



THE COUGAR E-BLAST

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A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL ENGLE

It's spooky how fast October flew by. It was so fun seeing all the fun costumes today both from our face to face students and our remote learners as well. Academically we are off to a great start to quarter two and are really starting to hit our stride. I am so proud of all the hard work I am seeing from both students and staff that is making our educational process so successful.

I do want to thank you for your partnership in keeping our school open and safe. Numbers continue to rise but as we stay diligent in monitoring students' symptoms our students will continue to benefit.

DAYLIGHT SAVINGS TIME ENDS

Daylight Savings Time ends on Sunday, November 1st. Don't forget to set your clocks back one hour. It is also good practice to change your smoke alarm batteries each year at this time.



NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

Please note that there are no classes for all students on the following days:

November 3rd - Election Day

November 23rd & 24th - Parent Teacher Conferences

November 27th-29th - Thanksgiving Break

PARENT-TEACHER CONFERENCES

Parent-Teacher Conferences will be held on Monday, November 23rd from 8:00am to 8:00pm and Tuesday, November 24th from 8:00am until 12:00 noon. The online conference scheduler will open soon and a step-by-step guide for scheduling times with teachers will be emailed to all families. Research shows that students do better in school when parents get involved. Attending parent-teacher conferences is one way to be involved and help your child succeed. We hope you will take advantage of the opportunity to speak with your child's teacher.

HELPFUL LINKS

[CT Webpage](#)

[District Calendar 2020-2021](#)

[EC Calendar 2020-2021](#)

[Staff Directory](#)

[Elementary Handbook](#)

[D301 Digital Bulletin Board](#)

[Skyward Parent Access](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- November 1st
Daylight Savings Time Ends
Turn clocks back 1 hour
- November 2nd
Report Cards Posted @ 4:00pm to Skyward
- November 3rd
NO SCHOOL
Election Day
- November 11th
Veteran's Day
Students wear red, white & blue
- November 16th
Board of Education Mtg @ 6pm
District Office Board Room
- November 23rd
NO SCHOOL
Parent-Teacher Conferences @ 8am-8pm
- November 24th
NO SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Conferences @ 8am-12pm
- November 27th-29th
NO SCHOOL
Thanksgiving Break



NOVEMBER CHARACTER TRAIT

CITIZENSHIP

Parents please take this month to practice the above trait with your child as your child's teacher will be doing in the classroom and around the school.

REPORT CARDS

The Skyward parent portal gives you the ability to view your child's report card electronically. This system will allow you to review your child's report card in the portfolio screen. An added benefit is our ability to conserve the amount of resources and money spent on the use of paper.

Q1 report cards are available online in Skyward for grades 1-5. Follow the steps below to view your child's report card. Kindergarten students will get their first report card at the end of the second quarter.



1. Log into your parent portal account
2. Click on the "portfolio" tab.
3. Select your student.

VETERAN'S DAY

Veteran's Day is a time to honor men and women who have served or are serving our country. We can never fully repay our debt of gratitude to the more than 650,000 American service members who died in battle or the 1.4 million who were wounded. We can, however, recognize and thank the 25 million veterans still living today. Even though we can't honor our veterans in our typical way here at Country Trails, we still want to make sure they know how much we appreciate their sacrifice and we want to make sure our students learn how important the day is.

To help honor our veterans we are asking our students to write a letter to a hero. It can be to a specific veteran that they know or it can be an open letter to any veteran. Please take the time to talk to your children about the sacrifices our service members make to ensure our freedom. Our goal is to send our school's letters to Hines VA Hospital. Please send your letters back to school by Wednesday, November 4th. If your child is full remote, he/she can send the letter electronically to their teacher. If you have a veteran or service member in your family please feel free to write and send your letter to them.

We would also like to invite our families to send in pictures of family members that have served or who are currently serving. We plan to honor these service members in a social media display through our school/district social media for our families and community to see. Please complete this form to share your photos with us, [Our Family's Veteran](#). If you have any questions or concerns regarding sending the photos, please contact kristin.milnamow@central301.net. Due to time constraints, pictures sent after Nov 1st cannot be included in our slide show.

Finally, in order to help our students understand the importance of the day, we would love to invite any veterans or active duty service members to either read a book about the military or to speak with a class about their experience in the military. These would need to be done virtually, through Google Meet. If you have someone who would be willing and able to do this, please complete the following: [Veterans' Day Sharing](#)

*In memory of those
who served . . .*



*In honor of those
who serve us now . . .*

DESTRUCTION OF RECORDS - CCUSD #301

Central Community Unit School District #301 will destroy student temporary records from the graduating classes of 2016. If a parent or student wants those records, they should call the Central High School Registrar's office at 847-464-6034 prior to November 30, 2020.

FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

Health Office Reminders



***WHEN TO KEEP YOUR CHILD HOME** - If a student has any COVID symptoms, he or she may not attend school. Additionally, any siblings must also stay home, even if they are symptom-free. The student may return to school if he/she receives a negative COVID test result or an alternative diagnosis and has been fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever-reducing medication and shows improvement of symptoms and has been cleared to return to school by a D301 school nurse.

If a student has had exposure to someone with any COVID symptoms, he or she should not attend school. The student may return to school if the symptomatic individual has a negative COVID test result or receives an alternative diagnosis and the student continues to be symptom-free, or after 10 days from first exposure and has been cleared by a D301 school nurse.

If exposed to a Covid positive person, please call the office for guidance and keep the student home.

***MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL** - Please remember that students may not take medications of any kind at school without the District 301 Meds A form on file. Other district's medication forms or those created by individual physician offices do not meet this requirement. The definition of medication includes both prescription and over the counter medications (including cough drops.) These forms must be completed annually or as prescriptions change. **Students may not transport medications to and from school.** When bringing medication to school it must be in the original container labeled with the students name, dosing information, and expiration date. When students attend field trips, only emergency medications are sent with the teacher unless parents have made other arrangements.

Medications for asthma and/or Epipens have different rules and require different paperwork. Please contact the school office for more information.

Meds A forms can be obtained from the health office at school and are downloadable from the [district website](#).

***HEALTH INFORMATION** - Please keep the health office updated with any changes regarding your child's health throughout the school year.

Students who come to school with mobility devices (such as crutches, walking boot/shoe, wheelchair, splints or casts) for an acute episode need to submit a note from the doctor that states the activity restriction that warrants the use of the device at the school, including the time frame for the restriction.

SHOW YOUR SCHOOL SPIRIT

Every Friday at Country Trails is school spirit day. Show your Cougar pride by wearing spirit wear or by wearing red, black, or gray.



NOTES TO SCHOOL

Communication is extremely important when there is a change in your child's normal after-school routine. We ask that you inform your child of changes in transportation or after-school plans before he or she leaves for school. A note should be sent on the morning of the change to your child's teacher as well. When sending a note to school regarding your child, please be sure to include the child's first and last name, parent's first and last name, the date, as well as the teacher's name.

You may also notify the teacher by email. Please include Mrs. Hughes and Mrs. Schramer on the email, as well. If you don't receive a reply back to your email, please call the office to make sure the email was received.

If a notice is not received, your child will continue with their regular transportation routine.



While it is best if you can plan ahead, we realize there are times when your child's routine has to change and you were not able to send a note. If this is the case, please call the school office at 847-717-8000 a minimum of 30 minutes before the dismissal time to allow the office enough time to deliver the message to your child & their teacher.

Thank you for your help.



Good Times At Country Trails

