

# Cotee River Lightning Flash Newsletter

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**March 07, 2017**

***March 17<sup>th</sup> No  
School!***

***Spring Break –  
March 20-24***

***School  
Resumes March  
27<sup>th</sup> @ 9:40 am***



03/02 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/02 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/03-03/09 Art Class Parent Involvement Grades K-2 & ESE  
 03/03 Special Parts Music, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/04 Special Olympics Area Summer Games, Lakewood Community, St. Petersburg  
 03/06 National School Breakfast Week  
 03/07 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/07 NAEP Testing 4<sup>th</sup> Grade (pre-selected students only)  
 03/07 Chick-fil-A Family Night, Little Rd., 5:00-7:00 pm (With Flyer)  
 03/08 STEM Fair, 11:00-3:45 pm, Media  
 03/09 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/09 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/10 Special Parts Music, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/10 KG – “Science Hands On Presentation”, 10:00-2:30 pm  
 03/10 Hunger Walk, Gulf High, 9:00-12:00 pm  
 03/13 PTA Meeting, 4:15 pm  
 03/14 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/16 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/16 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/16 Bolt Power Hour, 8:45-9:30 am  
 03/16 Spring **Pre-Paid Only** Pictures, MPR  
**03/17 No School – Teacher Planning Day**  
**03/18-03/26 Spring Break No School**  
**03/28 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FSA Reading Testing Session 1**  
 03/28 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am  
**03/29 3<sup>rd</sup> Grade FSA Reading Testing Session 2**  
 03/30 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/30 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/30 1<sup>st</sup> Grade & Pascalli Classes Field Trip, Old McMickey’s Farm, 10:00-1:30 pm  
 03/30-03/31 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Parent Involvement Days  
 03/30 Student of the Month, Café, 2:40 pm  
 03/31 Special Parts Music, 8:30-9:20 am  
 03/31 Bolt Tastic Dance, Theme Dr. Seuss, 4:00-5:30 pm

**Lost & Found** – Our lost and found has become full of sweaters and jackets, please remind you child to stop by and check if they are missing any items. It seems when going out for PE or recess they come off and are forgotten ☺

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***Cotee River  
Elementary  
Business/Community  
Partners***

- *All Children's Hospital*
- *Chick-fil-A, Little Rd.*
- *Horace Mann Insurance*
- *Kwanis of Greater West Pasco*
- *Marjorie's Hope*
- *Martial Smart,*
- *McDonald's-HMCC Inc.*
- *Publix, River Crossing*
- *State Farm Insurance*
- *Target #1967, Little Rd.*
- *The Rotary Club*
- *Timber Green Helping Hands*
- *US Marine Corp.*
- *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*

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**Lunch With Students** – When parents/family members come eat lunch with their child, in order for a student 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. 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 both the Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels for Education Programs. Through these programs, we collect box tops and Campbell soup labels UPC codes from participating products to earn money from Box Tops and points from labels. Students 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 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. We appreciate your support.

**Cotee River Spirit Day** – Every Friday CRES has a Spirit Day and we ask for students 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.

**Car Loop Friendly Reminder** – When dropping students off in the mornings they will be unloading cars at 9:15 am when adult staff are out. Please do not to block the lanes so that vehicles can still drive through the loop and get to the PLACE parking. In the afternoon parents are able to pick students up until 3:15 pm, please try not to arrive prior to this time so that parents may do so without having an issue getting through the car loop. If you arrive after 3:15 to pick up a student you will have to park in the parking lot and walk in the office. Another option is to park in the side parking lot in order to avoid the afternoon car loop. Afternoon buses begin to arrive around 3:15 pm.

**CRES Clothing Closet** – If your family is in need of any clothing items, we invite you to contact Ms. O'Brien 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 school 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 & jackets) to keep them safe and comfortable. We are very thankful to be able to offer this service this year again and want to express our gratitude to the many volunteers who have spent countless hours keeping our room always ready.

**CRES**  
**FSA/FCAT Test Schedule**  
**2016-2017**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Grade Level(s)</b>	<b>Type of Test</b>	<b>Format of Test</b>	<b>Length of Test</b>
<b>Tues, March 28<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Reading #1	Paper	80 minutes
<b>Weds, March 29<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Reading #2	Paper	80 minutes
<b>Mon, April 10<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading #1	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Tues, April 11<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading #2	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Weds, April 12<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Math #1	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Thurs, April 13<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>3<sup>rd</sup></b>	Math #2	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Mon, April 17<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Math #1	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Tues, April 18<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>4<sup>th</sup></b>	Math #2	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Weds, April 19<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading #1	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Thurs, April 20<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Reading #2	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Mon, April 24<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Math #1	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Tues, April 25<sup>th</sup></b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Math #2	Computer	80 minutes
<b>Mon, May 1st</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Science #1	Paper	80 minutes
<b>Tues, May 2nd</b>	<b>5<sup>th</sup></b>	Science #2	Paper	80 minutes

Make-up days will be scheduled in after the first day of testing for each assessment as needed. Students tend to do better when they test with their regular classroom teacher vs on a make-up day in an unfamiliar environment.

Please make every effort to ensure your child has a good night's sleep, eats breakfast (provided free at school as well), and feels your love and encouragement each day. If your child is truly ill, please keep them home and we will use a make-up day to test them when they can focus on showing all the great learning that has occurred this year!

On testing days normal lunch times may be changed in order to allow for the required length of time for the assessment.

