



THE COUGAR PAW PRINT

News from the Principal- Dr. Hudzina

I cannot believe it's December! We have a busy month ahead, with FAST testing and several school events. It's very important students come to school on time and ready to take their FAST assessments. Please encourage your child to put in their best effort on their FAST assessment. After the hard work, we have some fun activities planned! Please make sure your child's FOCUS account is updated with the correct information- parent phone number, address, and approved adults for pick up. Thank you! We hope you have some time for family and fun during the winter break and we look forward to having students back on campus in January. Happy Holidays!

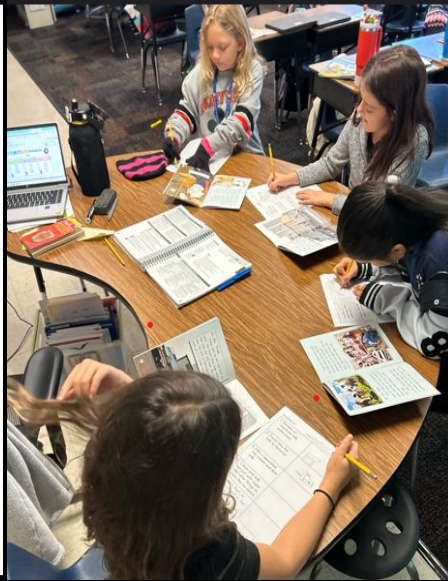
News From Third Grade

Welcome to another exciting edition of our Third Grade Newsletter! This month, our young learners have been diving into the world of reading comprehension and fractions!

Reading Roundup: Central Ideas and Summarizing - In reading, we've been exploring how to identify the central idea in various texts. Our third graders are becoming detectives, hunting for relevant details that support the main idea. They're also practicing summarizing, which helps them understand and retell stories in their own words.

Math Corner: Fraction Fun! - Over in math, we've been mastering fractions. From understanding unit fractions to recognizing fractions as a whole, and even exploring fractions equal to one, our students are on a fraction frenzy! They are learning how to visualize and compare fractions, making math both fun and meaningful.

Science Spotlight: Exploring Plants In science, our budding botanists have been delving into the world of plants! They've learned about the parts of a plant & their functions. From roots that anchor & absorb water to leaves that harness sunlight for photosynthesis, our students discovered how each part plays a vital role in a plant's life. Our learners had fun making camouflage butterflies and going on a scavenger hunt to find them! It's been a fantastic journey into the green world around us! Stay tuned for more updates as our third graders continue their journey of discovery and learning!



The Controlled Open Enrollment Window and CCPS Magnet Fair is Right Around the Corner!

This is a friendly reminder from Dr. Desjardins, Assistant Superintendent of School Support Services for Charlotte County Public Schools, alerting parents that the month of January is designated as the school district's controlled open enrollment window (school choice). During this month, parents and guardians may select a school in our district other than their child's assigned geographic school for the upcoming 2025-26 school year as long as that school is not closed due to being at capacity enrollment. If a school is "open" to reassignments, it is important to note that your child is not necessarily guaranteed a spot at that location. If there are more reassignment requests for a particular school than available seats, then the district will use a random lottery to determine which students will be allowed to attend that school. If a random lottery is needed, it will be conducted during the first two weeks of February.

To assist parents and guardians with navigating through the different educational programs offered at the middle school, high school and post-secondary levels, the school district is hosting its first Magnet Fair on January 16th at Centennial Park Gym from 5:30pm to 7pm. Secondary and post-secondary schools from across the district will be highlighting their special academic programs such as aviation, cybersecurity and advanced manufacturing. For more information pertaining to the Charlotte County Public Schools Magnet Fair, please visit the school district website, Facebook or Instagram pages.

Any student who is currently on reassignment to a school other than his or her assigned geographic school is no longer required to renew his or her reassignment every year. Your student will remain on that school's roster until your student has completed the highest-grade level offered at that school (5th grade for elementary school and 8th grade for middle school). Out-of-County residents no longer need to renew their reassignment application each year they wish for their student to attend a Charlotte County Public School unless they decide to change the school their student is currently attending.

Reassignment forms are available at any Charlotte County Public School, Charlotte County Public Schools Murdock County Office, or on the web at www.yourcharlotteschools.net. A complete listing of schools that are at capacity (closed to reassignments) is also available on the school district's website. If you decide to select a school other than your child's assigned geographic school, be careful to research the special conditions such as athletic eligibility that are attached to reassignment obligations. Transportation is not provided for students who have obtained a reassignment. Out-of-County students no longer need to obtain a signature (release) from their county of residence.

Parents or guardians who have any additional questions may call 941-255-0808, extension 2141.

Important Dates

- *12/3-12/19
FAST Testing
- *12/11
Early Release
- *12/17
Chorus Concert
- *12/19
Cookies with Santa 5:30-7:00 pm
- *12/20
End of Quarter 2
- *12/21-1/5
No School: Winter Break

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Charlotte, FL
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Dr. Danielle Hudzina, Principal
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Always be
Proud to LEAD

Lead by Example

Earn Respect and
Respect Others

Act Responsibly

Do your Best

REPORTING SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITIES OR THREATS

Students, parents, CCPS employees, & members of the community have a responsibility to report suspicious activities and potential threats to schools. Any suspicious activity or threat shall be promptly reported to one of the following individuals, agencies or reporting tools:

- School Resource Officer or local law enforcement agencies
- Administrator or any available staff member.
- The FortifyFL Reporting APP or to the Crime Stoppers Tip line (1-800-780-TIPS).
- Contacting the Supervisor of District Security and Emergency Management at (941) 255-0808
- Calling 9-1-1.

*Note: Reports may be done anonymously.



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