

# Cypress Elementary Newsletter

*Our Wise Learners Soar!!*



Dec/Jan  
Year 10/11 - Vol 22

## From The Principal's Desk:

Last month we celebrated Thanksgiving, a national holiday, we gave thanks and reflected on our blessings as well as remembered those around us who are less fortunate. The Cypress family is thankful for our PTA, our volunteers and business partners who have given much time and resources to our students. A special thank you to Christ Church for providing weekly carry-out meals, to Sheridan Vocational for hosting our website ([www.cypresselementary.org](http://www.cypresselementary.org)), Brus' Room and to BJ's Food for all their support. It is hard to believe that December is here already and winter break is only a week away. ~It is going to be a very busy week. We have many fun filled activities planned for our students before the winter break. ~ We are looking forward to the winter musical show and book fair on TUESDAY, December 14 at 4:30pm-7:00pm. Come see your children perform and entertain you. The evening will be a fun time for family and friends. Parents, thank you for your continued support! When we get back in January

the Cypress HOOT CAMP, opportunity for GRADES 3, 4 and 5 students only to participate in an extended learning. CAMP will begin on Saturday, January 22, and will continue until April 2, from 8:30am to 11:30am. All students MUST be here on time and picked up promptly. Attending HOOT Camp means that our 3rd, 4th and 5th students will participate in an EXTRA opportunity for remediation, tutoring and practice reinforcing needed lessons and skills needed in Reading, Writing, Math and Science. ~ Please help us by encouraging your child to get to HOOT CAMP each Saturday (1/22, 1/29, 2/5, 2/12, 2/26, 3/5, 3/26 and 4/2). ~ Parents look for more detailed information coming home soon. You will get a letter inviting attendance if you are eligible to participate. We need to have your support to make sure all invited students attend each day. Our teachers are committed to providing our students with opportunities that will improve learning. ~ Our teachers are providing students opportunities NOW, before and in class EXTRA double and triple dosing. I have also added a math special providing added support in math for grades 2-5. The support staff (guidance, reading, coach, science and ESE support are

also pushing in or pulling out students offering small group tutoring sessions to address academic needs, test taking strategies and behavioral needs for students who need a little extra assistance. We are focused on meeting the individual need of our students and to meet the needs required to achieve the (SIP) School improvement goals, including the adequate yearly progress (AYP) criteria determined by No Child Left Behind (NCLB). Please be aware that this year's standard set by the state for schools to meet criteria for AYP in reading is 79 % and math 80%. As the 2010 calendar year comes to a close, on December 17 our students and staff will take a well-deserved winter break to enjoy and celebrate the season of peace, give thanks and to reflect with family and friends. ~ I wish you and your family a SAFE, HEALTHY and PEACEFUL holiday season. Happy Kwanza, Happy Hanukkah, and a Merry Christmas!!! School will reopened on Monday, January 3, 2011. Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year!  
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### Our Mission Statement

*Cypress Elementary is dedicated to meeting the educational needs of all students in a safe learning environment*

### CALENDARS

- DECEMBER:**  
11-GARAGE SALE 8am-12m  
13-17 HOLIDAY GIFT STORE - School Hours-  
14- BOOK FAIR 4:30pm-6pm  
HOLIDAY SHOW 6pm - 7pm  
18 - WINTER BREAK STAR
- JANUARY:**  
3 - CLASSES RESUME  
17 - NO SCHOOL - Martin Luther King  
21 - EARLY RELEASE DAY 12:00pm  
24 - NO SCHOOL - Employee Planning Day

### CYPRESS ELEMENTARY PTA

The annual membership is \$5 per person. No couple or family discounts. All individuals must pay. Although several parents and employees volunteered to serve as/on Temporary Offices/Committees and many joined PTA, we are looking for support from all of our families and employees. Success works much better when everyone gets involved. The voting of Temporary Officers and Committees will take place at our next scheduled meeting on Friday, January 7<sup>th</sup>, 2011 at 2:15pm in the media center. Only paid members will be allowed to vote. Come out, show your support, and get involved.

- Temporary Officer Positions available:**
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| Vice President       | Secretary           |
| Bylaws Chairperson   | Treasurer           |
| Nominating Committee | Budget Committee    |
| Membership Committee | Volunteer Committee |

**Please complete the form below and submit with your payment to Cypress PTA.**

Name of Parent(s)/Employee: \_\_\_\_\_

Contact Number: \_\_\_\_\_

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Teacher: \_\_\_\_\_

Check this box if you would like to be considered for one/more officer position.

Position: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of members: \_\_\_\_\_ Amount Enclosed: \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### IMPORTANT INFORMATION:

1. You can access the school's Accountability Report at the following website <http://schoolgrades.fldoe.org>.
2. Parents you can find FCAT information on the following websites:  
English : <http://fcats.fldoe.org/aboutfcats/english/index.html>  
Spanish: <http://fcats.fldoe.org/aboutfcats/spanish/index.html>  
Creole: <http://fcats.fldoe.org/aboutfcats/creole/index.html>
3. You can locate the school's **No Child Left Behind (NCLB) School Public Accountability Reports (SPAR)** for the 2009-2010 school year at the following site:  
<http://doewebprd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclbpar/index.cfm>
4. *Cypress Elementary School Improvement Plan (SIP)* which contains the school's **Title I School Parent Involvement Plan (PIP)** is located on our school website at [cypresselementary.org](http://cypresselementary.org). A copy is available in the school lobby for review and a copy will be available for review at all School Advisory Meetings. The **District Parental Involvement Plan** is located on the Title I website: [http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/PARENT\\_INVOLVEMENT.html](http://www.broward.k12.fl.us/titleone/PARENT_INVOLVEMENT.html). A copy is available in the school lobby for review and a copy will be available for review at all School Advisory Meetings.

### Attention all 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Parents

It's time to start thinking about where your child will attend middle school. Crystal Lake Middle and Pompano Beach Middle offer nationally recognized, academically challenging, award winning Magnet Programs.

Parents should plan on attending the Magnet Programs Open House at each school.

For more information go to:

[www.browardschoolsmagnetprograms.com](http://www.browardschoolsmagnetprograms.com)

or contact Magnet Programs Coordinators:

✓ Ms. Lenecia McCrary, at Crystal Lake Middle 754-322-3150.

✓ Ms. Susan Hurley, at Pompano Beach Middle 754-322-4222

You can also apply online at:

<http://webapp.browardschools.com/onechoicoproject/studentsearch.aspx>

### Students of the Month: NOVEMBER

**Pre-K:** Marlene Picaso, Sherlyn Estrada

**Kindergarten:** Jeremiah Vadrine, Sabianca Norvelus, Oriana Lopez, Elvira Cornejo, Crystal Peeples, Bryan Sanchez, Armando Martinez

**1- grade:** Sandra Santibanez, Jaqueline Chavez, Adriana Diaz, Jahiem Whitehead, Stephanie Carachure, Zackery Channer, Hector Palacio, Melissa Rahiser

**2- grade:** Angel Benitez, Alexa Saucedo, Lathan Gadson, Mikenly Jean-Baptiste

**3- grade:** Sabrina Russell, Rachel Charles, Michael Hahn, Mercy Guerrero, Decynthian Champagne, Alejandra Valle, Erica Ambrocio

**4- grade:** Ariyana Hicks, Kacinthia Mathieu, Stilian Sabev, Carlos Valle, Ana Folgar, Manika Joseph

**5- grade:** Daniela Benitez, Marianna Vejar, Patricia Aguirre, Anthony Bustamante

**~ THE BIG EVENT ~**

Parent Involvement: "Lighting the Way"

Searching for  
**TITLE I PARENTS**  
to attend the  
**Annual Parent Seminar  
2011**

January 29 at the  
*Signature Grand*  
6900 State Road 84 • Davie, FL

Continental Breakfast  
General Session Speaker - Door Prizes  
Concurrent Sessions - Lunch  
Entertainment will be provided by Title I Schools


Sponsored by Consolidated Programs  
Title I, Pre-K-2 (Head Start), Exceptional Student Education, Non-Public  
Schools & Institutions for Neglected and Delinquent Students

**YOU MUST REGISTER AT YOUR CHILD'S SCHOOL.**  
Children will not be permitted to attend this Parent event.

The School Board of Broward County, Florida  
Title I, Migrant & Special Programs

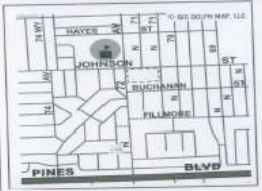
# ATTENTION

South Area Meeting  
Thursday, December 9, 2010 - 7:00 P.M.



Understanding the  
New State Math Standards

Where: Boulevard Heights  
7201 Johnson Street  
Hollywood, FL 33024



**FREE**  
Child Care Valuable Information  
Refreshments Parenting Tips

Take I-95 to Sheridan Street West. Travel past State Road 7 and the Turnpike to N. 72nd Avenue. Make a left, heading south, onto N. 72nd Avenue and travel to Johnson Street. You will see the school on the right at the intersection of N. 72nd Avenue and Johnson Street. Make a right onto Johnson Street to access the front of the school located on the right.

Refreshments will be served from 6:30 P.M. to 7:00 P.M.  
If you have any questions, contact your school's Title I Contact Person,  
or Linda Howard, Program Specialist for Title I Parent Involvement at:  
754-321-1410

The Mobile Unit will be available from 6:00 P.M. to 6:45 P.M.  
(Translations offered in Haitian - Creole and Spanish)