



**Pasco County
Schools**

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Cotee River Lightning Flash Newsletter

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Upcoming Events

11/07 – Square One Art
Orders are Due

11/07 – McTeacher Night,
McDonald's (Watch for
flyer)

11/09 – Bolt Power Hour,
8:45-9:15 am (Watch for
flyer)

11/09 – Baycare & CRES
Cyber Safety Night, 6:00-
7:00 pm (Watch for flyer)

11/10 – Veteran's Day
Program, 10-11:00 am

11/10-11-12 – Special
Olympics State Fall Classic,
Disney Wide World of
Sports

11/13 – PTA Meeting, 6-7
pm

11/16 – Health Screening,
Grades K, 1st, 3rd

11/16 – Fall Pictures
Retakes, 10:00-1:00 pm

11/17 – Progress Reports
Go Home

11/17 – 1st Grade Parent
Involvement (Watch for
Flyer)

11/17 – Special Olympics
County South West BB
Skills, RRHS

11/18-11/26 – Thanksgiving
Break

11/30 – Student of the
Month (Trustworthiness),
2:40 pm

10/03 – APEX Fun Run Fundraiser Pep Rally, 2:50-3:30 pm

10/03 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/03 – 5th Grade Parent Teacher Conference Night, 5:00-8:00 pm

10/04 – Spirit Club, 4:00-5:30 pm, Back Field

10/05 – Art Club, 5th Graders, 8:30-9:15 am

10/05 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/05 – Fall Pictures, 10:00-2:00 pm (Pre-Paid, will have 2nd chance to purchase)

10/05 – 4th Grade Living Museum Presentation for Parents, 10:00-11:00 am

10/05 – 3-5 Grades Girls on the Run, PE Field, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/05 – PBIS Parent Workshop, 6:00-7:00 pm

10/06 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/09 – Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser Begins

10/09-10/13 – Fall Book Fair, 9:00-3:00 pm

10/09 – 3-5 Grades Girls on the Run, PE Field, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/09 – PTA Meeting, 6:00-7:00 pm, Media

10/10 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/10 – Flu Clinic, 9:45-3:00 pm (Watch for Permission Slip to come home)

10/11 – KG Field Trip, Old McMickey's Farm, 10:00-1:30 pm

10/11 – Spirit Club, 4:00-5:30 pm, Back Field

10/12 – Art Club, 5th Graders, 8:30-9:15 am

10/12 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/12 – APEX Fun Run, 10:00-2:30 pm

10/12 – 3-5 Grades Girls on the Run, PE Field, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/12 – Baycare & CRES Bullying Night, 6:00-7:00 pm

10/13 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/13 – Fall Book Fair, 6:00-8:00 pm

10/13 – PTA Fall Fun Fest, 6:00-8:00 pm

10/13 – End of 1st Quarter

10/16 – No School – Teacher Planning Da

10/17 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/18 – Spirit Club, 4:00-5:30 pm, Back Field

10/19 – Art Club, 5th Graders, 8:30-9:15 am

10/19 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/19 – Bolt Power Hour (Make up from Sept), 8:45-9:15 am

10/19 – 3-5 Grades Girls on the Run, PE Field, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/20 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/20 – Student of the Month (Responsibility), 2:40 pm

10/21 – Special Olympics Area Team Bowling, Spring Hill Lake Bowling, 1:00-5:00 pm

10/23-10/31 – Red Ribbon Week (Watch for flyer coming home)

10/23 – Report Cards Go Home

10/23-10/27 – Music w/Parents (Watch for Flyer coming home)

10/23 – 3-5 Grades Girls on the Run, PE Field, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/24 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/25 – Spirit Club, 4:00-5:30 pm, Back Field

10/26 – Art Club, 5th Graders, 8:30-9:15 am

10/26 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/26 – 3-5 Grades Girls on the Run, PE Field, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/26 – SAC Meeting, 4:15-5:00 pm

10/27 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

10/27 – Bolt Tastic Dance (Favorite Book Character), 4:00-5:30 pm (Watch for Flyer)

10/30-11/02 – Grades 2-5 Dental Bus (Watch for Flyers – Must be completed & returned)

10/30 – 3-5 Grades Girls on the Run, PE Field, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/24 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:15 am

**Cotee River
Business &
Community
Partners**

- *Achieva Credit Union,
Rowan Rd.*
- *All Children's
Hospital*
- *After Hours Pediatrics
Urgent Care, Little
Rd.*
- *Disparti Law Group*
- *Horace Mann
Insurance*
- *Hyundai of NPR*
- *Kona Ice*
- *Kwanis of Greater
West Pasco*
- *Marjorie's Hope*
- *McDonald's-HMCC
Inc.*
- *Next Motorcycle FL*
- *Publix, River Crossing*
- *Sonny's BBQ, Little
Rd.*
- *Sugar Darlings, Old
54*
- *Target #1967, Little
Rd.*
- *Timber Green Helping
Hands*
- *UBS, Clearwater*
- *Walgreens #06886*

*Thank you for supporting
our school!*

To become a CRES

Business/Community

*Partner please stop in the
Main office or give a call
to Ms. O'Brien and she
will get you all the
information that you will
need.*

727-774-3002

Girls on the Run - We are so excited to have our Girls on the Run program start this month. Practices will be Monday and Thursday 4-5:30. Please pick up your daughter in the car loop at 5:30. The practice dates are October 2, 5, 9, 12, 19, 23, 27. We will not have practice October 16th due to a teacher planning day. We look forward to working with the girls!
Coach Wool, Coach Bachman, and Coach Basinger

Lunch With Scholars – When parents/family members come eat lunch with their child, in order for a scholars to invite a friend to join them the parent/family member must be an approved volunteer. The friend joining them must eat the food from the cafeteria or brought from home. There are picnic benches available on the opposite side of the media center (in the shade).

Box Tops for Education – CRES continues to participate in the Box Tops and for Education Programs. Through these programs, we collect box tops from participating products to earn money from Box Tops. Scholars can turn in what they have collected in the front office on Wednesday or Friday's.

Recycling – Did you know that CRES has a green dumpster (located at the front of the school along the loop, by the PLACE turn off) where you can donate ANY kind of paper good for for recycling? Help us to help the environment by saving all the paper trash including newspaper, cardboard, and packaging. By placing these items in our green dumpster, you also help CRES earn \$\$\$\$! Every little bit helps. Also we have battery recycling drop off next to the dumpster and at the front entrance of the office. You will also find attached to our newsletter a flyer for recycling plastic bags and other household plastics that we have started collecting, we have a container in our Café and the Front Office. We appreciate your support.

Cotee River Spirit Day – Every Friday CRES has a Spirit Day and we ask for scholars to wear their Cotee River t-shirts. If you would like to purchase a school t-shirt for \$10.00, please stop in the main office and see Mrs. Glover.

Art News – Yearbook cover contest is underway! Fourth and Fifth grades have gotten information from their classroom teacher. Or visit the the Art Dept. website for details!

Square One Art projects are moving right along.... Order forms will be arriving in late October. Products that are ordered will arrive in mid-December, before winter break. That is a little bit later than previously scheduled due to an extension because of the hurricane days we lost. Stay tuned for more information as we get closer to ordering time.

The Art department will be hosting two booths at the Fall Funfest- caricatures by Mrs. Bridges, and Squirt gun painting with Mrs. Parris. Can't wait!!

Lightning and Thunder Chorus News – Lightning and Thunder Chorus rehearsals are off to a great start! Please make sure you've marked your calendar for our first performance at Trinity Fest, Seven Springs Middle/Mitchell High School, 2:30 pm. We'll sing for about 20 minutes or so. We are ordering our chorus shirts. If we don't get them in before this performance, your performer may wear his/her school shirt and jeans. More info to come home soon! Thank you, Mrs. Kelberlau and Mrs. Collinson.

APEX Fun Run – CRES is partnering as a fundraiser with APEX Fun Run this school. APEX Fun Run is committed to building leaders, not just with scholars, but also with the teachers and staff we encounter every day. The goal is to share with others how we can positively impact the world on a daily basis. CRES fun run will take place during each scholars PE class starting October 3rd through October 13th. On October 12th will be the run durings specials. Our scholars will ask families and friends to sponsor them during the two weeks. Watch for further information coming home in September.

CRES Clothing Closet If your family is in need of any clothing items, we invite you to contact Ms. O'Brien or Mrs. Miller to set up a time during the school day to come in and get what you need. In the event transportation and/ or timing is an issue, we have created a form which can be sent home upon request (please call the front office). When we receive the request form, we will call your child/ children down to pick out the items requested and send them home in their backpack. Our goal is to be sure all our students have clothing (including shoes and jackets) to keep them safe and comfortable. We are very thankful to be able to offer this service this year and want to express our gratitude to the many volunteers who have spent countless hours getting this room ready to use.

PTA Spirit Cart – Beginning Friday, September 1st PTA will be having a “Spirit Cart” in the Car Loop every Friday morning. They will be selling t-shirts, water bottles, hair ties, headbands, school supplies. Pricing will range from \$.50 to \$10.00.

School Meal Application & Information – Does your household qualify for free or reduced meals? It is easy to apply this year. Visit www.pascoschoolmeals.com to apply. If you do not have internet access, you can pick up a paper application at CRES main office or have one mailed to you by calling 813-794-2278.

ABC Program – The ABC (Assist, Believe & Care) program was founded by former Pasco County Schools Superintendent Thomas E. Weightman and is officially called the Thomas E. Weightman ABC program. The overarching goal of the program is to try to address those barriers that may interfere with a child's educational success. The program is designed to provide support to scholars and their families that are experiencing economic hardship or are in an immediate family crisis. Please contact the office if you are needing further information.

Eureka & IRLA Parent Night Reschedules - Our Eureka & IRLA Curriculum Parent Night has been postponed to November 2nd. Please look for a new RSVP flyer to come home with report cards at the end of the quarter. The class who has the most parent attend the event will earn \$100 in new books for their teacher's classroom library. We look forward to a large turn out where parents will come away with great resources and important information on how to help their child be successful in school this year.

Cotee River ELEMENTARY SCHOOL PTA

Be informed, Be active,
Be your kid's biggest fan!

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FRIDAY OCTOBER 13TH
 6-8PM ON THE BACK FIELD

GAME AND FOOD TICKETS GO ON SALE THE WEEK OF 10/2 20 FOR \$5





& so much more...










Spirit Cart Fridays!
 Find us in the morning Car Loop.
 Prices \$.50- \$10.00

10/09/2017
 6pm
 In the Library



Please join us!
 Your voice is important.

WE NEED YOUR HELP




LOOKING for donations of Canned soda, Bottled Waters, variety packs of chips, candy and carnival prizes for our Fall Fun Festival! Turn in to the office by 10/11/17

PASCO PACK-A-SACK 4 Kids



THANK YOU

Wawa @ Little & Ridge and Dunkin Donuts for sponsoring our Donuts with Dad Event!



We are looking for volunteers!
 Please fill out an application at
<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/volunteer>



Cotee River Elementary FALL FUN FEST

Friday, October 13th, 2017 ~ 6-8pm



Come enjoy food, games, inflatables, raffles plus so much MORE!

Pre-Sale Tickets Begin
Monday, October 2nd, 2017
20 Tickets/\$5.00



Tickets will also be available for purchase during the event.



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A BAG'S LIFE

CONTEST

This fall we kicked off the "A Bag's Life" Plastic Bag and Film collection for 24 participating Elementary Schools at Gulf Trace Elementary. Among the speakers was Superintendent Browning, Keep Pasco Beautiful Program Coordinator Kristen King, Pasco County Schools Recycling Coordinator, Salinda Strandberg, and Walmart representative, Aaron Powell.

They spoke to the students in attendance, and were broadcast by student news to the rest of the school, about the importance of recycling and how our efforts in this contest will make a lifelong change.

Every year, in the United States, over 100 billion plastic bags are used and only 5% are recycled. The reason the percentage is so low is that plastic bags and films are not collectable in our curbside recycling. They require the extra step of taking them back to the store for recycling.

Pasco County Schools Recycling Department's hope is

that this contest helps form a new habit for our students and staff. It isn't hard to remember to bring them to the school for recycling, maybe it's just as easy to take them back to the store.



Cotee River Elementary is participating plastic bags recycling!

The participating schools, and District offices have collected over 560 lbs. of plastic bags/film/wrap in just 4 weeks. That might not seem like a lot, but so far we have recycled over 37,000 plastic bags and saved 23 cubic yards of "trash" from going to the Waste to Energy Plant (Covanta).

CONSERVATION AND RECYCLING