

# Cape Coral Preparatory and Fitness Academy

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## Principals Corner:

It hardly seems possible that October is here! Our students are actively participating in classes and have made a smooth transition into the school year. October will be a busy month here at CCPFA. Just a reminder that school is closed for students on October 15th. However, students should report to class on October 16th as a make-up day for TS Issac.

Each quarter CCPFA will recognize your children for their efforts. Please join us on October 19th for our First Quarter Awards Ceremony.

Kindergarten 1-2:00

First-Second 2-3:00

Third-Sixth 3-4:00

We look forward to working with you during the parent-teacher conferences on October 24-25th. During this time, you will receive your child's First Quarter Report Cards.

On September 25th, five students from each grade level (1-6) will be selected to represent CCPFA at the Soccer Skills Day. Students will be selecting based on their performance during fitness class. This is a privilege for those selected. This will be the first of several sporting events your child may be asked to attend.

On October 31st students in grades K-2 will participate in a Storybook Character Parade. Students in grades 3-6 will participate in a Career Day Parade. All classrooms will have a fall festivities in their rooms after lunch. If you are interested in volunteering on this day, please talk to your child's teacher. Students are invited to bring in a new book to donate to the new Cape Coral Preparatory and Fitness Academy Library.

Science Fair set-up will also take place on October 31st. All students in grades 3-6 are required to submit an entry. Please look for more information to come! We are also seeking judges for this years Science Fair. If you are interested, please notify Nicole Erhardt by email at [NErhardt@edvantages.com](mailto:NErhardt@edvantages.com)

The staff at CCPFA would like to congratulate Taylor Wilson on her recent "Do the Right Thing" award. Taylor donated all the change in her piggy bank to Jump Rope for Heart. Way to go Taylor!

Thank you,

Mandy Rice

# What's going on in Kindergarten , 1st and 2nd grade?

## What a wonderful start of the year!

Wow the first quarter has gone by faster than ever expected. Your children have been growing and learning so much in just a short period of time. We are all looking forward to watching your children blossom even more as the year progresses.

### LABELING UNIFORMS & BELONGINGS

## K-2 Field trip: Elves and the Shoemaker

Kindergarten to 2nd grade has scheduled their first field trip of the school year. We are going to the Broadway Palm Theater on Tuesday, December 4, 2012 to watch the play, "Elves and the Shoemaker." This trip will include a fantastic buffet lunch, geared to the taste buds of any child. The total cost is \$16 per child. A deposit of \$8 is due October 3rd. The rest of the payment is due November 1st. If you haven't sent in your child's field trip payment, please do so immediately so your child's seat can be held for him or her. If you are unable to pay for your child, please let your classroom teacher know. We want to ensure all children can attend. There is limited space for chaperones (3 per classroom). If interested please let your child's teacher know right away. The cost is \$16 per chaperone.



Thank you for your support and understanding.

We would like to remind you the importance of labeling student uniforms and personal belongings. During change out sessions as well as transitions it is common for students to misplace items. If your child's first and last name is written in or on the item/clothing, we can make sure that they are returned to its proper owner. Please check and make sure all personal belongings are labeled accordingly.



## Once Upon a Time: K-2 Storybook Parade :

*Wednesday, October 31st*

Please join us on October 31st for our 2nd Annual Storybook Character Parade! Children should arrive at school with their costume on. Children will walk through the school and the classrooms to show off their favorite Storybook Characters. Parents are invited to attend this event. The parade will begin promptly at 8:45am. Please send your child to school in his or her costume with school clothes underneath if possible. If not, please send in school clothes, as the students will be changing into their uniforms. Permission slips were sent home along with your child. Please be sure to return the permission slip as soon as possible to have your costume approved. Costumes must be approved by the classroom teacher before October 31st.



# Kindergarten Team News



We had a wonderful start to the school year and are delighted to working with your children.

Throughout kindergarten, we will learn so many new things. These are some of the many new things we will learn about in October:

## Reading:

Author's Purpose

Text Structure

Main Characters

Retell events in order- sequencing

Letter and sound recognition

## Language Arts:

Oral vocabulary

Phonemic awareness

## Spelling/sight words:

Spelling Tests -at family test on 10/26/2012

Continue studying sight the 100 words

## Math:

Patterning- AB

Number Recognition-(#1-25)

Ordinal Numbers

Shapes

## Science:

Spiders

Oceans

Bats

## Social Studies:

Fire Safety

Christopher Columbus

Exploring and Settling America

Fall/Pumpkins



## Kindergarten Harvest Festivities- October 31st

Kindergarten is looking for parent volunteers to help arrange harvest/seasonal events in each classroom. We would like a team of parents to create a Fall theme-based afternoon for October 31st.

This project will allow the parent team to be the teachers for the activities. Parents can work together to create centers, art activities, games, etc. Ideas are limitless. Please contact you teacher right away, if you would like to do this.

Please help make it a special day for the children!

Thank you for your support!!!

Sincerely,  
Ms. Henriquez, Ms. Marston,  
and Ms. Ward



## A special Note From Ms. Harless

It has been a wonderful start of the school year. As the year progresses and we move into the month of October, our class is going to continue learning about ancient civilizations around the world. We will continue to explore the world of the pharaohs and the pyramids,

and we will take the long ride down the Nile and learn about the areas that surround it. We will also experience the process of making a mummy in the classroom. Donations of toilet paper rolls would be a great help for this activity. Just think, your child may become mummified.

It will be a "pharaohistic" adventure, as your child, "Walks like an Egyptian"!

Ms. Harless



# First Grade Frenzy with Ms. Earp

As the school year continues to fly by, First grade will be exploring the ancient civilizations of the Aztec, Incas, and Mayans. This is a very exciting unit with many hands-on activities. We will study the differences between the way life was and how we live now. We will also examine their architecture, food production, and their everyday life. I



can't wait to get started.

We will continue our exploration through first grade and begin to dissect the earth's structure and materials. We will all be focusing on the materials that make up our planet, as well as the magnificent structures decorating our earth's landscape. Volcanoes, mountains and canyons will be at the center of our unit. We will

travel far and wide (via the internet) to discover new wonders of our first grade world. We look forward to sharing these experiences with your children.

Thank you for all your continued support and I look forward to continuing to work with each of you to expand the minds of your children.

Ms. Earp



## Wish List Items for Kindergarten, 1st, and 2nd grade

### Henriquez:

Candy Corn for graphing  
Card Stock Paper  
Paper Towels  
Expo Markers  
Spray Lysol  
Seasonal crafts  
Pony beads  
Pencil Sharpener

### Marston:

Candy Corn for graphing  
Card Stock Paper  
Spray Lysol  
Seasonal crafts  
Sweeper

### Ward:

Candy Corn for graphing  
Card Stock Paper  
Spray Lysol  
Seasonal crafts  
Water bottles for snack

### Feahr:

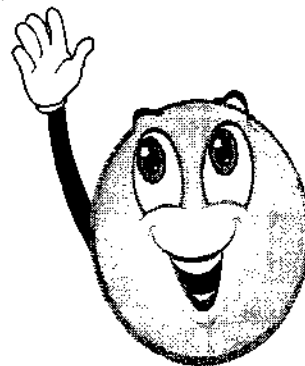
Card Stock Paper  
Spray Lysol  
Seasonal crafts  
Plastic Containers  
Expo Markers

### Earp:

cardstock (white)  
diaper wipes  
paper towels  
pencil sharpener  
Seasonal crafts  
brown clay  
orange and brown large  
and small paper plates

### Harless:

2 packages of card stock  
Age appropriate books for  
our classroom library,  
Plastic starlight bins for  
student cubbies and  
storage  
Expo markers  
Globe  
Wall maps of the world



Thank you for your donations!!

## Third Grade News – Ms. Koch



I have truly enjoyed the month of September with your child, and I am looking forward to a fun-filled October. In Reading, we are moving on to a new unit Called Animals and Their Habitats. The class will be continue to build their comprehension strategy skills by: incorporating asking questions, making inferences, making connections, and cause and effect.

Students will continue to build their spelling skills with weekly pre and post spelling tests as well as weekly homework.

We will continue to learn about Expository Writing. Students will be writing ten sentences/two paragraphs on a topic. Each week there will be a different topic where they will be brainstorming, writing, revising, and publishing. This will all be completed during school hours and turned in every Friday.

In Science we are moving on to Physical Science. The students will be learning about the properties of matter. This will include understanding how temperature changes over time. The students will also be participating in the science fair that is due on October 31st. The students received a packet of information that has a guide to help them complete the project. Please let me know if you have any questions.

In Social Studies, we will begin to learn about government. This will include the levels of government, the government of Florida, and how to be a good citizen.

If you have any questions, please email me at [MKoch@edvantages.com](mailto:MKoch@edvantages.com)

## Fourth Grade News – Mrs. Erhardt



WOW! It has been 2 months already. I can't believe how this year is already going to quick. The end of the first quarter is right around the corner; October 12<sup>th</sup>.

\* Character Education – we are discussing bullying on a daily basis. Please also discuss this at home. This is something that is not tolerated in the classroom.

\* Reading – comprehension! This is something that we are working on daily along with parts of speech. We have been working on main idea, inferences, sequencing, cause and effect and much more. Students have been working hard! Keep up the great work!

\*Writing, Writing, Writing and Writing!! We have been working daily on writing. We have done many different prompts to variety their writing. We are still focusing on expository writing and will be transitioning to narrative after the holidays.

\*Science/Social Studies – we are focusing on how Florida became a state. Our reading unit right now has to do with science; we have been talking about the water cycle, energy and scientific method.

Thank you all for your help and support! [NErhardt@edvantages.com](mailto:NErhardt@edvantages.com)



## Fifth/Sixth Grade News – Mrs. Sefcik

Well, we've been in school now for two months (can you believe it?). I believe our students – your children – are finally getting acclimated to all of their routines. Here are some of the topics we will continue covering for the remainder of the quarter:

\* Character Education – we are working very hard to understand all aspects of bullying – including the victims, the bullies and those who are bystanders.

\* Reading – comprehension, comprehension, comprehension! (I think I'm going to put that down every month this year . . .) We are struggling with parts of speech (nouns/pronouns/subjects/predicates) so our focus will be there, of course. Please continue having your son/daughter read 30 minutes each and every night – including weekends. That's the best way to keep their reading skills up.

\*Writing – we've spent much of the last few weeks dissecting a good essay – how to plan it, how to organize it and, of course, how to write it. I see improvement in the story webs that are being turned in.

\*Social Studies – we are focusing on how Florida became a state, what involvement this state had in the Civil War and what treaties forced our Native Americans to move around the state.

Thank you for your notes, messages and emails. Most of all, thank you for your support in what we're trying to accomplish. Please contact me at [bsefcik@edvantages.com](mailto:bsefcik@edvantages.com) if you have any questions or if I can be of any help.

# Fifth/Sixth Grade News – Mrs. London

Hello again. In 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade math we have been learning how to master math concepts by doing weekly quizzes on homework questions. Students are expected to study their homework every night to make sure they can accurately and quickly answer math questions. To study, students should be reviewing their classwork/homework, should be flipping through the book to review concepts, and should be redoing problems over and over again until they can solve tricky problems quickly. I expect students to not only bring their textbook, planner, and homework to class, but to also have questions ready from the homework problems they did not understand. We review homework questions every day before we move to a new lesson. **Parents:** Please ask to see your child's homework and quiz them on a few questions to check their comprehension.

We are almost done with an intense math review of division, multiplication, subtraction, and addition. Students are still expected to practice their mental math every night, but students who have mastered basic math should be quizzing themselves on tougher math concepts like square roots, math conversions (feet to yards, x quarters/dollar) and math with negative numbers.

The Science Fair is upon us. Students should be brainstorming and beginning science projects to present in the Science Fair. These projects are due on October 31<sup>st</sup>. The presentation will include a scientific write up written neatly on a tri-fold poster board. Experiments should be fun, inexpensive, and well planned. More details will be provided soon.

In Social Studies we are doing a service project where we write letters to pen pals and send them a small gift. Students are working on their letters in class, but they may take home their letters if they would like them to be typed. Students need to complete their project by the end of October. Feel free to donate shoeboxes and small gifts for our pen pals.

Lastly, students should be writing their homework in their planner every night. Feel free to contact me if you have comments, questions or concerns. You can reach me at [DLondon@edvantages.com](mailto:DLondon@edvantages.com).

## Wish List Items for Third, Fourth, Fifth and Sixth

### Koch:

Books for classroom  
library  
Student Dictionaries

### Erhardt:

Card Stock Paper  
Plastic Containers  
Expo Markers  
Paper Towels  
Snacks  
Water bottles for snack  
Books fir Library  
Flash Cards  
Educational Games

### Sefcik:

Books for classroom  
library  
Paper towels  
Globe  
Maps (Florida, USA,  
World)

### London:

Number Line  
Math Manipulative  
Flash Cards  
Volunteers for during  
school and after school





## Lunch Procedures

CCPFA orders lunch from a catering company. Lunch is delivered hot and fresh daily. CCPFA submits a lunch count to our catering service at 8:15AM daily. Effective Monday, October 8, 2012 students arriving after 8:15AM will need to provide a lunch from home. We are only able to order lunch for students that are present at the time we order.

If you have any questions, please call the front office or email Betsy Beraquit at [BBeraquit@edvantages.com](mailto:BBeraquit@edvantages.com)

Thank you!

## Important Events

- October 15th- No School
- October 19th- First Quarter Awards
- October 24-25th- Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 25th- Soccer Skills Day
- October 29th- Electric Presentation
- October 31st- K-2 Storybook Character Day
- October 31st- 3-6 Career Day



## Penny Wars

- Don't forget your loose change! Penny wars is happening **NOW** at CCPFA. We are raising money to help 4th through 6th with their shoe box service project.
- Money can be placed in the jugs in the classroom from October 1<sup>st</sup> – October 12<sup>th</sup> at these times only:  
  - Before School 7:45 a.m. – 8:00 a.m.
- WINNERS:  
 The *class* with the *most pennies* will win a Popsicle party. There will be two winners, one for upstairs and one for downstairs.



## Shoe Boxes

This year our 4<sup>th</sup>, 5<sup>th</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup> grade students will be working on a service project with a school in Africa. We'd like to create a "shoe box" for each child for Christmas. Each of our students have been assigned to a student from Africa. Each student will fill a shoe box with supplies. The items do not need to be expensive. We are suggesting items like small wrapped candy, small toys, etc. We will ship these shoe boxes the first week of November to make sure they arrive in time for the holidays.

If you are able to donate any supplies please have your student bring them into Mrs. Erhardt.

Thank you for all of your help and support!

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# CCPFA PTO NEWS!

## October PTO Meeting

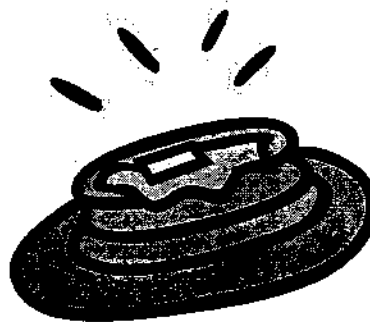
October 11, 2012 CCPFA will hold our 2nd PTO Meeting and Pizza Night!

Pizza will be served at 6:00PM. Pre-orders will be accepted through October 8th.

Meeting will begin at 6:30PM. A movie will be provided for the children during the meeting.

Each month, the PTO will feature a guest speaker. This month's guest speaker is Coach Chris Casey, director of Club F.I.T.

Remember, you earn 2 parent involvement hours just for attending!!



## Pancake Week

Throughout the week of October 22-26th, the PTO will be hosting a Pancake Breakfast in each classroom. We collect pre-orders from October 15-19th. Please look for more information to come!



A special "Thank-you" to all our families who supported our first PTO meeting and Pizza Night! We raised over \$200 to help support our school.

- Special points of interest:
- Remember to save and submit your Box Tops for Education!
  - Remember to save and submit your Cambell's Labels for Education
  - November PTO Meeting will be held on November 8th
  - December - Winter Carnival, Santa Visit, and Polar Express Display.
  - We are working on our website, we appreciate your patience!
- [www.CCPFAPTO.yolasite.com](http://www.CCPFAPTO.yolasite.com)

## Pizza Order Form

Student Name(s) \_\_\_\_\_

Grade(s) \_\_\_\_\_

#of Slices (\$1 each) \_\_\_\_\_

#of Pies (\$8 each) \_\_\_\_\_