



# Cougar Chronicle

## Administrator's Message

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Dear Parents, sent home in January. **2018** for a professional development day. School will resume Wednesday, February 21st, 2018.

Wow! Our students and staff jumped right back into the swing of things after winter break. We are so proud of what we are seeing your children do in and out of the classroom on a daily basis. We have been super busy during January and the fun certainly continues into February.

The **Book Fair** started on **January 29th and runs through February 2nd, 2018**. Your child has a scheduled time to attend between 8am and 1pm. Please refer to the salmon colored packets also closed **February 20th,**

**Parent conference week** will be held the week of **February 12th, 2018. Parent conference night will be February 15th, 2018 until 7:30pm.** Spanish translators will be available on this night for your convenience. Be on the lookout for paperwork from your child's teacher so you can schedule a conference and hear all about your child's progress.

There will be **no school on February 19th, 2018** due to President's Day. School is also closed **February 20th,**

Our next PBS event is **"Super Hero Day"** and will be held on **February 23rd, 2018.** If your child displayed role model behavior and did not receive a minor infraction or referral between February 1st and 22nd, then they qualify to participate. We can't wait to see the creative outfits our students and staff wear! Please contact your child's teacher for more details.

Our February student of the month celebration will also be held on February 23rd, 2018. We love celebrating our "Students of Excellence" and "Most Improved Students" each month. Remember to follow us on Facebook and Twitter for school information and pictures of the students.

Please continue to encourage your child to read, complete their homework, and use COMPASS at home. We appreciate your support and look forward to seeing you for parent conferences!

Sincerely,  
*Danielle Hudzina*  
Assistant Principal

### Student Assignment for School Year 2018-2019

Attention Parents of Future Kindergarten and 6th Graders!

It's Student Assignment Time! The enrollment period to pick a school for the 2018-2019 school year is **January 22 through March 23, 2018.**

All future Kindergarten students (who are **not** currently enrolled in the district's Pre-K) must be enrolled by a **visit** to a Student Assignment Office. They cannot be enrolled online. *Only* currently enrolled pre-K students will be mailed applications on February 2, and enrollment can be done online. Current fifth grade students will be mailed applications on February 9th, and enrollment can be done online.

Please visit [www.leeschools.net](http://www.leeschools.net) for more information and what documents to bring to the Student Assignment Office.

There is no need to stand in long lines the first few days as all applications are processed as a group after the first enrollment deadline.

### PBS Bingo Event



### From the Library

**Junior Sunshine State** is beginning for our Kindergarten, first and second grade students. Students will read 12 books and receive a goody bag from the library. Books include fiction and nonfiction, chapter books and everybody books as well as Award winning books. We want to thank the **Suncoast Credit Union** for their support of our program through their grant to Caloosa Elementary School library.

All the profits from the **Book Fair** buy materials for the library for our students. Thank you for your support and thank you to all our volunteers that make our fairs successful!

**Sunshine State Book Battle Team-** Coming up the end of February will be our tryouts for the Sunshine State Book Battle team. Students who have read 10 or more books Sunshine State books (a reading motivational program for students in grades 3-5) may try out for the team. We will compete against teams from across the county in May.

### PTO

We are back in full swing and hope that everyone is having a great start to Quarter 3! Thanks to all who attended our last PTO Meeting! It is always great to get feedback and hear new ideas.

It is that time of year when we begin looking for parents to **join our PTO Committee** for the 2018-19 school year. Detailed information will be coming home soon.

Our next PTO / SAC Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 19th, at 5:30pm in the Media Center. We look forward to seeing you there! Here is to a Fabulous February!!!

### Head Start

The **Head Start** (with VPK) program is offered by the School District's Early Childhood Learning Services. **Applications** for the 2018-19 school year are being accepted at the School District's Student Assignment Offices and the United Way House in Bonita Springs: 26820 Old 41 Rd. Bonita Springs, FL 34135.

When: January 22nd through March 23, 2018

You are invited to apply if your child will be four years old on or before September 1, 2018, and your family meets Federal income requirements or your child has a disability.

Call 332-2512 for further information.

### Essay Contest

Students: enter Applebee's "Above & Beyond Teacher" contest and get a **free ice cream certificate** good at Applebee's! If your essay wins (one winner for Lee County), your teacher will receive a \$500 sponsorship check for their classroom for the upcoming year, and your class will get an end-of-the-year party at Applebee's! See Caloosa's website at <https://coe.leeschools.net> for details (look under "School Updates").

### Out of Field

The following teachers are out-of-field in ESOL and are working towards their certification: Christine Knight, Wendy Slager, Tiffany Tackett, Lynette Thomas, and Adam Bravard.