

Cyclone Watch January 2018

Taking Education by STORM!

Letter from your Principal:

Welcome Back Cyclones!!

It is hard to believe that we are already in 2nd semester. We had a great start to the school year and are looking forward an amazing 2nd semester. Just a couple reminders about student drop-off times, please do not drop your child off at school prior to 8:00am. Also, when using the car loop in both the morning and afternoon please make sure to pull all the way forward to allow for a safe and efficient car loop line. For our 8th grade students we have some exciting end of the year activities planned that you will get more information about soon. We hope that you and your child had a great break and are ready for the best second semester ever.

Student of the Month:

Congratulations to Rylee Boucher for being Centennial middle school's December student of the month! Riley was nominated by her teacher Mr. Johnston.

Spectrum internet service:

With Spectrum Internet assist low-income families and seniors can get unlimited high-speed internet for just \$14.99 per month. Even better, spectrum has eliminated all data caps on this new plan. That means you can use all the internet you want – all your kids can do their homework, all the internet they need to download every video they need to succeed in school, and all the internet your family needs to download films. All without any fear of running out of allowable gigabytes.

Are you eligible? The Spectrum program is aimed at two important groups:

- Families with student who participate in the Nations School Lunch Program, and
- Seniors 65 and older who receive Supplemental Security Income.

Visit: <u>www.charter.com/browse/content-internet-assist.com</u> Or call: 844-525-1574

Stay Connected:

Receive Pasco Schools announcements via SMS text messaging to your mobile phone.

Text "Y" to the number 67587

Make sure the school has your mobile phone number on file. You will receive a confirmation message from our messaging system. At any time, you can unsubscribe by texting the word STOP to 67587. Remember to create a contact in your phone with the name of the school and the phone number for 67587. Message and data rates may apply.

Yearbooks:

Yearbooks are starting at \$30.00. Visit the school website (CENMS.pasco.k12.fl.us) or see Mrs. Masters during STORM center for details and an order form. Don't delay, order today!

Meet Some of the Newest Members to our Cyclone Family:

"Hi, my name is Leah Dilimone, I'm new to Pasco County Schools and was hired as your new Social Worker. Prior to coming to Centennial Middle, I worked with children for over ten years and recently graduated with honors in May 2018, with my Master degree in Social Work at the University of South Florida. When I'm not working, I'm enjoying down time, such as binge-watching Netflix, being outside, and ESPECIALLY TRAVELING! I have been to 19+ states, 10 countries, plus 8 more this summer! Feel free to come into my office to discuss anything that you feel like!

Hi! My name is Trey Shoemaker and I am your new plant manager. I came from Wesley Chapel Elementary School where I was the plant manager for 5 years. I live in Dade City with my wife and daughter. My wife is a teacher at Centennial Elementary and my daughter will be 1 on January 24. I have 1 dog, 2 cats, and a turtle. In my free time I enjoy going out on our boat, wake surfing, wakeboarding, and enjoying the great outdoors. I am excited to be part of the Cyclone family!

We added a new member to the Cyclone family, Jessica Leitner as the Middle School secretary. Jessica came from New Hampshire to the state of Florida over the summer. A former Orthodontic assistant, Jessica was seeking something new. She is married with two children, 1 in college and 1 in elementary school. She enjoys time with her family, and New England sport, especially the New England Patriots.

Florida Aquarium Trip:

By: Rylee Boucher

On December 18th 2018, the 7th grade went to the Florida State Aquarium. Throughout the aquarium there were a variety of spectacular exhibits spanning from the Florida everglades, where students could see alligators (and if they came back after lunch they could even pet one) to the jungles of Madagascar where lemurs reside. The aquarium even had a touch tank where students could meet stingrays, sea urchins, starfish and a lucky few got to encounter a small reef shark. Even though there were so many beautiful exhibits the one I found the most enjoyable was the ocean exhibit. It was simply alluring whether it was the octopus or just watching the water, there was something about it that was just stunning. Overall the aquarium was quite enjoyable. What was your favorite part?

Science Fair Winners:

6th Grade:

- 1st place- Mylianna Lane & Alayna Smelt
 - o Safety Caps
- 2nd place- Joseph Knight
 - o Are we eating acid?
- 3rd place- Joel Torres
 - o Soil vs. soil-less

7th grade:

- 1st place: Rylee Boucher & Hailey Staving
 - How does temperature affect the life of a battery?
- 2nd place: William Poe
 - Soccer ball bounce
- 3rd place: Chelsey Peace
 - o The stain that keeps on staining

8th grade:

- 1st place: Victoria Perez
 - Material selection for heat absorption in solar heaters
- 2nd place: Myka Wilks
 - Don't block me now
- 3rd place: Carson DeLoreto
 - What is the pH level of sweet candy?

Congratulations to all of the winners!

Parent Toolkit:

With second semester beginning maybe you are looking for a way to help your child be more successful or continue their success. To get started go to www.parenttooklkit.com and fill out your student's grade level, what topics your most interested in, and what your focused on for the semester ahead. Once you've made your selections, you will receive a custom Schoolkit full of expert tips and resources tailored to you and your needs. When you save your Schoolkit, it will be sent to your inbox so it's right at your fingertips when you need it.

Just Take 20 Families:

What is Just Take 20?

Just take 20 (JT20) is a Florida initiative to improve student achievement in reading and literacy by recognizing that literacy begins at home with! JT20 gives parents and awareness of their essential role as well as knowledge and skill to deliver daily activities that promote literacy. JT20 provides a knowledge base of age-appropriate activities and habits that will ensure highly skilled readers, motivated to read and write in school, workplace and life.

What do I need to do?

Just take 20 minutes each day to perform one of the simple activities found on the JT20 website. There are numerous activities and strategies to choose from, each designed for a grade level cluster: K-2, 3-5, 6-8 or 9-12. You have many to choose from and you decide which ones are right for you. Just choose the topics that interest you and create a unique family plan of activities to get started. Don't hesitate to repeat activities that were especially enjoyable. The goal is to develop a love of reading in our youth that leads to lifelong literacy.

Did You Know?

"When parents are involved in their children's education at home, they do better in school. And when parents are involved in school, children go farther in school and the schools they go to are better."

Athlete Spotlight:

Athlete: Ricky O'Dette Sport: Soccer

- 1. How many years have you been playing? *Since I was 5 years old.*
- 2. Why do you enjoy this sport? *I enjoy it because it is a team sport and you have to work together to win.*
- 3. Why do you enjoy playing for the Cyclones? *I have met new friends because of us being together as a team.*
- 4. Who do you admire and why? *My dad because he always tells me to try my hardest and to hustle.*
- 5. What advice would you give to someone who wants to play next year? *To work as a team and it will make a great outcome.*

Athlete: Zackary Wood Sport: Soccer

- 1. How many years have you been playing? 2 years.
- 2. Why do you enjoy this sport? *I am competitive and its good exercise.*
- 3. Why do you enjoy playing for the Cyclones? *I love my school and I like to support everything I can.*
- 4. Who do you admire and why? I admire all of the players on my team because I learn from them every day.
- 5. What advice would you give to someone who wants to play next year? *Make sure to run a lot, drink a lot of water, and be prepared.*

Athlete: Brody Switzer Sport: Football

- 1. How many years have you been playing? 1 year.
- 2. Why do you like this sport? *To be quarterback*.
- 3. Why do you like playing for the Cyclones? *All the kids are really nice.*
- 4. Who do you admire and why? *Coach Allen, he's really nice.*
- 5. What advice would you give someone who wants to play next year? *Never give up!*

Athlete: Sabrina Calhoun Sport: Volleyball

- 1. How many years have you been playing? *This is my 1st year.*
- 2. Why do you like this sport? *I get to be competitive while playing with my team.*
- 3. Why do you like playing for the Cyclones? *Because it's my school.*
- 4. Who do you admire and why? *I admire the varsity volleyball team because they are my role models.*
- 5. What advice would you give someone who wants to play next year? *Don't stress over tryouts because you could always be a manager, try your best, and support your peers.*

Athlete: Brooke Romano Sport: Cheerleading

- 1. How many years have you been playing? 6 years.
- 2. Why do you like this sport? I like having fun and being on a cheer team, it's like being with your family.
- 3. Why do you like playing for the Cyclones? Football games are fun when we home games because we get to go on the field and cheer to player on before the game.
- 4. Who do you admire and why? Coach Brady.
- 5. What advice would you give someone who wants to play next year? *Make sure you smile and have fun!*