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PRINCIPAL
MR. TIM LIGHT



MRS. ROBERTS
6TH GRADE
MR. SHANBERG



MS. MELSHEIMER
7TH GRADE
MS. MELSON



MRS. NIEVES
8TH GRADE
MRS. TAVAREZ

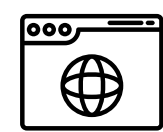


STAY CONNECTED TO CCMS

Please don't assume that your student will present or communicate all vital information.

Here are a few ways that you can stay connected and informed!

- School Connects Phone Call & Email every Friday
 - Please let the office know if your contact information changes
- Weekly Howler Hub
- District and School Website
- Social Media



CCMS.pasco.k12.fl.us



Twitter - @CypressMiddle



Instagram - @CCMScoyotes



Facebook - facebook.com/CypressCreekMiddle/



STAY IN TOUCH & IN THE KNOW

- Make MyStudent your best friend!
 - Create a MyStudent/Parent Portal account to check grades, attendance, and discipline
 - Parent Bill of Rights
 - Printed directions for parents who have never set this up!
 - Pay fees through Rycor
- Contact Us page on ccms.pasco.k12.fl.us will give you access to all staff emails
 - email your child's teacher with any questions or concerns
 - please allow 24 hours for response time
- Parent/Teacher Conferences available before, during, and after school based on teacher availability
- Access District and School Calenders through the website

YOUR STUDENT NEEDS YOU **NOW** MORE THAN EVER!

- **Attendance is one of the biggest indicators of overall success in middle school.**
 - Be present & on time!
- Organization & Time Management
- Social Emotional Support
 - Available Resources: School Counselor, School Nurse, School Social Worker, School Psychologist, SRO, & Academic Coach



SUPPORT SYSTEMS - AT HOME

5 life skills that you can enforce at home to help your student to be successful at school

- **Nutrition** - eating breakfast, drinking water, and consuming healthy foods
- **Rest** - 8-9 hours of sleep a night will help your child recharge, renew, and relax
- **Fun** - read, listen to music, play, create, hangout, and explore. Make time to do things that they enjoy.
- **Exercise** - walk, run, dance, pedal, move for 30 minutes or more a day.
- **Social Support** - Hanging out with people they like and who like them too. Having family and friends they can count on is essential for their emotional health.
 - Reinforce the importance of being kind!

SUPPORT SYSTEMS - AT SCHOOL

We want all of our students to be successful - here are some of the supports that we offer

- Academic Support
 - Coyote Core (Daily)
 - 20 minutes daily before lunch period for intervention or enrichment
 - After School Tutoring Available
 - Day TBA
- Social/Emotional Support
 - Access to School Counselors
 - Student Services Staff
- Parent Pack & Pack Leaders
- TEACHERS!

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION ABOUT CCMS



DRESS CODE & WCD

CYPRESS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL DRESS CODE POLICY

The Principal, or designee, shall determine the appropriateness of dress and appearance in accordance with the guidelines distributed by the school, school board policy, and will make the decision if a student's appearance meets school and community standards. The Principal's decision on the appropriateness of dress is final.

- Students must wear clothing that has fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms) and shoes
- Shirts and dresses must have fabric in the front, back and on the sides (under the arms)
- Shirts must have straps
- Clothing must cover undergarments (this includes straps and waistbands)
- Fabric covering chests, genitals and buttocks must be opaque
- Clothing must be suitable for all scheduled classroom activities including physical education, science labs, wood shop and other activities where unique hazards exists
- Specialized courses may require specialized attire, such as sports uniforms or safety gear

The following types of clothing, items, accessories, and apparel are considered inappropriate for the school environment. Students that wear the same may be subject to discipline in accordance with the Student Code of Conduct.

- Any clothing that exposes underwear, body parts and/or skin in an indecent or vulgar manner
- Any clothing that substantially disrupts the school environment or causes safety concerns
- Any clothing that depicts profanity, drugs, violent images or vulgarity in any form
- Any clothing that depicts sexually implicit or explicit images
- Any clothing that depicts gang-related images, indicates gang affiliation or antisocial group affiliation
- Wallet chains, spiked jewelry, dog collars or similar items
- Slippers or similar shoes
- Pajamas or costumes (unless approved by school administration for special events, etc.)
- Hats, bandanas or head coverings (unless preapproved administratively for medical, religious reasons and/or for special school activities)

Schools may not require a student to remove or discipline a student for wearing clothing that depicts a firearm or weapon or expresses an opinion regarding a right guaranteed by the Second Amendment (F.S. 1006.07). Clothing depicting violent acts and/ or violence remains inappropriate for the school setting.

These guidelines are in effect while on any District School Board of Pasco County school or campus, at any school function, or on any school-sponsored transportation.

Students in violation of dress code:

- Will be required to change into appropriate clothing, contacting the parent/ guardian as needed
- May be required to remain in the front office until the above condition is met per principal discretion
- May receive a discipline referral and receive consequences as appropriate for repeated breaches of the policy.

Consequences for Dress Code Violations:

First Offense - Students will be given a verbal warning and the principal or a designee shall call the students parents.

Second Offense - Student will be ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period of time not to exceed five (5) days and the school principal or designee shall meet with the student's parent or guardian.

Subsequent Offenses - Student will receive an in-school suspension for a period not to exceed three (3) days, the student is ineligible to participate in any extracurricular activity for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days, and the school principal or designee shall call the student's parent or guardian and send the parent or guardian a written letter regarding the student's in-school suspension and ineligibility to participate in extracurricular activities.



You can access
these policies
on our school
website under
the School
Information tab
in Discipline.

Wireless Communication Devices (WCDs) Policy

CYPRESS CREEK MIDDLE SCHOOL

The following use of a WCD is approved:

- Instructional purposes will be permitted, as approved by the classroom teacher and/or the principal
- Before and after school, during lunch periods, in between classes, during after-school/extracurricular, at school-related functions, and while on the school bus provided such use does not create a distraction, disruption, or otherwise interfere with the educational environment

The following use of a WCD is expressly prohibited:

- Engaging in non-educated-related communications and/or usage during instructional time
- Capturing, recording or transmitting:
 - Words or sounds, audio, images, pictures and/or video of any student, staff member or other person in the school or while attending a school-related activity without expressed prior notice and explicit written and/or verbal consent of said party and/or as indicated by a student's Individual Education Plan (IEP)
 - Fights or similar events and/or subsequent posting of said recordings/images to social media and similar outlets
 - Activity in locker rooms, shower facilities, and/or rest/bathrooms
 - Test information or any other information in a manner constituting fraud, theft, cheating, or academic dishonesty or using a WCD to receive such information

1 st Violation	2 nd Violation	3 rd Violation	4 th Violation
Warning/In-Class Confiscation Student receives device back at end of period	Confiscation Student picks up device in Student Services (end of day)	Confiscation & Lunch ISS Parent/Guardian pick-up	Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up and 1 day

*5th Violation will result in Confiscation & Parent/Guardian pick-up & OSS

***Please Note:** While most violations follow the consequences outlined above, certain offenses will result in more severe consequences including OSS and/or recommendation for expulsion.

WCDs are defined as: computers, laptops, tablets, electronic readers, cell phones, telephones, smartphones, beepers, pagers, any web-enabled devices of any type, smartwatches and/or similar devices. This policy extends to the use of accessories such as earbuds, headphones, Bluetooth speakers and/or any similar items.

Possession of a WCD by a student at school during school hours and/or during extracurricular activities is a privilege that may be forfeited by any student who fails to abide by the terms of this policy, or otherwise abuses this privilege.

WCDs must be fully powered off during standardized tests and other times as directed by your teacher or administrator.

Students shall have no expectation of confidentiality with respect to their use of WCDs on school premises/property.

School officials will not search or otherwise tamper with WCDs in district custody unless they reasonably suspect that the WCD contains evidence of a violation of the law or other school rules. Any search will be conducted in accordance with Policy 5771 – Search and Seizure.

Students are personally and solely responsible for the care and security of their WCDs. The Board assumes no responsibility for theft, loss, damage to, misuse, or unauthorized use of WCDs brought onto its property, or the unauthorized use of such devices.





2022-2023

CCMS Regular Bell Schedule

Period 1 8:10-9:00

Period 2 9:04-9:54

Period 3 9:58-10:48

Period 4 10:52-11:42

Period 5 11:46-12:36

Period 6 12:40-1:30

Period 7 1:34-2:30

Lunch A

Coyote Core+:

9:58-10:18

Lunch:

10:18-10:48

Lunch B

Coyote Core+:

10:52-11:12

Lunch:

11:12-11:42

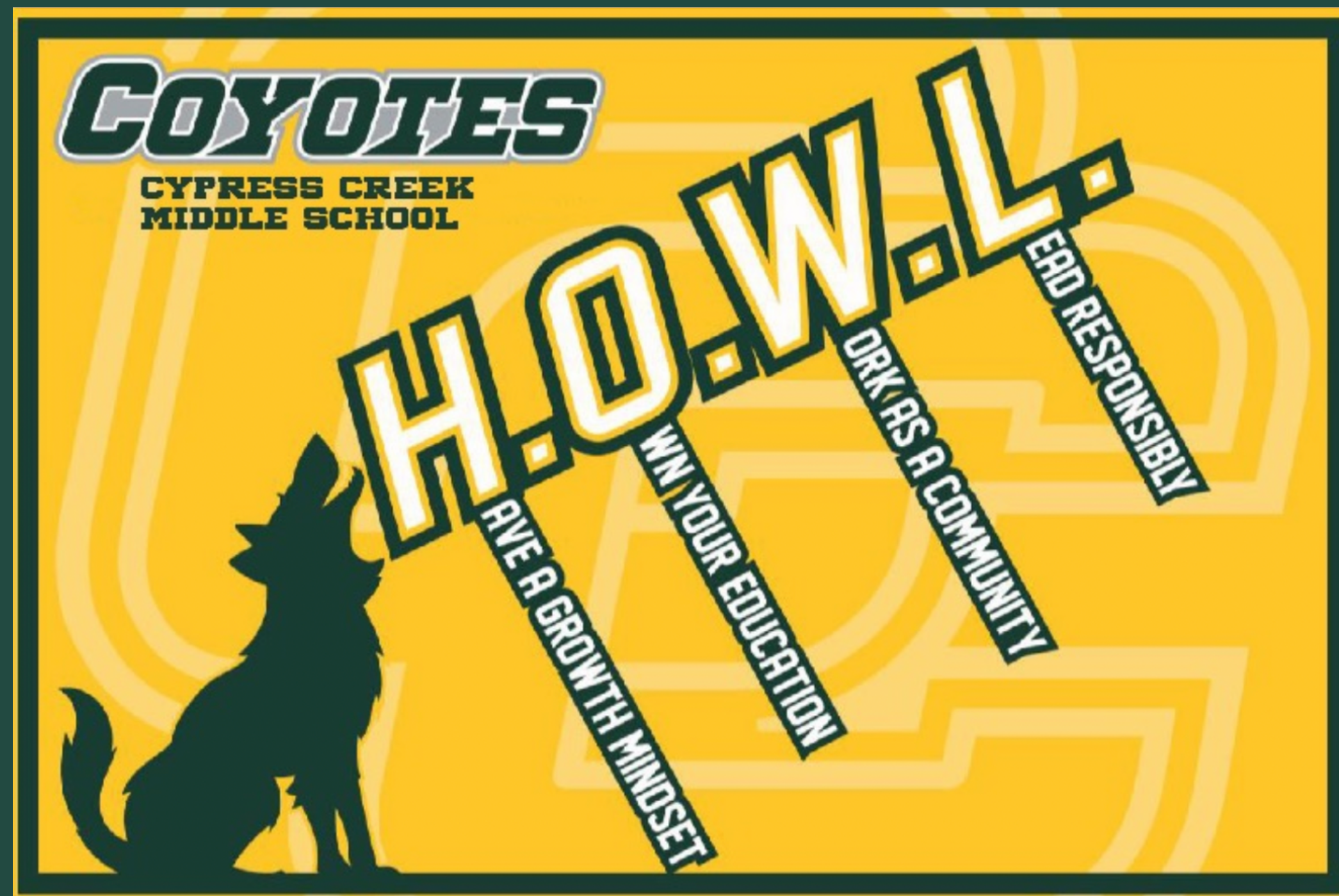
Lunch C

Coyote Core+:

11:46-12:06

Lunch:

12:06-12:36



6th Graders will have A Lunch

CAR LOOP PROCEDURES

Student Drop Off

- Students can be dropped off in the car loop in the morning 20 minutes before school begins (7:50)
- Make sure to pull all the way up to the front of the line before your child leaves the vehicle
- Please keep the line moving to ensure no students are late for class!

Student Pick Up

- Two lines running at the same time in the afternoon
- You must have your child's name on their dashboard for the caller in the carline
- Students are not permitted to cross the parking lot for safety reasons.

STUDENT CAR LOOP PROCEDURES

- Students will be called by their classroom/floor number daily
- When they leave their classroom they are to go directly to the gym and wait for their name to be called over the microphone
- Students are not permitted to wait on the sidewalk for their parents
- Students are not permitted to cross the parking lot to get to their parents car.

STUDENT BUS LOOP PROCEDURES

- Students will be called by classroom/floor number to go to the buses in the afternoon
- When students arrive to the bus loop, they can look for their bus or ask an adult with a bus roster for the location of their bus. Buses are set-up in two lines, so students need to look carefully if they do not ask an adult
- Students are not allowed to use the crosswalk at the bus loop because it a safety concern for students to walk in front of the school buses
- Students have roughly 10 minutes (after the first week of school) to be on their bus before they are dismissed.
- If students miss their bus, a parent will be required to come and pick them up prior to 4:30pm

MEET THE TEACHER


- Friday August 5, 2022 9 am - 11 am **OR** 12 pm - 2 pm
- Get student schedule, meet teachers, tour the school, etc.
- Food & Nutrition


LOCKERS

- Hallway lockers are \$10 / P.E. Lockers are \$5
- Available for purchase on Rycor (MyStudent/Parent Portal)
- Students who pay will be assigned lockers the first week of school

Food & Nutrition NEWSLETTER

SCHOOL YEAR | 2022/23





ANNOUNCEMENT

The federal government is ending USDA free meals for all students SY 22/23. We operate under National School Lunch Program, therefore we will be returning to Free, Reduced or Paid meals.

MENU PRICES

	BREAKFAST		LUNCH	
	Paid	Reduced	Paid	Reduced
ELEMENTARY	\$1.60	\$0.30	\$3.00	\$0.40
MIDDLE	\$1.75	\$0.30	\$3.00	\$0.40
HIGH	\$1.75	\$0.30	\$3.50	\$0.40


FREE & REDUCED APPLICATION

Last year's free or reduced-price meal status will expire on **September 26, 2022**.

Notifications reminding parents to submit a new application for the upcoming school year will be sent by mail prior to the expiration date.

A new family application, one per household, must be submitted at the beginning of **EACH** school year.



Applications are NOW available.



ALTERNATE MEALS

FNS offers parents a grace period when lunch money is forgotten. This allows students to charge meals to their school lunch account until they bring funds from home or replenish the funds online at: **My School Bucks**.

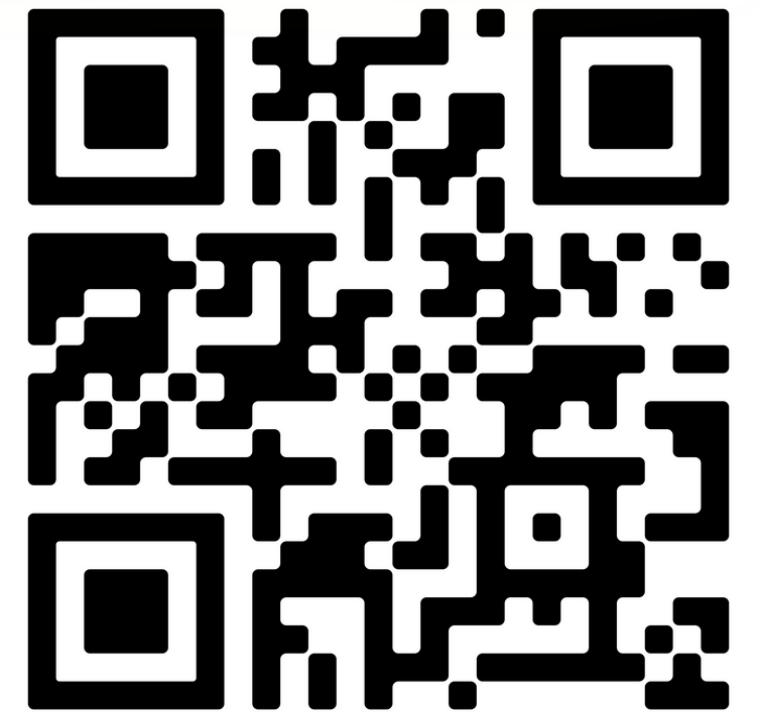
Once the charge limit is reached, students are offered an alternate lunch of a turkey ham & cheese sandwich, 2 fruit & vegetable side choices, and milk choice until the charges are repaid.



HOW TO GET INVOLVED!

- **Apply to be a volunteer!**

- Go to the district website (pasco.k12.fl.us)
- Select the 'Parents' tab
- Click 'Volunteers' and complete the volunteer application
- New volunteer application must be processed each year



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- **School Advisory Council**

- Scan QR Code to nominate or sign up



HOW CAN MY STUDENT GET INVOLVED AT CCMS?

- Sports
- Special Events at School
- School Plays
- Yearbook
- Student Government (SGA)
- District Sponsored Clubs
- School Advisory Council (SAC)
- National Junior Honor Society (NJHS)
- Volunteer Opportunities – Special Olympics, Coyote Clean-Up



Abdoney Orthodontics and CCMS would like to welcome our 6th Grade Coyotes to a glow dance party! This 6th grade only dance party will be held in the gym immediately after school from 2:30-5:00 at no cost to the students.

In order to attend, the electronic form must be completed. You can complete the form by clicking the link in the photo or scanning the QR code!

*Your student is
Invited!*

DON'T MISS IT

Glow Lights!

**FRIDAY
AUGUST 26
2:30-5PM**

Photo Booth!

COME AND JOIN US AT THE

DJ!

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GRADE GLOW DANCE
PARTY**

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GET INVOLVED - SPORTS

6th graders can try out for all sports!

Football - (8/10 - 8/12 2:30-5:00)

Cheer - (8/10 - 8/12 2:30-5:00)

Volleyball - (8/15 - 8/18 2:30-5:00)

Basketball - (TBA)

Soccer - (TBA)

Track - (TBA)



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