Citrus Grove “Rocked The FCAT”

Citrus Grove Elementary held their 2nd annual school-wide FCAT pep rally on Friday, April 12, 2013 to cheer on our 3rd, 4th & 5th grade students. Mrs. Head led the audience to a special version of “Fly Like An Eagle” with extra verses added for the upcoming FCAT. Our Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd grades classes performed songs and skits to support and motivate their upperclassmen to do well on the tests. Coach Allison also promised to eat cat food if Citrus Grove scores an “A” on the FCAT. The students ended the pep rally by chanting the school motto, “Eagles Do Their Best And Nothing Less”. We know that our eagle students did their best on the FCAT!!

Earth Day Celebration

Citrus Grove Elementary students celebrated the Earth Day on May 1st with gardening, picnic lunches outside, book exchange and a recycled art show. It was an EARTH-TASTIC day and our campus looks BEAUTIFUL!!
Clinic Reminder

Friendly Reminder from the Clinic

The last day of school is June 4th. Please be sure to pick up your child’s medication from the clinic by the end of the school day on June 4th. This includes prescription and non-prescription medication as well as nebulizers and any equipment you may have brought in for medical procedures. An adult must pick up these items, as we cannot send them home with the students.

If the medication is not picked up by the end of the school day on June 4th, the medication will be disposed of according to Volusia County School Board administration of medication guidelines before the clinic closes at the end of the day.

Please use the web site www.volusia.k12.fl.us (Parent/Student Health Services) to access the new medication forms and or procedure forms for next school year, which begins on August 19, 2013. Medication forms, procedure forms and emergency care plans must be renewed by the parent at or before the beginning of each school year in order for your child to receive medication or procedures during school hours. Students carrying their own epi-pen, inhaler or diabetic supplies are also required to have medication forms on file.

If you have any questions, please contact the school clinic nurse at 386-626-0065, extension 22598.

Principal For The Day

On April 11, 2013 MacKenzie C. was selected to be Principal For The Day. She was selected as principal for the day by achieving 300+ Reading Counts points. Her day included shadowing Mrs. Head and assisting her with principal duties.

Two other students have also been selected to be “Principal For The Day” for their reading counts achievements. During the month of May, Jesse E. and Wyatt W. will get their chance to shadow Mrs. Head, use the walkie-talkie and assist her with her daily duties. Congratulations to all three students!!!

EXTENDED DAY
Registration for the 2013-2014 school year will begin on May 14th at 3:00-5:45 p.m. in the cafeteria. Any questions, please contact Shawna Reed at Ext. 22577. Registration fee and first week’s tuition will be due to reserve the spot.

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**Hershey Track Meet Results**—Six of our finest Eagles spread their wings at the April 13th Hershey track meet held at Mainland High School track facility. Those representing Citrus Grove were Colby L., Joey S., David H., Maggie H., Denysia B. and Skylar Lawrence. Over 180 athletes attended. Top five finishers included: Colby L.-long jump (5th) and softball throw (5th); Joey S.-softball throw (4th) and 50 yard dash (4th); David H.-50 yard dash (2nd); Maggie H.-200 yard dash (4th); and Denysia B.-softball throw (4th).

**Run Club**—The “Soar Like An Eagle” Run Club has recently completed their activities for this academic year. The annual awards were presented on April 10th. Huff ‘N Puff medals were presented to those students who successfully completed the minimum number of laps required for their age/grade level. The winners are: K-3 Division (75 lap minimum) were: Wyatt P., Carter G., Sydney K., Nikolas L., Tripp K., Maya W., Caitlyn V., Quinn H., Aiden L., Megan S., Chris S., and Kaley K. Winners in the 4-5 Division (100 lap minimum) are: Joey S., Zane S., Jesse J., Maverick P., Logan B., Sarah T., J.D. S., Steven L., Claire B., Olivia B. and Claudia S. Trophy winners for the most laps were Claudia S with 129 laps and J.D. S. with 146 laps.

**West Volusia Kiwanis Junior Olympics** - This will take place on May 11, 2013 at the DeLand High School track. The top 4th and 5th grade athletes from eight area elementary schools will be in attendance competing in the following events: 50 yard dash, 100 yard dash, 200 yard dash, softball throw, standing long jump and shot put. Coaches are currently putting the finishing touches on this year’s team.

**Presidential Challenge** - Testing has been completed for this year’s edition of the President’s Challenge. Citrus Grove is proud to announce that two students have qualified for the Presidential Fitness All American team and 38 students in grades three, four and five have earned Nation Fitness awards. These students will be recognized at the end-of-year ceremonies.

**On a personal note**—Coach Allison will be retiring at the end of the academic year after 45 years of elementary physical education experience. **A note from Coach A:** I would like to thank all of the current and former Citrus Grove students for all of their excitement, effort and dedication these past two years. There is an old saying: “You get out of life what you put into it” and we’ve packed a bunch of stuff in since Citrus Grove first opened its doors last fall!! I wish for nothing but the best for Citrus Grove—parents, students, teachers and staff—in the future!! Now, where did I leave my whistle?? God bless!!
As our culminating activity to our schools, “One Book, One School, One Sweet Adventure” literacy experience, our school’s drama department will be performing Willy Wonka Jr.! 55 of our students and numerous faculty members have worked together during the year to bring this classic story to life with music from the original movie. PTA will also be selling snacks before the show and during the intermission. Tickets cost 5.00 each and will be on sale starting Tuesday, May 7, before and after school in the media center. The show will be performed three times, May 15, 16, 17 at 6:00 p.m. Don’t miss this sweet show!

Did you know that many students lose two months of knowledge over the summer? Don’t let this happen to your child! The Citrus Grove Media will be hosting a special summer reading program that is open to all our students and their families. Our theme will be “Reading is Magic!” We will have family book clubs, story times, crafts, and more!

Our Summer Library Schedule will look like this:

11:30-12:00 - Open for checkout, computer usage
12:00-12:30 - Story Time (geared for children 8 and under)
12:30-1:00 - Crafts and games for younger children
1:00-2:00 - Open for checkout, computer usage
2:00-3:00 - Reading Counts Club- kids read books and take RC tests.
3:00- 4:00 - Games and crafts for older kids
4:00-5:00 - Open for checkout, computer usage
5:00-6:00 - Family Book Club- Harry Potter and the Sorcerer’s Stone in June,
Miraculous Journey of Edward Tulane in July
6:00-6:30 - Open for Checkout, computer usage

This is a family program- no unaccompanied children, please. The dates of the program are: June 13, June 20, June 27, July 3, July 10, July 18, July 25. Stay tuned for more information!

Art News

- Two of our Citrus Grove artists, Abigail R. and Maya W. have been recognized this month for their outstanding art work. Abigail’s painting of her dog was selected to be shown at the Gateway Center of the Arts for the Volusia Students Create art show. Maya’s abstract oil pastel work is being shown at the Volusia County School Board Office as part of Youth Art Month. Congratulations girls!!

- Look for new displays of student art work around school. Building 2, the Front Office, the Media Center and the Art Room are filled with wonderful art.

- In honor of Earth Day, 3rd and 4th grade students created Dale Chihuly Macchia Bowls with recycled coffee filers. They will be on view in the media center beginning May 1st.

- All of our students will soon bring home the beautiful clay projects that they recently painted. Kindergarten made tiny pinch pots, 1st grade made medallions, 2nd grade created an owl, 3rd grade made pinch pot animals, 4th grade made a bird and 5th grade made a plaque with a pocket.
May’s value of the month is patience—waiting until later for what you want now! Please go to the guidance website for the May newsletter and great discussion starters, books to read and experiences to share.

We are also looking for some quick feedback about our value of the month program. If you are able, please go to the school website, click on guidance and take the short 4 question survey. Thank you so much for your time.

**Current 5th Grade Middle School Info Nights:**
- **DeLand Middle School**
  - Tuesday, May 7, 2013 at 5:30 pm
  - DeLand Middle School Auditorium
- **Southwestern Middle School**
  - Monday, May 20, 2013 at 5:30 pm
  - Citrus Grove Cafeteria

A big thank you to our Business Partner, Mari Bruno with Blair Landscape Design

Mrs. Bruno spent many hours planting the beautiful butterfly garden by the Art room.

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**Science Fair Winners**

Congratulations to the Citrus Grove Elementary Science Fair Winners: Sarah T., Olivia B., Nathan K., JD S., Claudia S., Andrew P. and Abigail K. Great job!!!
Attention Future 6th Grade Students

Dear future 6th grader,

I would like to invite you to join our Band at Southwestern Middle School! Band is one of the electives you get to choose when deciding your class schedule for middle school. It is a year-long elective, which means if you join band you get to stay in our class for the whole year, whereas some of the other electives are only half of a year long. Our SMS Band Family makes your transition to middle school so much easier. There are about 200 students in the program and we are all family! Students in band get to play concerts, jazz, travel, and music festivals around Central Florida. In addition, if you keep playing your instrument through high school, you can play at football games, basketball games and other team events. The best part is the significant number of scholarships available for student musicians who wish to play in band in college (even if you aren’t a music major and often times more than athletics).

There is NO EXPERIENCE required for band! I always teach everything from the beginning. The instruments students may play in beginning band by joining in 6th grade are: Flute, Clarinet, French Horn, Bassoon, Oboe, Tuba, Trombone, Baritone and Trumpet.

If you have a desire to play an instrument, there is a place for you in Band. I, Mr. Powell, will have a 20 minute private consultation with you and your parent to have you try out every instrument. Together we figure out which instrument you are going to be the most successful on. There are costs associated with band and they are similar with sports and other extra activities we enjoy. I can assure you that we do everything in our power to keep the costs as low as possible.

Band is affordable to everyone. Money should NOT be an issue to pass up such a rewarding opportunity. We at Southwestern believe the “Fine Arts” are an important part of growing in a students’ life.

If you are interested in joining band, please email me to set up a consultation. I look forward to meeting you and I hope that you become a part of our family! Also, please feel free to look through our website https://sites.google.com/site/southwesternmiddleschoolband/ for great videos, links and information.

Musically Yours,

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