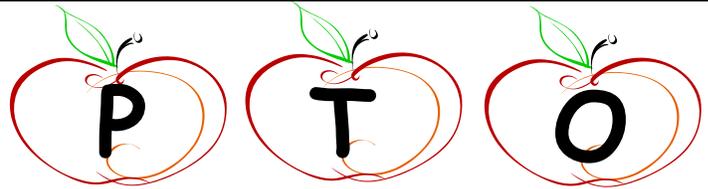
Welcome to the 2016-17 school year at Cape Elementary! We were able to provide over 70 backpacks for students to kick off the school year with the help of our community partner Cape Coral First United Methodist Church and our fabulous PTO. Thank you to everyone who supported this project to make sure every student had what he or she needed to start the year off right.

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 **Tolerance**. This involves a fair and objective attitude toward those whose opinions, practices, race, religion, nationality or the like differ from one's own: Freedom from bigotry. The district's quote for the month is, "Getting along with all kinds of people."

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. 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. 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](http://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.



The school year has officially begun, and we hope your kids are enjoying our wonderful school!

Thank you to everyone who was able to make it to our BooHoo/WooHoo Breakfast! We had a great turnout. It was nice to see our returning families and also meet our new ones!

Our Yankee Candle Fundraiser begins on 9/1 and ends on 9/16. Fundraiser packets will be sent home with your child so be on the lookout. These items make excellent gifts for the upcoming holiday season! This is our only major fundraiser of the year, and we appreciate your support.

If you have any questions or would like to receive our email updates, mail us at:

[capeelementarypto@gmail.com](mailto:capeelementarypto@gmail.com)

With your support, the 2016-2017 school year will be a huge success!

Thanks!  
Cape Elementary PTO



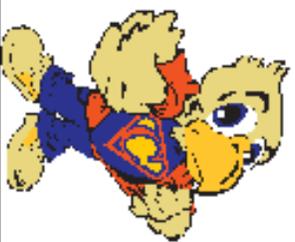
## SAC

The first School Advisory Council (SAC) meeting of the school year will be held on September 7, 2016 at 6:00 p.m. in the library. All parents are welcome to attend.

SAC meetings are held on the first Wednesday of the month. Please view the calendar posted on our school website.

The council is designed to operate like a team. The principal is the person who is ultimately accountable for the school. She, along with this committee, will meet to discuss agenda items pertaining to the education of students at Cape Elementary. The School Improvement Plan will be discussed, voted on and approved by members.

This is a great opportunity for parents and the community to participate in decision making at Cape Elementary.



# CAPE ELEMENTARY

## SEPTEMBER 2016



Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1 PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser Begins	2	3
4	5 Labor Day School Closed	6	7 School Advisory/Council Informational Meeting 6:00 p.m. All parents welcome to attend!	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Curriculum Night 6:00 p.m. - 7:30 p.m.	16 Interim Report Day PTO Yankee Candle Fundraiser Ends	17
18	19 Salvation Army Canned Food Drive 09/19-09/30	20	21	22 Individual Picture Day (pre-pay)	23	24
25	26	27 Culvers Night 5:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m.	28	29	30	