



THE COUGAR E-BLAST

A MESSAGE FROM PRINCIPAL ENGLE

The 2021-2022 school year is off to a great start. We are very excited to have ALL of our Cougars back with us in person every day! Students and staff are developing routines and are all happy to be back together in the building!

As we transition from our unique year last year, something new to the elementary schedule is WIN time. WIN stands for "What I Need". This is a time each day for students to receive something extra that they need. It may be extra review or reteaching of a concept, or an opportunity for enrichment in an area.

We would also like to highlight that we are starting our fall FastBridge testing this month. Our window for testing is August 30th - September 10th. Throughout these two weeks students will be assessed in the area of Math, Reading Fluency and Reading Comprehension. As always we encourage our students to do their best on these assessments so we can adjust our instruction to match their needs.

Sincerely,

Mr. Grady Engle

It's a Great Day to be a Country Trails Cougar!

Please join us in welcoming our new staff members to Country Trails!

Theresa Kolkebeck, Assistant Principal
Carrie Hand - ECSE Teacher
Carrie Johnson - SEL Teacher
Amanda Lamz - 1st grade Teacher
Karlie Kelly - 3rd grade Teacher
Sarah Nelson - 5th grade Teacher
Kelly Lazar - 5th grade Teacher
Amie Roeder - Music Teacher
Karina Hernandez -- TBE Teacher

Catey Kinnison - Resource Teacher
Rachel Rhodes - Resource Teacher
Sarah Mika - School Nurse
Elayna Johnson -OT
Carrie Zaccaria - Paraprofessional
Parisha Laad - Paraprofessional
Lori Dabrowski - Lunchroom Supervisor
Desiree Tomasone - Lunchroom Supervisor

HELPFUL LINKS

- [CT Webpage](#)
- [District Calendar 2021-2022](#)
- [EC Calendar 2021-2022](#)
- [Staff Directory](#)
- [Elementary Handbook](#)
- [Skyward Parent Access](#)
- [Lunch Menu](#)
- [Digital Bulletin Board](#)

UPCOMING EVENTS

- September 6th
NO SCHOOL
Labor Day
- September 13th
Picture Day
- September 20th
Board of Education Mtg
@ 6:00pm
- October 4th-8th
Fire Safety Week
- October 8th
End of 1st Quarter
- October 11th
NO SCHOOL
Columbus Day
- October 14th
Family Literacy Night
- October 21st
NO SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Conferences
- October 22nd
NO SCHOOL
Parent Teacher Conferences



**SEPTEMBER
CHARACTER TRAIT**

RESPONSIBILITY

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.

PARENTSQUARE

We are excited to announce that we adopted a new form of school-to-home communication called ParentSquare. This unified communications platform is designed to keep parents and guardians informed and improve communication opportunities.

Some key features of ParentSquare include:



- District staff can post information, documents, photos, and videos to share with families
- Users can choose a preferred language and communications will be auto-translated
- Users can choose to receive notifications via email, text, and/or mobile app
- Users can choose to receive messages at the time they are sent or receive a summary notification at the preferred time

Activate Your Account

The school district will send an invitation email to join ParentSquare. Users can click the link to activate their account from the email. Users can also register through the ParentSquare app.

Once you activate your account, you can verify your contact information and update your preferences. To learn more about how to use ParentSquare, you are invited to complete ParentSquare's [Parent Training Module](#). This training will cover most of what you need to know to use ParentSquare as a parent/guardian.

Users are encouraged to download the ParentSquare app, available on both the App Store and Google Play.

DROP OFF/PICK UP PROCEDURES FOR SUPPLIES/CHROMEBOOKS ETC.

In order to limit the number of people in the main office area, items that parents need to drop off for their child can be placed on the table in the vestibule in door number one. If there is paperwork to drop off, please place it in the blue bin on the table inside door number one. It is helpful for parents to call, or email us to let us know to look for items in these areas. Additionally, items that parents need to pick up from school will also be placed on the table in the vestibule. Please make sure to label anything with your child's name and teacher's name to ensure all items are directly given to your child.

COMMUNICATION IS KEY

In order to provide efficient and effective communication, we will be emailing out an e-Blast twice a month. A shorter one on or about the 15th of the month and the bigger newsletter on or about the last day of the month. The e-Blasts will also be posted on our website so you will be able to access them at your convenience.

Please visit the Country Trails [webpage](#). It is a wonderful source of information. There are links to the Skyward Parent Portal, Bus Information, and the PTO page, just to name a few. Or, follow us on Twitter [@301CTGS](#).

D301 DIGITAL BULLETIN BOARD

As a service to our families, we have posted flyers from community organizations on this [Digital Bulletin Board](#). All flyers must receive Superintendent approval in order to be posted on our bulletin board.

Please send posting requests to pam.israelson@central301.net

STUDENT ABSENCES

Each day your child is going to be absent, please call the Country Trails office at 847-717-8000 **before 9:30am**. If you prefer, you may email the school secretaries, Theresa Hughes and Teri Schramer, as well as the classroom teacher to report an absence.

theresa.hughes@central301.net - Theresa Hughes
teri.schramer@central301.net - Teri Schramer

When reporting an absence, please indicate the length of the absence, as well as the reason why your child will not be at school, such as family vacation, going out of town, doctor appointment, or illness. If the absence is due to illness, please report the symptoms your child is experiencing, including, but not limited to, any flu-like or Covid symptoms, (fever, cough, headache, sore throat, vomiting or diarrhea.)

We appreciate your cooperation!

TARDY STUDENTS

School starts at 8:30am for EC AM, 9:10am for K-5th graders, 12:30pm for EC PM.

Students should be in their classrooms ready to learn at their start time. Parents are required to come into the vestibule with their cell phone to scan the QR code posted on the door and complete the form to **log your child in if he/she is late**. Please do not just drop your child off late. The state requires this and they do check these lists; it causes problems for us if the parent/guardian hasn't signed in the tardy student.

CHANGES IN AFTER SCHOOL DISMISSAL ROUTINE

The office and your child's teacher need a **written note or email** if your child is:

- a bus rider and they are not riding the bus home
- going to be picked up by someone else -please indicate who will be picking them up and the time of pick up
- going to be taken out of school earlier than the scheduled dismissal time - please indicate the time of pick up

Please send a note or email to the office and your child's teacher if your child is going to have a change in their usual form of transportation home. If you don't receive a reply back to your email, please call the office to verify the email was received. **Be sure to include the child's first and last name, and the teacher's name in the note.** If your child attends the BASE after school program or daycare and there is a change in plans, please notify the BASE/daycare.

The office **cannot** accommodate phone calls to change a student's transportation routine after **2:30pm**. Teachers may not have time to check their email before dismissal, so we ask that all changes be made through the office to ensure the students' safe delivery home.

WE ARE HERE FOR YOU!

Please do not hesitate to reach out to us directly if you have any questions or concerns. The office hours are 7:30am-4:00pm. You may call the office at 847-717-8000 or email.

HANDBOOK SIGNATURE REQUIRED

If you have not done so already, please go into Skyward to review and sign the handbook verification for the 2021-22 school year. Please make sure you double check to make sure you checked the granting permission box and sign off that you viewed the document. Thank you in advance for reviewing the 2021/2022 Student Handbook.

NOTES FROM THE NURSE

Masks sometimes get torn, dirty, or wet -- please send your student with a couple of masks each day so that they have extras in case they need one. We also ask that you send your child with a water bottle each day. Students are able to refill their bottles at the water fountain filling station.

Please do not send your child to school if anyone in the household is experiencing COVID like symptoms.

Please continue to send in required health forms as soon as possible:

Kindergarten - Physical; Immunizations; Eye Exam; Dental Exam

NEW to Illinois Schools - Physical; Immunizations; Eye Exam; Dental Exam (if KG or 2nd)

2nd Grade - Dental Exam



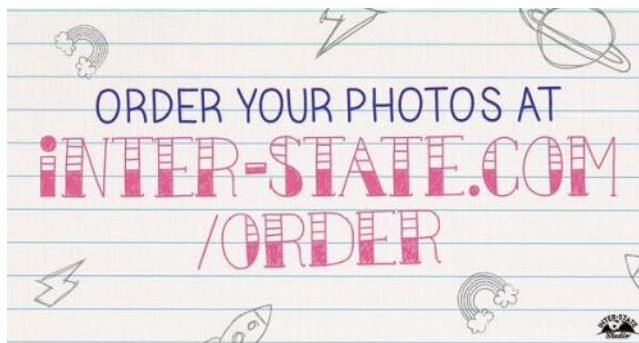
MEDICATIONS AT SCHOOL

Parents are reminded to bring their children's medications, both prescription and over the counter, with a completed "Meds A" form to school as soon as possible. "Med's A" forms are available online at <http://central301.net/health-services/health-requirements/> or you can pick one up in the school office.

For the safety of all children, children are not allowed to transport medications to school.

PICTURE DAY - SEPTEMBER 13TH!

Picture Day is coming up on September 13th. We will not be sending Order Flyers home with students this year. Be sure to preorder your pictures online at inter-state.com/FlyerEntry/60738JF



Country Trails Order Code is 60738JF

CENTRAL COMMUNITY UNIT SCHOOL DISTRICT #301 2021-2022 APPROVED CALENDAR

August 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
2	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	3
16	17	18	19	20	5
23	24	25	26	27	5
30	31				2
Total					15

Accumulated Days 15

November 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
1	2	3	4	5	5
8	9	10	11	12	5
15	16	17	18	19	5
22	23	24	X	26	2
29	30				2
Total					19

Accumulated Days 73

February 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
	1	2	3	4	4
7	8	9	10	11	5
14	15	16	17	18	5
X	22	23	24	25	4
28					1
Total					19

Accumulated Days 124

May 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
2	3	4	5	6	5
9	10	11	12	13	5
16	17	18	19	20	5
E	E	E	E	E	0
X					0
Total					15

Accumulated Days 174

Accumulated Student Days = 174 excluding emergency days

September 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
		1	2	3	3
X	7	8	9	10	4
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	5
27	28	29	30		4
Total					21

Accumulated Days 36

December 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
		1	2	3	3
6	7	8	9	10	5
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	0
27	28	29	30	31	0
Total					13

Accumulated Days 86

March 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
	1	2	3	4	3
7	8	9	10	11	5
14	15	16	17	18	5
21	22	23	24	25	5
28	29	30	31		0
Total					18

Accumulated Days 142

June 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
		1	2	3	0
6	7	8	9	10	0
13	14	15	16	17	0
20	21	22	23	24	0
27	28	29	30		0
Total					0

Accumulated Days 174

October 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
				1	1
4	5	6	7	8	5
X	12	13	14	15	4
18	19	20	21	22	3
25	26	27	28	29	5
Total					18

Accumulated Days 54

January 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
3	4	5	6	7	5
10	11	12	13	14	5
X	18	19	20	21	4
24	25	26	27	28	4
31					1
Total					19

Accumulated Days 105

April 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
				1	0
4	5	6	7	8	5
11	12	13	14	15	4
18	19	20	21	22	3
25	26	27	28	29	5
Total					17

Accumulated Days 159

July 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
				1	0
4	5	6	7	8	0
11	12	13	14	15	0
18	19	20	21	22	0
25	26	27	28	29	0
Total					0

Accumulated Days 174

Teacher Days = 182 excluding emergency days

HOLIDAYS	
Labor Day	Sep. 6
Columbus Day	Oct. 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 25
Christmas Day	Dec. 25
New Year's Day	Jan. 1
M.L. King's Birthday	Jan. 17
President's Day	Feb. 21
Memorial Day	May 30
End of Quarter]
School Begins August 11	
Kindergarten/Early Childhood Begins August 16	
School Ends May 20 without the use of 5 Emergency Days	
First Semester = 86 Days	
Second Semester = 88 Days	

LEGEND	
Holiday - No School	X
Non-Attendance Day - No School	
Teacher Institute Day - No School Students	
Teacher Work Day - No School Students	
Teacher In-Service - Half Day Students / Previous Evening PC	
School Improvement - Half Day Students	
Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School Students	
Evening Parent Teacher Conferences - Full Day for Students	
Emergency Day	

Approved by the Board of Education
February 16, 2021

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Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
2	3	4	5	6	
9	10	11	12	13	0
16	17	18	19	20	5
23	24	25	26	27	5
30	31				2
Total					12

Accumulated Days 12

September 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
		1	2	3	3
X	7	8	9	10	4
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	5
27	28	29	30		4
Total					21

Accumulated Days 33

October 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
				1	1
4	5	6	7	8	5
X	12	13	14	15	4
18	19	20	21	22	3
25	26	27	28	29	5
Total					18

Accumulated Days 51

November 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
1	2	3	4	5	5
8	9	10	11	12	5
15	16	17	18	19	5
22	23	24	X	26	2
29	30				2
Total					19

Accumulated Days 70

December 2021					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
		1	2	3	3
6	7	8	9	10	5
13	14	15	16	17	5
20	21	22	23	24	0
27	28	29	30	31	0
Total					13

Accumulated Days 83

January 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
3	4	5	6	7	5
10	11	12	13	14	5
X	18	19	20	21	4
24	25	26	27	28	3
31					1
Total					18

Accumulated Days 101

February 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
	1	2	3	4	4
7	8	9	10	11	5
14	15	16	17	18	5
X	22	23	24	25	4
28					1
Total					19

Accumulated Days 120

March 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
	1	2	3	4	3
7	8	9	10	11	5
14	15	16	17	18	4
21	22	23	24	25	5
28	29	30	31		0
Total					17

Accumulated Days 137

April 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
				1	0
4	5	6	7	8	5
11	12	13	14	15	4
18	19	20	21	22	3
25	26	27	28	29	5
Total					17

Accumulated Days 154

May 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
2	3	4	5	6	5
9	10	11	12	13	5
16	17	18	19	20	3
E	E	E	26	27	0
X	31				0
Total					13

Accumulated Days 167

June 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
		1	2	3	0
6	7	8	9	10	0
13	14	15	16	17	0
20	21	22	23	24	0
27	28	29	30		0
Total					0

Accumulated Days 167

July 2022					
Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Total
				1	0
4	5	6	7	8	0
11	12	13	14	15	0
18	19	20	21	22	0
25	26	27	28	29	0
Total					0

Accumulated Days 167

Accumulated Student Days = 167 excluding emergency days

HOLIDAYS	
Labor Day	Sep. 6
Columbus Day	Oct. 11
Thanksgiving Day	Nov. 25
Christmas Day	Dec. 25
New Year's Day	Jan. 1
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Teacher Work Day - No School Students	
Parent-Teacher Conferences - No School Students	
Evening Parent Teacher Conferences - Full Day for Students	
Emergency Day	