



Cyclone Watch

November, 2012

MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Parents/Guardians:

It is hard to believe that 1st quarter is already over, it seems just like yesterday we were starting school. I hope you had a chance to sit down with your child and talk with them about their 1st quarter grades, what they did well in, and where they want to improve for 2nd quarter. If you have not already signed up through esempler please visit <https://grades.pasco.k12.fl.us>, and sign up to help monitor the progress of your child's grades. Also, there are some great settings under the preferences tab that allows you to get email updates when your child's grade drops below a percentage that you choose, and also when they miss an assignment. It is always better for your child to stay current now with their work than to have catch up later in the quarter. I also wanted to share that we are very proud of our student-athletes for the first quarter, not only did they do a good job on the court and field, they did an excellent job in the classroom. The results for each team are:

Cheerleading – 3.63

Volleyball 7th – 3.70

Volleyball 8th – 3.61

Football – 3.26

Overall Athletic GPA – 3.55

18 athletes had a perfect 4.0!

We look forward to another great group of student-athletes as our girls' basketball and boys' soccer teams take to the court and field this Fall for their seasons. Make sure to check our website for current information on what is happening at CENMS and also "like us" on Facebook.

GO CYCLONES!!!

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DADE CITY CHAMBER OF COMMERCE STUDENT OF THE MONTH

Congratulations to **Elizabeth Estrada!** She is our Centennial Middle School Dade City Chamber of Commerce Student of the Month for October!

FOOD DRIVES AT CENMS.

We will be holding our annual food drives this year for Thanksgiving and Christmas. The first for Thanksgiving is from October 29 through November 9. The food will be picked up every morning from the 1st period classes. We would like to concentrate on the traditional turkey meal, and easy to fix meals since students will be out of school for the entire week.

The second for the Christmas break is from December 3 through December 14. Since students will not have access to school meals for two weeks while we are out on break, we will be asking for breakfast foods, easy to prepare meals that may not necessarily need to be cooked, and any kind of snacks that will help the families through the two weeks they are out.

SUPPORT LITERACY AT CENMS!

Please remember to clip Box Labels from General Mills products. Labels can be turned into your child's Language Arts teacher. Deadline for collection this quarter is November 16th.

THE GREAT AMERICAN TEACH-IN

The Great American Teach-In will take place on Wednesday, November 14. There is still time if you are interested in coming into a class to make a presentation. Just contact Torrie Godwin at 352/524-9700.

HONOR ROLL ASSEMBLIES

The honor roll assemblies for the 1st quarter grading period are as follows:

6th Grade – Tuesday November 13 at 9:00 am

7th Grade – Thursday November 15 at 9:00 am

8th Grade – Friday November 16 at 9:00 am

A letter has been mailed to the parents of all students who will be honored at these assemblies.

THANKSGIVING HOLIDAY

School will be closed from Monday November 19 through Friday November 23 for the thanksgiving holiday. We hope everyone has a safe and happy week.

SCHOOL RELATED PERSON OF THE YEAR

Congratulations to our Clinic Assistant **Christi Mitchell!** She is our School Related Person of the Year as voted on by her peers.

FFA NEWS

FFA meeting November 29th 3pm in Building 3 Room 107

Agenda:

- FFA State officer will speak.
- Food for Animals discussion
- Refreshments
- Parents are always welcome!

FFA sub-districts are on December 13th at Pasco High School from 9am-12 pm. Parents, teachers, staff or other adults that would be interested in volunteering to judge contests please contact Ms. Weaver at 352-524-9758 or by email at tweaver@pasco.k12.fl.us.

I can give you more specifics.

NEWS FROM GUIDANCE



Your Child
may be eligible for a
College Scholarship
2013

Your child may be eligible for a wonderful opportunity – a **Take Stock in Children** College Scholarship. Take Stock in Children is a program that helps students from economically disadvantaged families achieve the goal of going to college. Awarded to Pasco County's undergraduates, the scholar's progress is continuously monitored through the 12th grade. To be considered for this scholarship opportunity (up to four years tuition paid), your child must meet the income eligibility requirements, agree to remain crime & drug free, and get good grades with good attendance. Up to two school reference forms are required found in the application. A mentor may be provided as part of this scholarship.

Guidance will be distributing information to students that may qualify. Completed applications must be returned to your child's Guidance department no later than **December 5th, 2012**.

FREE BREAKFAST

Just a reminder that this year free breakfast is available to everyone. Breakfast is served from 8:10 - 8:30 both in the cafeteria and at Freedom Plaza (in front of media).

SWEETBAY SUPERMARKET SUPPORTS LOCAL SCHOOLS

The Sweetbay Supports Schools program was created as a partnership between Sweetbay and multiple vendors to reward schools and give back to the community. The purchase of participating products generates “School dollars” at the register in the form of a coupon. Those “dollars” are tallied and turned into cash for the schools.

From September 12th through December 4th you can support CENMS by buying participating products and turning in the “School dollars” at either the Dade City or Zephyrhills store.

PENNY FOR PASCO

Penny for Pasco is the one cent sales tax that the voters of Pasco approved in 2004, 45% of which goes directly to support the capital needs of our school system. The remaining portion is split between the county and local cities. The school system has received over \$139 million in Penny for Pasco proceeds which have been used on the construction of new schools and the renovation of older schools. These funds were vital in helping the District ease massive overcrowding in our schools.

The current penny sales tax will expire in 2014, unless renewed by the voters of Pasco County this November. The Penny issue will likely be the last item on the November ballot. This is not a new tax, but rather an extension of the current sales tax. If approved, the Penny for Pasco sales tax will generate \$226 million that will be used to provide much needed repair and renovations to aging schools. It will also be used improve energy efficiency in schools and to retrofit and equip older schools built before 1975 with the technology students need to succeed in the 21st century. By law, none of these funds can be used for administration or operating costs. To learn more about Penny for Pasco projects and how it will be used to help our community, please visit www.pasco.k12.fl.us.