



Greetings Cypress Woods Families!

The start of the new school year is almost here, and I know the anticipation and excitement is building. In preparation of the new school year, I want to share important information for the start of the school year. Please review the information below.

***Reminder* Kindergarten Playdates**

Tuesday August 1st, we will be having our PTA sponsored Kindergarten Playdates at John Chesnutt Park (at the back playgrounds). This event is for our incoming kindergarten students. There are two playdate times on August 1st, 9-10:30am and 5:30-7pm. If you have any questions, please contact the PTA board via their e-mail address, located on the attached flier.

Kindergarten Playdates

Come meet up with other incoming kindergarten students at the John Chestnut Park back playground!

August 1st
9-10:30am & 5:30-7pm

Popsicles and water provided by the CWE PTA.

Get information on the PTA, afterschool clubs, and spirit wear!

For questions, please email cweptaboard@gmail.com

Cypress Woods Elementary School
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Meet the Teacher - August 8th

Our teachers are excited to welcome students and families for Meet the Teacher. Please note the special times for your student's grade level and the corresponding Eagle Expo. Please stop by anytime during your grade level window.

TIME TO WELCOME BACK OUR EAGLES

Meet & Greet

TUESDAY, AUGUST 8, 2023

It's almost time to begin a new school year at Cypress Woods Elementary! Mark your calendars for your child to meet his/her new teacher and see the classroom. Please make note of the special visitation times.

Pre K – Second Grade Eagles

10:30am–11:30am

Third Grade–Fifth Grade, Access Eagles

1:00pm–2:00pm

Eagle Expo 11:00am–12:00pm &

1:30pm–2:30pm

PTA & Spiritwear sales, Volunteer Registration/Reactivation,
YMCA Before/After Care, Cafeteria Accounts, Player Sports Academy,
Boys and Girls Scouts, and more...

2023-24 Suggested School Supplies:

If you preordered a school supply kit through our PTA, your box will be in the cafeteria for you to pick up during your Meet and Greet time. If you still need to buy school supplies, the suggested 2023-24 lists can be found on the [Cypress Woods website](#) (pdf).

Students' First Day of School is **Thursday, August 10** and student hours are **8:45am-2:55pm**. We look forward to welcoming all new and returning Eagles to the 2023-2024 school year! We are committed to making this school year a highly successful and rewarding school year for all Eagles. Our team has worked diligently all summer to ensure that your students return to a safe, clean, and beautiful campus this fall. A huge shout out and many thanks to our plant operations team for their hard work all



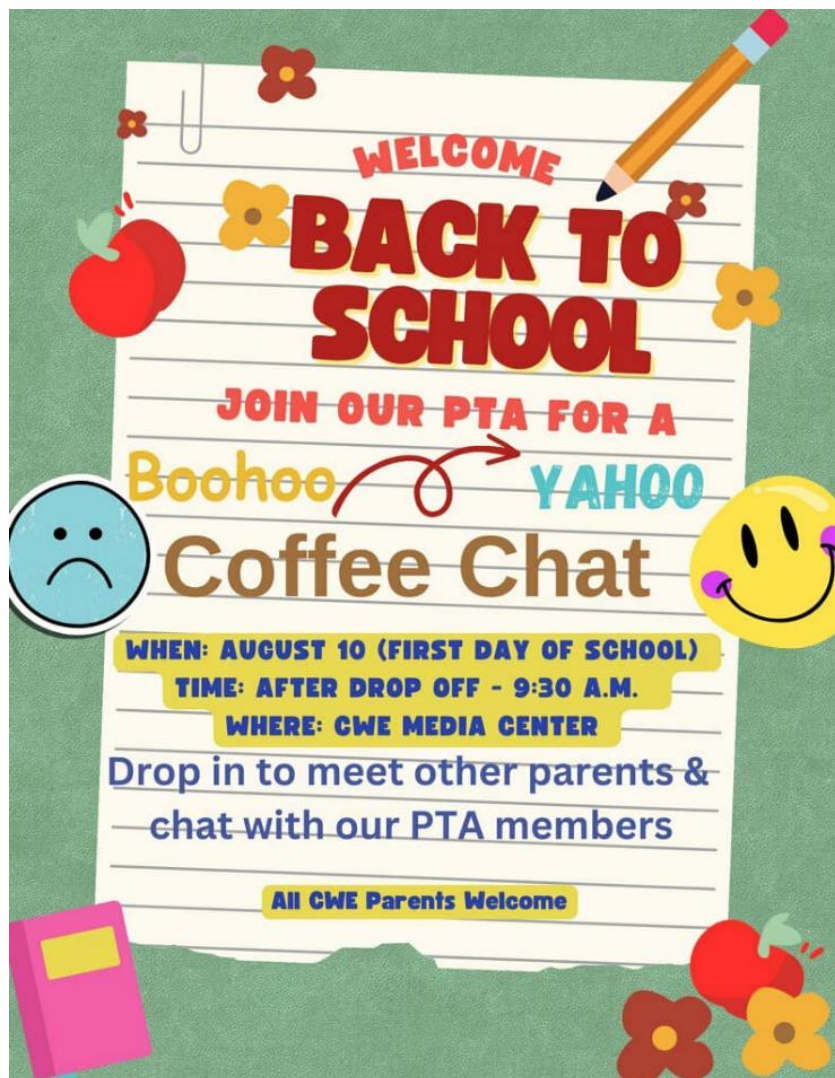
summer. They worked diligently, deep cleaning our facilities and completing repairs and upgrades.

First Day Special Drop Off:

Parents will be able to walk their child to the classroom on the first two days of school. However, we highly encourage parents to only walk their child to the building doors on the second day of school, or even allow them to walk themselves. Parents will not be permitted to walk his/her child after the 8:45 tardy bell. Beginning on Monday, August 14, parents will not be permitted to walk students to class. We will have plenty of staff during the first two weeks of school to help our Eagles find their classrooms.

Boohoo-Yahoo Coffee Chat

Parents, please join PTA for a “Boohoo–Yahoo” Coffee Chat in the media center starting immediately after drop until 9:30am.





BUS TRANSPORTATION INFORMATION

- Starting July 24, 2023: Parents can check their child's transportation in Focus.
- If your child rides the bus to school, you will also receive information in the mail from the district's Transportation Department with your child's bus stop, route number, and pick-up and drop-off times.
- If you have questions about bus transportation, please contact the Transportation Call Center: 727-587-2020.

Back to School Forms in Focus

The district has consolidated all Back-to-School forms so parents must fill them out in one place - [ONLINE](#). Parents can log into Focus at focus.pcs.org and complete their Back-to-School Forms packet. You will be prompted to fill out the forms as soon as you log onto Focus. Directions for completing the online forms are available at www.pcsb.org/backtoschoolforms Below is a list of forms that must be submitted online:

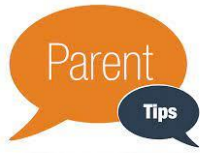
- Parent Acknowledgement of Student Code of Conduct
- Media Release
- Directory Information Optional Opt-Out
- Network/Internet Acceptable Use Agreement
- School/Classroom Library Materials Access Preference
- Technology Equipment Acceptance and Responsibility
- Residency Questionnaire
- School-Based Healthcare Services
- Student Clinic Card

[See the Focus Forms Tip Sheet](#) (pdf)

You can signup for a self-service program where you can reset your password yourself. Learn more at www.pcsb.org/passwords.

Still have questions? [Watch our Forms Intro Video](#).





Back to School Tips from Ms. Laura Trudell, School Counselor

Here are some suggestions to help children transition smoothly back to school. If you need additional support, please contact Laura Trudell, trudelll@pcsb.org

1. Establish a Back-to-School Routine: Gradually ease your child back into a school routine a week or two before the school starts. Set consistent bedtimes and wake-up times to help them readjust to the school schedule.
2. Communicate Openly: Talk to your children about the upcoming school year. Discuss their feelings, expectations, and any concerns they might have. Addressing anxieties early can help alleviate stress.
3. Attend Orientation or Open House: This allows them to familiarize themselves with the school environment and meet their teachers and classmates.
4. Organize School Supplies: Go through the school supply list provided by the school and shop for necessary supplies together. Having everything ready can give your child a sense of preparedness.
5. Create a Dedicated Study Space: Set up a quiet and comfortable study area at home where your child can do homework and study. This helps promote focus and concentration.
6. Limit Screen Time: Gradually reduce screen time as the school year approaches. This will make it easier for your child to transition from summer activities to academic responsibilities.
7. Encourage Reading: Reading regularly improves literacy skills and can be a great way to unwind.
8. Plan Healthy Meals: Ensure your child gets balanced and nutritious meals during the school year. Plan lunches in advance to avoid last-minute rushes in the mornings.
9. Stay Involved: Stay in touch with your child's teachers and school activities. Attend parent-teacher meetings and engage in school events to support your child's learning journey.
10. Promote Positive Attitudes: Encourage a positive attitude toward learning and school. Highlight the excitement of new experiences and friendships that await them.
11. Emphasize Time Management: Teach your child time management skills to balance academics, extracurricular activities, and personal time effectively.
12. Be Supportive: Be patient and understanding as your child adjusts. Offer encouragement and support to build their confidence.
13. Foster Independence: Encourage your child to take on age-appropriate responsibilities, such as packing their backpack, organizing their materials, and completing homework independently.



14. Stay Calm and Positive: As a parent, your attitude can greatly influence your child's perspective on the new school year. Stay calm, positive, and optimistic about the upcoming experiences.
15. Prioritize Well-Being: The start of a new school year can be stressful for both parents and children. Prioritize your own well-being and find healthy ways to cope with any challenges that arise.

By implementing these tips, parents can help create a positive and supportive environment for their children as they embark on a new school year!

Important Dates:

- August 1 - PTA's Kindergarten Play Dates at John Chesnutt (back playground)
 - 9-10:30am
 - 5:30-7pm
- August 8 - Meet & Greet
 - 10:30-11:30am (PreK-2nd Grade)
 - 1:00-2:00pm (3rd-5th Grade and Access Eagles)
 - Eagle Expo 11:00-12:00am and 1:30-2:30
- August 10 - Students' First Day of School 8:45 AM-2:55 PM
- September - 4 Labor Day holiday-No School for Students
- September - 14 Fall Individual Portrait Pictures

Wishing everyone a fantastic start to the 2023-2024 school year!

Go Eagles!!

Scott Stevens
Principal
Cypress Woods Elementary School
Teach It! Learn It! Live It!