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### Principal's Message

Dear Panther Parents and Students,

Spring is upon us, and, as always, our staff and students are ready to finish strong! As the year closes, we begin to discuss end of course exams and registration for next year's classes. I am so proud to see Panthers embracing the challenge to do our very best every moment of every day. Graduation is our prize, and we have it within our grasp. The tassel is truly worth the hassle!

Our Panthers add to their list of achievements and accolades daily. Inside this newsletter, you will catch a brief glimpse of some of their accomplishments-- academic, athletic, and artistic. We are rapidly approaching the end of the 2018-2019 school year. Right now, the focus for your Panther should be on a strong finish and you can help. Your attention and involvement in this effort will reinforce the importance you place on your child's education. Please join us in the following to support your student during this critical time:

- Reinforce positive and successful school habits. Attention in class, homework, test preparation, and attendance are key factors.
- Access and review your student's progress, attendance, and test schedules on FOCUS.
- Help your Panther to create a plan to complete weekly assignments and prepare for final exams.
- Re-establish your student's home-study routine.
- Help your student to stay focused. 'Coasting' is a natural tendency. It will not produce a Panther's full potential.

Your involvement is a tremendous positive factor for a strong finish. Your interest, willingness, and dedication to helping your child succeed provides an unmistakable message ...your child will thank you for it - someday.

Fourth quarter will be over before we know it! Let's enjoy each and every day we have together. We have so much to be proud of as spring calls us to summer!

I am honored and proud to be the principal at Cypress Lake High School Center for the Arts. Thank you for your support of our students and our school.

Stay Cypress Strong and Panther Proud!

Angela Roles  
Principal



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## CELEBRATE LITERACY WEEK

As part of Celebrate Literacy Week, some of our athletes and coaches went out to Sanibel School to have fun with their Sanibel Super Bowl Readers. Athletes led some fun drills/activities while also promoting the importance of reading.



## CYPRESS LAKE 2019 SOFTBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to:

- Varsity (Coach Rodriguez): Justine Robbins, Rachel Petropulos, Jarianna Gonzalez, Alexis Dick, McKenzie Golay, Alyssa Peralta, Ariana Peralta, Rhianna Holton, Kalena Dillas, Star Cuevas, Malia Rosado, Emily Sager.
- JV (Coach Camp): Azzaria Armstrong, Brittany Calderwood, Shamika Ashley, Marissa Cuevas, Nyleah Livingstone, Brooklyn Morris, Heidi Erfourth, Maria Baez, Erin Mullins, Aleena Pagan, Angela Grandez, Taylor Thompson, Delany Banta, Lisbeth Diaz, Arielle Watts.

## CYPRESS LAKE 2019 BASEBALL TEAMS

Congratulations to:

- Varsity (Coach Ficarro): Darren Tobias, Janmikell Bastardo, Yariel Diaz, Ryan Vega, Adam Cope, Reily Boland, Chase Fowler, Jose Gil, TJ Kuhn, Ben Lira, Jace Jones, Josh Toadvine, Jon Edward, Kendall Battle.
- JV (Coach Bland): Bryce Genton, Joe Ficarro, Lance Kammerlocher, Jackson Turner, Ty Tomlinson, Daulton Rodger, Matt Ciccone, Jack Weber, Cole Denton, Will Constantine, Darien Naylor, Danny Tiburcio, Tanner Fox.
- Assistant coaches for the baseball program: Tim Vanmeter, Conor McGeough, Anthony Rivera.

## GIRLS WEIGHTLIFTING

Congratulations to Maria Baez who finished 18th in her weight class for the Florida High School State finals! This is an amazing achievement for Maria and Cypress Lake, as this is our first year of having Girls Weightlifting as a program.

## READING ACROSS AMERICA VIA FORT MYERS!

Cypress Football players met the Cat in the Hat and read their favorite Dr. Seuss books to the young students at the Villas Elementary School and Rayma C. Page Elementary. Jayson Riches, Tyler Ulrich, Antonio Jones, Lucas Marques, Robert Hetzel, Will Constantine, Michael Lennett, Joe Dedonato, Koby Moore, Cedric Thomas, C.J. Shedd, Kyrie Savoy, Darren Tobias and Lucas Dennison had their young audiences smiling and enjoying a morning of reading and rhyming!



Cypress Baseball traveled to Heights Elementary where they were greeted by Thing 1. Baseball players enjoyed meeting their young charges in the cafeteria for breakfast and then reading to them in various classrooms throughout the school. Players Jose Gil, Kendall Battle, Reily Boland, Josh Toadvine, Chase Fowler, Ben Lira, Jonathan Edward, Jace Jones, Janmikell Bastardo and TJ Kuhn were in the spotlight all morning; way to "step up to the plate!" Overall, it was a "Seuss-tastic" day!



## ANNUAL SHRIMP RUN FUN

We'd like to give a colossal THANK YOU to our Cypress Lake student athletes, Shrimp Princesses, ROTC and Coaches who came out on a Saturday morning and made the Kids Shrimp Run a success! Our Panthers made a huge impact on every PreK-5 runner who participated! Spirits were high, the beach pristine, and the weather-- just beautiful!

The Big 5k was the following Saturday, with a huge silent auction and boat taxi to the



parade. With close to 700 runners between the Kids Run and the 5k, it was our most successful Shrimp Run to date! Many thanks to all the sponsors, volunteers and participants!

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## May 2019 Testing

Parents, testing is right around the corner. Please make sure that your student brings a fully-charged Chromebook on testing day, and their charger as a backup. All 9th and 10th grade students will take the ELA FSA, and students currently enrolled in Algebra, Geometry, Biology and US History will have exams as well. Please note there is a listening component to the ELA FSA which will require earbuds. If your child has a pair that they are comfortable with and would like to use them (no Bluetooth earbuds/headphones allowed), they may bring their own. If they don't have any, a pair will be provided. For more information on the FSA and practice tests, please visit the Students and Families section at <https://fsassessments.org/>.

Test dates:

- ELA FSA (9th/10th grades): May 1st and May 2nd
- Geometry: May 8th and May 9th
- Algebra: May 13th and 14th
- Biology: May 20th
- US History: May 21st

## School Safety: Update

Our campus now has a new security system at the front door leading toward the main office, as well as the Center office. Once school is in session, these doors are locked. Visitors should ring the bell at the front door to alert personnel, who will ask for a photo ID. Once the identification has been verified, the door will be unlocked. Please do not hold the door open for any person walking up behind you. Our team will take the time to verify the identification for these individuals. If you are coming early to sign-out your child from school, please allow additional time as we work through this process.

We are asking for parental help in promoting safe procedures while students are being dropped off or picked up from school:

- Front doors open at 6:30am. Please do not drop off students before this time.
- During the half-hour before school starts and the half-hour after dismissal, all cars exiting campus should turn **right** onto Panther lane. This will ensure a smooth flow of traffic.
- Please do not drop off or pick up students anywhere other than the curb at the perimeter of our parking lot. Students should not be picked up or dropped off on Panther Lane.
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## ALL COUNTY DANCE

In February, Cypress hosted the All County Dance. There were over 1700 dance students from four Elementary Schools, eight Middle Schools, and five High Schools in attendance for a day of master classes, tech rehearsals and a concert in the evening. It was the 12th Annual All County Dance and a wonderful celebration of dance in our schools here in Lee County.

February also saw our Dance Department attend Dance FDPA (Florida Dance Performance Assessments), where they earned straight superior ratings!



## ALL-COUNTY ORCHESTRA AUDITIONS

On January 31st, Cypress students participated in All-County Auditions. Students throughout Lee County auditioned for a spot to perform together under the baton of a guest clinician. Out of the 30 seats available, **ELEVEN** were accepted from Cypress--the most from any school in the District, and included the first chair violin and first chair viola! We are SO proud of their hard work! Congratulations to:

- Violins- Victoria Argueta (1st chair), Cat Arriagada, Brian Stancel, Lizzie Gleason, Keelie Thomas, Ashley Walters;
- Violas- Kylee Burger (1st chair), Natalie Sardina, Michael Thomas;
- Basses- Ryon Andersen, Jenna Cosme.
- We also had the runners-up for each section: Violin- Brisa Ponce, Viola- Melissa Gomez, and Cello- Emily Silver.

## ORCHESTRA MPA

Congratulations to our Chamber and Camerata Orchestra students for scoring overall excellents at the District Music Performance assessment!



## ALL-COUNTY HONORS ORCHESTRA

Eight Cypress students auditioned and were accepted into the Lee County Honors Orchestra this year! Students rehearsed for over 12 hours to prepare pieces with the best string musicians in the county. They performed under the direction of a guest clinician on March 29th. It was a fantastic performance and we are very proud of our Orchestra Panthers!



Photo left to right: Lizzie Gleason, Kylee Burger (Viola, first chair), Victoria Argueta (Violin, first chair), Brisa Ponce, Ashley Walters, Keelie Thomas, Michael Thomas, and Natalie Sardina

## TAG'S LATEST

- The Recorded A Cappella Review Board (RARB) reviewed TAG's latest album, entitled **11:11**, giving it a nearly perfect score of 4.7 out of 5. RARB also released their Picks of 2018 and each reviewer selected their favorite and second favorite of all of the albums reviewed for the year, which includes professional, college and high school albums. **11:11** was selected by TWO reviewers as their second favorite album of the year, and the song *You Don't Love Me Anymore* was selected as a favorite track of the year. This honor is always a special one as we are compared to pro and college groups and selected as favorites.
- TAG also traveled to UF and made beautiful music singing for the International Championship of Collegiate A Capella (ICCA).

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## ARTFEST FORT MYERS 2019

Our Center students had a beautiful day for this annual event. They competed in two areas:

**Art Under 20-** a visual art exhibit and competition for Lee County high school students, who exhibit their work at ArtFest Fort Myers as they compete for \$8,000 in cash awards. Each year hundreds of students exhibit their artwork in a gallery style tent to thousands of family members, teachers, friends and admiring patrons. Awards are given to the best student artists in six categories: Digital, Drawing, Painting, Photography, 3-D and Mixed Media. This year we had 36 students participating. Art Under 20 results:

- Hannah Lynch- 1st Place Drawing
- Belinda Velasquez- 3rd Place Drawing
- Anna Serra- 2nd Place Digital Art
- Brianna Johnson- 3rd Place Digital Art
- Alex SanMiguel- Honorable Mention Digital Art
- Aleena Pagan- Ferris Family Award in Recycled Art
- Anthony Mann- 2nd Place Ceramic
- Merari Salinas- Honorable Mention Painting
- Julia Dry- 1st Place Mixed Media



**Chalk Block-** 40 teams from Lee County High Schools and professional chalk street painting artists created beautiful drawings on the pavement. The 2019 theme for student and professional artists was *Magic of the Ordinary*. Congratulations to:

- 12th grade team- Sunny Award (Yu Han Burgess, Calina Carstens and Vivien Cimafranca)
- 10th grade team- 2nd Place (Avery Roes Kern, Allison Welker and Julia Dry)
- 9th grade team- Honorable Mention (Sophia Morris, Caitlyn Logue and Meliney Logue)



## ALADDIN BRINGS MAGIC TO CYPRESS

During three enchanted days over 90 Cypress Dance Department members and guest performers from Cypress Middle brought the story of Aladdin to life for five performances! The performance series began with a performance for Lee County schools, where high school to elementary audiences cheered



the antics of Aladdin and his sidekick Abu as they worked to defeat the evil sorcerer Jafar. A highlight of the performance was the use of aerial silks which required months of preparation by students. This year's senior class amazed audiences with the professional level of dance brought to our stage.



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## TROUPE 5341 AT STATES

CLHSCA Theatre Troupe had an amazing showing at the Thespian State Festival this year. We took 6 Individual events and received 5 Superior ratings as well as an Excellent Rating. Huge "congrats" to Jalen Stewart and Julianna Zeltman who received a Top Honors Award with a perfect score on their duet acting scene!

The events participants were as follows.

- Superior – Duet Acting Scene – Jalen Stewart and Julianna Zeltman
- Superior – Duet Musical Theatre – Ryleigh Plank and Talia Tuminello
- Superior – Student Directed Scene – Jesse Massari, Noah Shively, Matteo Occhino, Jalen Stewart, and Susie Carlo.
- Superior – Ensemble Acting Scene – Jocelyn Watkins, Danielle Van Pelt, and Alyssa Lawrence
- Superior – Pantomime – Wedler Lordeus, Brice Kingsley, Julianna Zeltman, Jalen Stewart, Cameron Ransaw, Edward Cassidy, Luis Calderon, and Andres Palacio
- Excellent – Small Group Musical – Jesse Massari, Matteo Occhino, Brice Kingsley, and Braden Downing

Troupe 5341 also showcased our One Act as part of the One Act Marathon on stage at the Ferguson Theatre in the Straz Center, student directed by Jesse Massari.

## SPECIAL OLYMPICS SPIRIT GOING STRONG

Cypress students kept the "Be a Buddy" spirit alive by participating in the Middle School Special Olympics, held at Lakes Park. Fourteen of our students donned their Special Olympics t-shirts and helped out with a variety of events, such as tee ball, a rock wall, dance, adaptive games and ball toss. The students who helped make this event a success were: Madison Pine, Ana Chijueda,



Catherine Mayursa, Sarah Bodro-Erot, Esha Brahmhatt, Breena Emilius, Deana Swanson, Kayla French, Maryeliz Lorenzo, Julia Haberkorn, Torie Kosinski, Jin Burgess, Daniel Nieto, Abigale Lembo, Jasmine Cubillan, Ana Andrade, and Maria Vooscomelos.



## VISUAL ARTS ACCOLADES

The Visual Arts Department had a busy weekend competing with other schools at "A Life in the Art," sponsored by Grandezza. Many students received scholarships and awards. The work was juried by an eclectic group of professional artists and professors and we are pleased to announce the following:

- 1st place Drawing and People's Choice Award - Belinda Velasquez
- 1st Place Painting – Esmeralda Flores
- 3rd Place Painting – Elizabeth Hoffmann
- 2nd Place Drawing – Annie Vardanyan
- 2nd Place Digital Painting – Jacqueline Carlson
- 1st Place Ceramics – Sofia Souza
- 2nd Place Ceramics – Julia Dry

Our Seniors also exhibited their work and attended the Fort Myers Beach Art Association Senior Scholarship Show. All the students received merit awards and three Seniors were presented with scholarships.

- 1st Place Vivian Cimafranca
- 2nd Place Brianna Johnson
- 3rd Place Anika Marr

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## AP Physics Smash

Mr. Johnson's AP Physics 1 classes applied their understanding of Newton's second law, relating force, mass and acceleration, and the concepts of impulse and change in momentum to save their egg from getting smashed during the annual paper-egg car crash competition. We are pleased to report that many eggs were saved!



# Kudos to...

... AP Capstone freshman Michael Cherbini for his 1st place win at the Lee County History Fair. Michael won for a dramatic performance which included props, small costume pieces, and his very well-researched process paper. Michael will be competing at the state level in May.



...our Academic Team, composed of Elisabeth Gleason, Lauren Major, Jesus Ramos, Emily Rawson, Jacob Silver, Ashley Walters, who were the only Lee County team to go on to the quarter finals.

*Kudos continued on next page*



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# Kudos to... continued...

...our student winners at the Lee County Foreign Language Fair: Brianna Johnson, Belinda Velasquez, Lizzie Gleason, Angie Herrera, and Adrian Santoya.



...Belinda Velasquez (first place, "Best Art Work"), and Julia Dry ("Most Original Art Work"), who won the 2018-2019 Arts Vote Contest!



...our Ding Darling Photography contest finalists Gabriella Schol and Julian Gonzalez.



## SUPPORT OUR THRIFTY PANTHERS

The Thrifty Panthers club turns box tops, coca cola codes from individual bottles or 24 packs plus soda tabs into cash for our school! They have also started a Clothes Closet to benefit our students. If you have any gently used clothing or shoes, please send them in to Mrs. Gleason's room, E219. Students may "shop" for free at this Clothes closet immediately after school or on their way to lunch on even days.