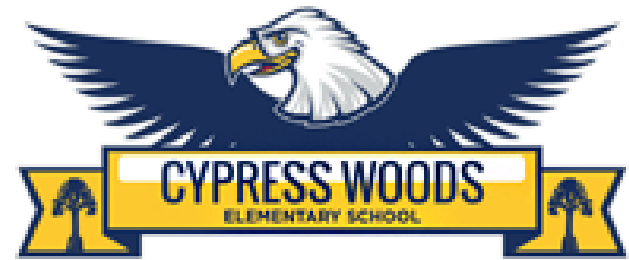


# Cypress Woods Elementary

Ready, Set ... Kindergarten!



2023- 2024



# Cypress Woods Elementary Agenda

- Welcome Future Eagles!
- Introductions
- About Cypress Woods
- Get involved (PTA, SAC, Lunch Pal, Volunteer)
- A Kindergarten Day
- Campus/Classroom Tour
- Registration Process
- Wrap Up



# Cypress Woods Elementary Administration



Mrs. Hill  
Principal



Mr. Stevens  
Assistant Principal



# Cypress Woods Elementary Office Staff

- Janet Orito – Secretary/Bookkeeper
- Carla Williams – Data Management Technician
- Cheryl Comini – Front Office Clerk
- Kelly Collier – Front Office Clerk
- Kim Shipley – Family Community Liaison
- Jennifer Reznick - Nurse



# Cypress Woods Elementary

## Kindergarten Teachers



- Miss Fontaine
- Mrs. Jovanovic
- Mrs. MacGregor
- Ms. Mayton
- Mrs. Patterson



# Cypress Woods Elementary

## Points of Pride

- A top ranked Elementary School in Pinellas County
- Named a 2022 top elementary school by US News & World Report
- Consistently earning a school grade of 'A' based on FLDOE Accountability
- Exceeds district & state averages on student assessments
- Student led morning news program
- Golden School Award for outstanding community involvement programs
- PTA and SAC involvement with school and community
- Science Labs for students in Grades 2-5
- Multiple computer labs, 1:1 laptops for Grades 1-5, 400+ iPads, technology integration K-5
- Focus on character education and school-wide Guidelines for Success (SOAR – Show Self-Control, Own A Positive Attitude, Act Responsibly, Respect Self & Others)
- All County fifth grade Honors Chorus, Orff, and String Ensemble



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## Special Events & Programs

- Several after school Enrichment Clubs
  - Free: Battle of Books (3-5), Mighty Mu Math (4-5)
  - Fee Based: PSA (Player Sports Academy) Football and Soccer
- Music Enrichment Clubs
  - Beginning & Advanced Strings (Grades 3-5)
  - Drum & Orff (Grades 3-5)
- Multiple STEM Academies (Grades 2-5)
- School-Wide Enrichment Model (SEM) Grades K-5
- Multicultural Committee (Grades 3-5)
- Student Government (Grades 3-5)
- National Elementary Honors Society (Grade 5)
- Beach Club (sponsored by Calvary Church)
- Multiple family events (PTA, Curriculum)
- Book Fairs twice a year



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## Ways to Get Engaged

- Volunteering (Mrs. Shipley, Family Community Liaison)
  - Classroom volunteers, room parents, mentoring, field trip chaperones, business partners, etc
- Parent Teacher Association (Emily Sikes, PTA President)
  - PTA programs, executive board, committees, etc
- School Advisory Council

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## Before and After Care

- YMCA on site (morning and afternoon)
- Excel Learning (bus drop off and pick up)

REGISTER EARLY!!!!



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## Kindergarten Day

- Reading Block
- Writing Block
- Small Group Instruction / Literacy Centers
- Lunch
- Fun with Phonics
- Outside Play
- Math Block
- Specials – Art, Music, PE
- Science
- Social Studies
- Health
- Indoor Play Activities



# Cypress Woods Elementary Reader's Workshop

Students are exposed to and get to explore both Fiction and Informational texts through close reading, shared reading, and journaling. During independent and partner reading, students learn various strategies to help them decode words in their "just right books."



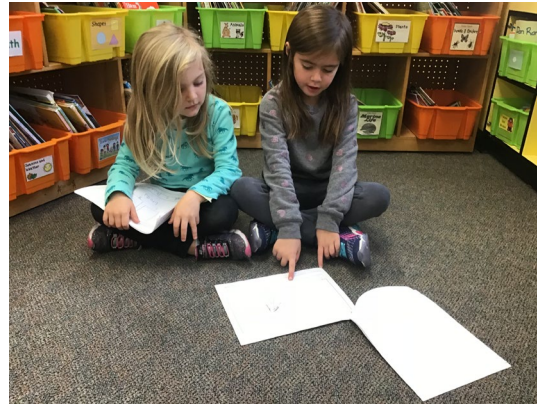
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A colorful illustration of three children jumping joyfully. One child is a boy in a green shirt and blue shorts, another is a girl in a black dress with white polka dots, and the third is a boy in a blue shirt and green shorts. They are all smiling and have their arms raised.

# Cypress Woods Elementary Writer's Workshop

Writer's Workshop builds on the children's strengths, provides meaningful, structured opportunities to write, exposes them to beautiful literature and actively teaches the skills and strategies that writers need.



# Cypress Woods Elementary Literacy Centers

Literacy Centers provide meaningful reading and writing experiences as students work to apply skills and strategies learned during shared and guided reading lessons.



# Cypress Woods Elementary Mathematics

The children do many hands-on activities involving counting, numeration, measurement, geometry, sorting, adding, subtracting and data collection.

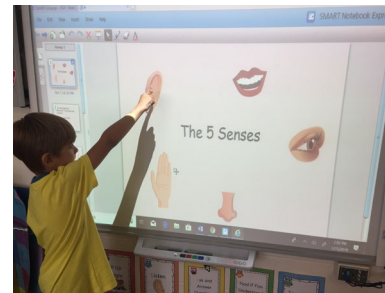
Kindergartners participate in whole-group & small group math lessons daily.



# Cypress Woods Elementary

## Science, Social Studies & Health

Kindergartners explore and discover the things and people around them and make connections between their own personal lives and the larger world around them. In Science, our lessons focus on Physical Science, Earth Science, and Life Science. Our Social Studies curriculum includes: seasons, All about Me, families, and important people, dates, and holidays throughout the year. In Health, we learn about healthy behaviors, safety, and our bodies.



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# Cypress Woods Elementary Technology Integration

We use technology in so many ways at CWE! Some of the ways technology is implemented throughout the day includes:

- **SmartBoards** – these can be used with whole group instruction, involve individual hands-on participation, and it is engaging!
- **iPads** – each classroom has a class set of iPads which is used for assessments, online reading/math programs, other academic programs, and occasionally during specials (Art, Music, PE)
- **Computer Labs** – students can go 2x per week to use our reading and math programs





# Cypress Woods Elementary

## Get Kindergarten Ready

- Talk with your child every day.
- Read to your child every day.
- Picture Walk of Ready, Set, Kindergarten booklet



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Time For A  
Campus Tour  
With Our  
Kindergarten  
Teachers...



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## Prekindergarten (PreK 3's & VPK)

- PreK 3's and VPK units
- VPK student registration requires a voucher from the Early Learning Coalition (ELC)
- Application window occurred in November
- Late application period begins on February 13th
- 2023-24 Weekly Tuition
  - PreK 3's - \$95.00
  - VPK - \$65.00 (½ day option for no fee)
  - Registration fee – applied to last week tuition
- Visit <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/11922> for more information



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## Rising Kindergarten & Summer VPK

### Summer VPK...

- Summer VPK is only for those who did not attend VPK during the school year. The summer program is available at select elementary schools and is a full day program, Monday through Friday and require a VPK voucher.

### Rising Kindergarten Program...

- Rising Kindergarten is for incoming kindergarten students to sing, play and dance the day away, while they develop literacy skills and prepare for kindergarten success! This program is available at all Summer Bridge sites for 5 hours a day Monday-Thursday for 6 weeks.

**Stay tuned for more specific information this spring for both of these early learning programs**



# Cypress Woods Elementary

## Registration Process

- Obtain a username and password to make a reservation in the student reservation system
  - Visit any Pinellas County School
  - Complete username/password request form tonight OR email Kelly Collier, office clerk at [collierke@pcsb.org](mailto:collierke@pcsb.org) (include picture of driver's license, phone number, and student name)
- Once reservation is made a registration packet needs to be picked up from our front office
  - Complete packet at home and gather required documents (see booklet)
- Return packet with required documents to the front office to complete the registration process for 2023-2024 school year

**RESERVATION** + **COMPLETED REGISTRATION** = **ENROLLMENT FOR 23-24**



# Additional Information...

- Current PCS VPK Students
- Special Assignment Request (4/1- 4/15)
- Kindergarten Play Dates (Summer 2023)
- Kindergarten Readiness Screening (before school starts)
- Follow School and PTA Facebook pages

Incoming Kindergartener  
Information



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## **Before the first day of school....**

- Kindergarten play dates sponsored by our PTA
- Kindergarten Readiness Screening (before school starts)
- Assigned Kindergarten Teacher will reach out via email
- Meet and Greet day to visit the classroom and meet the teacher



Thank you for joining us tonight!



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