CPE EAGLES



November Newsletter

Important Dates

November 3 – Square 1 Fundraiser begins
November 5 – 1st grade field trip
Week of Nov 9 – Progress Alerts Go Home
Week of Nov 9 – Food Drive Starts
Nov 10 – Veteran's Day Assembly – Ceremony starts at 8:30 – RSVP
Nov 11 – Veteran's Day – NO SCHOOL
Nov 12 – 4th Grade Field Trip
Nov 13 -3rd Grade Field Trip
Nov 16-17 – Grade 3-5 iReady Reading Diagnostic
Nov 17 – 5th Grade Math Bowl
Nov 18 – 4th Grade Math Bowl
Nov 18 – K Field Trip
Nov 18-20 – Grade 3-5 iReady Math Diagnostic
Nov 20 – 1st Grade STEM Balloon Parade
Nov 20 – 3rd Grade Math Bowl
Nov 23-27 – Fall Break - NO SCHOOL

What is Cognitive Work?

Learning is in full swing at CPE! You may hear your students come home talking about Cognitive Work.

What Is Cognitive Work?
Cognitive work is the thinking students do while they are learning. Instead of simply listening to the teacher, copying answers, or completing a worksheet, students are actively using their brains to understand, solve problems, make connections, and explain their thinking.
For example, instead of a teacher telling students the answer to a math problem, students might:

- Try different strategies to solve the problem.
- Explain **how** they got their answer.
- Compare their strategy with another student's strategy.
- Use what they already know to solve a new problem.
- Explain why an answer makes sense.
- Learn from a mistake and revise their thinking.

A Simple Way to Think About It
The teacher provides the learning opportunity, but the students do the thinking. Cognitive work does not mean that teachers stop teaching or helping students. Teachers still model, explain, ask questions, provide supports, and give feedback. The goal is to provide **just enough support** so students can successfully take greater ownership of the thinking.

Why Is It Important?
When students do more of the cognitive work, they move beyond simply remembering information. They learn to:

- Think independently
- Solve problems
- Explain and defend their ideas
- Make connections between concepts
- Apply learning to new situations
- Persevere when something is challenging

Example
If your child is working on a reading passage, cognitive work goes beyond answering, **"What happened in the story?"**

Your child might be asked:
"What is the theme of the story? What details from the text helped you determine the theme?"
The important part is not only getting the correct answer. The learning happens as the child thinks through the question, finds evidence, and explains the reasoning.

7 Mindsets

The We are Connected mindset builds a sense of belonging. Life is happier and more meaningful when we build good relationships. It helps students be kind, work well with others, and see that they are never truly alone. Friends, family, teachers, and community are always there.

Conversation Starters for family time:
-What's one thing you admire about a friend, family member, or teacher? How could you let them know you appreciate them?
-Who is someone who has helped you recently? What did they do, and how did it make a difference?
-What are some ways you can support someone who feels left out?
-What's one way you could make someone feel welcome or included this week?

Deadline to register for Run Club 11/6/2026
$20 to join
$30 to join and get a shirt

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Citrus Park Run Club Permission Slip

Dear Parent,

I am excited to inform you that we will be starting our annual morning Run Club in November. If your child loves to run or would like to get better at running, this is a good opportunity for them to improve their fitness and have some fun.

All students who join the club will be asked to come to the PE court as they arrive to school in the morning. Students that are dropped off by car may arrive as early as 7:10 AM. The number of students who join will determine how many days of the week the students will run. If we have a large group, students will be divided into two groups. Kindergarten through 2nd Grade will come out on Mondays and Wednesdays. Third Grade through 5th Grade will come out on Tuesdays and Thursdays. Run Club will last until approximately 7:35 AM each day.

If your child needs to eat breakfast in the cafeteria, they will be dismissed in time to get breakfast at approximately 7:30 AM. As your child runs, they will collect straws so they can track how many laps they complete each day. The straws will help keep them motivated and allow them to set goals for improvement.

There is a small fee to join the club. Each member will have an opportunity to purchase a dry-fit Run Club shirt. If you have an old shirt that still fits, you may choose not to purchase a new one this year. All money collected will go toward paying for Run Club shirts and purchasing new equipment for Physical Education.

Payments can be made through My Payments Plus ONLY.

☐ Yes, my child will join Run Club ($20 per child)

☐ Yes, my child will join Run Club and purchase a shirt ($30 per child)

Student Name: _____

Grade: _____ **Teacher:** _____

Shirt Size: YS YM YL AS AM AL

Parent/Guardian Signature: _____

Date: _____

***Return this permission slip, for each participating student, by** _____

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PTA Corner

Kindness Shirt Pre-Sales and our first CPE Cookbook Fundraiser Sales start this month! Be on the lookout for more information.

The Kindness Shirt design was submitted by one of our CPE students! The design will be similar to what you see pictured below – show your school spirit and wear a kindness shirt on Wednesday's.



Our first CPE Cookbook will also be going on sale – get great ideas for new recipes – including some family recipes submitted by staff and students!

PTA Dollar Dress Down Days and snack sales continue in the month of November – see flyer below.

Trunk or Treat was a spookily fun time had by all – thank you to everyone who came out and for all the hard work put in by PTA to organize the event!



CITRUS PARK ELEMENTARY

DOLLAR DAYS

Dress Down! in November!

Friday, November 6th

Pajama Day!



Friday, November 13th

Sports Day!

Show your team spirit!



Friday, November 20th

Crazy Socks Day!

Wear your wackiest socks!



Friday, November 27th

No Dress Down (Last Friday of November)





Friday's Snack & Popsicle Sales **are still going strong!**

$1 Fridays!

Let's keep the school spirit going this November, CPE! ♡



Citrus Park Eagles

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