



Cyclone Watch *October 2018*

Taking Education by STORM!

Students of the Month:

September: Ricky O'Dette
October: Annel Daza

Congratulations to both of these students, they are both huge assets to Centennial middle school.

Are you a middle school student who's making a difference through volunteering?

If so, be sure to apply for the 2019 Prudential Spirit of Community Award and you could win \$1,000 and a trip to Washington D.C., in May! Apply at: spirit.prudential.com or nassp.org/spirit by November 6th.

Halloween is coming!

By: Makaelynn Cameron

Halloween is a day of ghosts, goblins, and gorillas... yes gorillas, but what is underneath the masks of imagination? People of course but seriously, the best part of Halloween is scaring people and dressing to impress in a different way. Halloween is like fishing for a compliment on how scary, creative, unique, or beautiful your new mask or costume is. Your parents said you can be anything when you grow up so why not a unicorn? A goblin? Rich? Or Batman? If you can think it you can be it, love it and live it. Another interesting and fun part of Halloween are the decorations. While many people participate by dressing up themselves some chose to dress up their yard and house. These people do anything to make their yard stand out from the rest and to make them seem in the spirit. The real questions is, what do you do? Do you dress up, decorate, stay home reading a book? Why not talk about your plans with a friend?

Gator Football:

By: Clayton Walker

My name is Clayton and I am on my way to the Florida vs Colorado game. We are at the game with 30 minutes until start time, my friend Kyler and I are passing the football eating Funyuns. It's time to go into that game, walking into the game going through the gate and into the stadium was neat. We got to our seats 5 minutes before the game started and it is hot because the shade doesn't reach us. The game has started, the shade has not reached us yet but the Gators are doing awesome! It's almost half time and the shade is now on us but it's still hot so we took a break and went to the Gator store. We are going through the Gator store looking for something to buy but we didn't find anything we liked. After halftime we decided to leave while the score was 26-0. The ending score ended up being 48-10. Go Gators and Go Cyclones!

Meet our new Band Instructor, Mr. Copeland:

By: Emily Rutland

Where did Mr. C come from: The school that Mr. C just came from is called Upper Sandusky Schools. Mr. C taught there for 2 years but he has also taught in Crawford county for 27 years and in Nixon, Texas for 3 years.

What education did Mr. C have to get: He took 4 years at Kent State University where he earned a bachelors in music degree and he also has a masters of music education degree from Heidelberg, both schools are in Ohio.

When Mr. C was growing up he wanted to be an astronaut. We are very lucky to have him here at CENMS.

Elementary School vs Middle School:

By: Brooklynn Laury

You might feel scared when heading to a new school but it's not scary at all. You get to meet new teachers that you can trust and get to make new friends too. Elementary school is different than middle school and I will explain why.

Elementary school: In elementary school (PreK-5) you learn the basics and build on the basics for the next grade level. You work your way to being respectful and maturing to understand your peers and your work. You will learn math methods that build each year and learn about due dates and getting things done and turned in on time.

Middle School: In middle school (6-8) you learn higher order information that in elementary school. You will learn new methods of doing things and you will continue to grow and improve with your maturity, respect, and becoming more organized. In middle school you also get to participate in activities like band, sports, and clubs; things you didn't get to do before.

What do elementary and middle school have in common? Teachers encourage and help you to learn new things, and they encourage you to go to college. You learn skills and how to be successful in life and in school. You learn who you are and you can be yourself.

Science Fair:

The science fair is coming...November 15th! If you are a winner at CENMS you can go on to district competitions and even state competitions. What great ideas can you come up with?

Parent Resources:

MyStudent: The myStudent parent portal is a tool designed to enhance communication and involvement for you in your child's education. This portal will allow you to monitor your child's progress in school by providing timely access to academic and attendance information. www.pasco.k12.fl.us/parents

MyPascoConnect: Students in Pasco County schools utilize myPascoConnect for accessing all of their digital resources which requires username and password authentication.
Mypascoconnect.pasco.k12.fl.us

Office 365: Pasco County schools offers the Microsoft Student Advantage program, which allows our students to download and install Microsoft Office ProPlus desktop applications on their home computers and devices for FREE!

7th Grade Field Trip:

7th grade is taking a field trip to the Florida Aquarium on December 18th, the cost will be \$15.00. If you'd like to be a volunteer chaperone please contact Mrs. McWilliams, emmcwill@pasco.k12.fl.us

Fortnite vs PUBG:

By: Natalia Barrientos and Anabel Hernandez Ramirez

Fortnite and PUBG are very well known games as you may know by now, both of these games are battle royales which means they have some similar game play and goals. These two games are at the top of the charts because there are millions of players. Although both games are somewhat similar there are some differences about each of them. In Fortnite you and build and collect items such as wood and metal for building. In this game you also collect things such as weapons and power drinks for survival. At the moment Fortnite is only available for PC, Playstation 4, Xbox 1, Mac, and any IOS devices as stated on Epic games website. More than 45 million people around the world play Fortnite and numbers are still increasing since the game has become more popular.

One of the differences between Fortnite and PUBG is that in PUBG there is no building required and there are cars and motorcycles that you can use for transportation throughout the game unlike in Fortnite where they have jump pads for you to get around. You might not build in PUBG but you can use the buildings to hide in for protection. PUBG has become less popular and only has 32 million players. In PUBG you can also go up to crates and open them to find things like coins or clothes.

Even though the games might be very different they are also very similar. Both games start off with 100 players that must try and survive while the safe zone shrinks throughout the game until there is one player left and he or she is the winner of the game. With both games you can use a microphone to communicate with other players throughout the game. PUBG is still a chart-topping game but 3 out of 5 kids prefer Fortnite.

Athlete Spotlight:

Athlete: Bella Lane

Sport: Volleyball

1. How many years have you been playing? Almost 4 years.
2. Why do you enjoy this sport? It really helps me to get through the hard days. I also just really love the game and being on the court.
3. Why do you enjoy playing for the Cyclones? Most of my friends play and it's more time on the court before club season starts.
4. Who do you admire and why? I admire my cousin who really pushed me to play sports, so did my mom. Once I found my groove in the sport I knew it's what I wanted to do.
5. What advice would you give to someone who wants to play next year? It's going to be hard the first couple of days but it gets easier. Remember-practice, practice, practice.

Athlete: Kristyn Robbins

Sport: Football

1. How many years have you been playing? 2 years.
2. Why do you enjoy this sport? It definitely shows that girls can do anything. It empowers us to prove that we are all equal, and to also show the boys up ;)
3. Why do you enjoy playing for the Cyclones? It gives me a sense of pride and I'm honored to even show up to the field.
4. Who do you admire and why? I really look up to my mom and family members. Since I am the youngest of 11 they have all given me a piece of advice that has helped me through my years.
5. What advice would you give to someone who wants to play next year? Always keep your head up and be an amazing influence to everyone. Remember to stay on top of your game, be aggressive towards your opponents, and humble to your peers.

Athlete: Jovin Castro

Sport: Football

1. How many years have you been playing? 1 year.
2. Why do you like this sport? Running people over.
3. Why do you like playing for the Cyclones? I like the coaches and my teammates.
4. Who do you admire and why? Enrique.
5. What advice would you give someone who wants to play next year? Play hard and play well.

Upcoming Important Dates:

10/1- Discount card fundraiser starting
10/9- 5 Guys burgers and fries fundraiser
10/12- STEM day challenge
10/15- Teacher planning day- no school
10/17- School pictures
10/19- Pumpkin patch FFA fundraiser
10/26- Honor social
10/27- Golf Tournament (need sponsors and players, sign up today)
10/29- Red Ribbon Week