

# BULLFROG BULLETIN

December 2023/January 2024



Floral City Elementary

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Happy Holidays Bullfrog Families!

December is here, and the end of the second quarter is just a few short weeks away. 'Tis the season for lots of excitement both at home and at school. Please encourage your child to stay focused during these last few school days of 2023, as there is so much learning to be accomplished!

We are looking forward to welcoming families for our holiday activities. We have several events planned for December:

1. On the evening of **December 7<sup>th</sup>**, we are inviting families to attend our 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade Holiday Concert and Book Fair event from 4:00 – 7:00. The concert will be from 5:30 – 6:15. **The Book Fair will be closed during the 3<sup>rd</sup> grade performance.**

2. On the evening of **December 14<sup>th</sup>**, we are inviting families to attend our Cookies with Santa Literacy Night from 5:00-7:00. Join us for Arts and Crafts, Cookies, and maybe even a visit from Santa!

**Also, December 21<sup>st</sup> and December 22<sup>nd</sup> are ½ days.**

The FCE staff and I would like to thank you for sharing your children with us each day! We consider our students the greatest gift of all! We wish you and your family a joyous holiday season, a fantastic end to 2023, and a very HAPPY NEW YEAR!



Thank you to all classes that participated in the STAG Recycled Plastic Art Display. Our STAG team wanted to make students and families aware of the dangers of plastics in our ocean. We encourage families to brainstorm about ways you can reuse instead of throwing away. After all online and Literacy Night votes were tallied the winning class is Mrs. Johnston's class.

- Dec. 4th-7th YMCA (2nd grade)
- Dec. 7th Music Concert (3rd grade)
- Dec. 14th Cookies with Santa
- Dec. 20th Pre K Craft Day 10:00-12:00
- Dec. 20th Positive Behavior Celebration
- Dec. 21st Early Dismissal 12:30 (Teacher Workday)
- Dec. 22nd Early Dismissal 12:30 (Teacher Workday)
- Dec. 22nd End of 2nd quarter
- Dec. 23rd–Jan. 8th Winter break (NO SCHOOL)
- Jan. 9th Students return to school
- Jan. 11th Book, Line, and Thinkers Fieldtrip (5th grade)
- Jan. 12th Report Cards in Skyward/sent home
- Jan 15th Martin Luther King Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Jan 17th SAC Meeting in Media Center 4:15
- Jan. 18th Kid's Heart Challenge Kickoff
- Feb. 19th President's Day (NO SCHOOL)
- Mar. 1st Kindergarten Music Concert 5:30
- Mar. 5th "One Bag" Fieldtrip (3rd grade)
- Mar. 8th LifeSouth Kid's Marathon in Lecanto 4:00
- Mar. 13th Early Dismissal 12:30 (Teacher Workday)
- Mar. 13th End of 3rd Quarter
- Mar. 18th Quarter 3 report cards sent home
- Mar. 18th SAC Meeting 4:00
- Mar. 19th Class Picture Day/Spring Portraits
- Mar. 25th-29th Spring Break (NO SCHOOL)
- Apr. 18th St. Augustine Fieldtrip (4th grade)
- Apr. 19th Easter Friday (NO SCHOOL)
- Apr. 22nd Easter Monday (NO SCHOOL)
- May 23rd End of 4th Quarter
- May 27th Memorial Day (NO SCHOOL)
- May 28th Early Dismissal 12:30 (Teacher Workday)
- May 29th Early Dismissal 12:30 (Teacher Workday)
- May 29th Last day of school/report cards go home

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Dec 4-8th



# \*\*PARENTS/GUARDIANS\*\*

## \*\*\*ATTENDANCE POLICY\*\*\*

Students who have 3 unexcused tardies or unexcused early dismissals (any combination), are equivalent to (1) unexcused absence per Citrus County Schools, Code of Student Conduct Handbook. A doctor note is required to have an absence medically excused. A parent note is required to have a student's absence excused. A student will be marked tardy if they are not in their classroom when the tardy bell rings at 9:20. If you have any questions regarding the Citrus County School District attendance policy, please refer to the Code of Student Conduct Handbook or contact the school at 352-726-1554.

A Driver's License must be presented EVERY time a child is signed out of the office. Please send in a note if your child will be leaving school early for an appointment or any other reason. Please send a medical or parent note (within 2 days after) in order to excuse your child for an absence or an early check out. If your child will be going home a different way than their usual way, please send in a note with an explanation of the change. If you have a last minute change, please call 726-1554 then press 1 after the menu options message, leave a detailed message including your child's name, teacher's name, date and dismissal change. **DISMISSAL CHANGES ARE TO BE MADE NO LATER THAN 2:30 PM.**

Please refrain from sending your student to school with perfumes and scented body lotions or sprays. We have several teachers, staff and students who have Asthma and/or a sensitivity to these smells. Thank you for your consideration!

A fee of \$10.50 will be charged for any bank returned checks due to non-sufficient funds or other reasons.

## Fundraising Activities

FCE sponsors several fundraisers each year, including student pictures, for different purposes. Profits from fundraising will be used, among other things, to purchase school wide needs, such as playground equipment, technology supplies, instructional support materials, campus beautification, and student rewards. A small portion of these funds may be used to provide food and other consumable items for student recognition, faculty and staff meetings, and staff appreciation throughout the year. We appreciate your support of the FCE community.

Blessings program offers nonperishable food weekly to students from August to May. The program is designed to give supplemental food to school-age children on the weekends and holiday breaks for families in need. Each bag has 12-15 items from various categories, including breakfast, entrée, fruit, snacks, and beverage. One bag can be sent home for each child (under 18) in your household. We are thrilled to offer this program to your child(ren) thanks to donations from our community. Our goal is to make a positive impact on your lives by providing meal assistance and peace of mind. If you are in need of this program for your family, please register at [www.citruscountyblessings.org/enrollment](http://www.citruscountyblessings.org/enrollment). For any questions, contact Chelsea Dowling at 352-726-1554 x6047.



Due to our cafeteria being under construction, FCE will not be allowing families to have breakfast or lunch with students. We are limited on space and following safety protocols. This will be our policy while we remain under construction. Sorry for any inconvenience.

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Citrus County School's School Health Advisory Committee (SHAC) is a group that meets quarterly to provide advocacy for school health and identify needs and opportunities to maximize community resources. We welcome parent and community involvement. The schedule for the 2023-2024 school year is:

SHAC meeting are being held at the WTC 713/714 location this year.

March 6, 2024, 8:00 -10:00 am

May 1, 2024, 8:00 -10:00 am