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Coming in January:

01/15 – NO SCHOOL-Martin Luther King Day 01/16-02/02 – Pennies for Pasta 01/16 – McTeacher Night, McDonald's 5-7pm 01/16 – Report Cards Go Home 01/22 – Student Council Mtg. 8:45 am 01/22 – PTA Meeting, 6-7 pm 01/25 – SAC Meeting, 4:15 pm 01/26 – Scholar of the Month-Caring, 2:40pm



Tuesday, January 16th is CRES McTeacher Night, come by have dinner and help support our school. Watch for the flyer coming home on 01/12. You will need to bring the flyer with you to McDonald's for our school to get the credit. Scholars that attend will receive a Treasurer Box slip that they can redeem in the front office.

Bolt Tastic Dance is cancelled for January. PTA will have the Valentine's Day Dance in Feb.

<u>Cotee River Spirit Day</u> – 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.



If your fourth grader was selected for fourth grade Art Club, the first meeting is on Thursday, January 18th at 8:30 in the art room. Art club members were selected and notified just prior to winter break.



We are ready to start up chorus rehearsals again for the 2nd semester! Lightning Chorus (grades 3,4,5) will continue to meet on Tuesday momings at 8:30 am. Thunder Chorus (grades 1 and 2) will have its first rehearsal of the 2nd semester on Thursday, January 18th, 8:30 am.

We are accepting new members for chorus at this time! We need all of our present chorus members and new scholars to join us because.... The Music Department is proud to announce that we'll present "The Wizard of Oz" on Tuesday, May 15th, 2018, here at Cotee River! If your scholar is not already in chorus and would like to join us, please check with your child's music teacher for more information. You may call 727-774-3000 or email us with any questions: Mrs. Kelberlau Mrs. Collinson

Mrs. Kelberlau Mrs. Collinson ekelberl@pasco.k12.fl.us jlcollin@pasco.k12.fl.us 3rd and 4th Grade Music News:

Before Winter Break, 3rd and 4th grade scholars were given the opportunity to sign out a recorder to bring home to practice. If your scholar still wishes to sign one out, he/she may ask for a permission note in music class.

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 enterence 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 Elementary 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 Greens Helping Hands UBS, Clearwater Walgreens #06886

Thank you for supporting our school! To become a CRES partner please call Ms. O'Brien at the Main Office for more information. 727-774-3002 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).



School Meal Application & Information – Does your household qualify for free or reduced meals? It is easy to apply this year. Visit <u>www.pascoschoolmeals.com</u> 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.

01/12 – Special Olympics Area Unified Basket-ball – Jr. Pwee, MHS, SSMS, 10-2 pm 01/26-01/27 – Special Olympics State Basketball, Big House



<u>Relief Effort -</u> The Social Work Department is coordinating a Puerto Rico and Virgin Islands relief effort. As all of you know, there is still an incredible need from the devastation of Hurricane Maria. Our goal is to collect as many items during the first two weeks that we return from Winter Break (January 8th-19th). The items will be shipped out to the areas of need via a community agency partnership in 2018.

Items to be collected:

- *Water purification tablets (Walmart)
- *Batteries
- *Flashlights
- *Mosquito Repellant
- *Hygiene Items

You may drop off items at CRES main office Monday through Friday. Thank you for your support.

Arbor Day - Arbor day is an annual observance that celebrates the role of trees in our lives and promotes tree planting and care. In 1872 the first Arbor Day was created in Nebraska. Today, all 50 states celebrate Arbor Day. However, the day is different in each states as it is celebrated on the date best for tree planting. In Florida it is celebrated on the third Saturday of January.

CELL PHONE RECYCLING

Welcome back to the second half of the school year. In this second half we are going to kick it off with a revamp of a program that has been in place for some time but that has fallen off the radar for many locations. Cell Phone recycling! Beginning this month and continuing for the remainder of the school year, with the hopes of continuing next year. Not all phones will have a monetary value, but the environmental value of recycling this is priceless.



Drop off old cell phone at the Main Office at Cotee River!

<u>CRES Clothing Closet</u> 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.





Coming in February:

- 02/01 Pre-Paid Classroom Pictures
- 02/01 Bolt Power Hour @ 8:45 am
- 02/02 Last Day for Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser
- 02/05 Student Council Mtg. @ 8:45 am
- 02/05-02/09 Winter Book Fair
- 02/09 Progress Reports Go Home
- 02/09 PTA Family Valentines Day Dance, 6-8 pm
- 02/12 PTA Meeting @ 6 pm
- 02/22 1st Grade Field Trip, RRHS
- 02/22 SAC Meeting @ 4:15 pm
- 02/23 Scholar of the Month @ 2:40 pm



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