

November 06, 2018

- 11/01 – Grades 3-5 Math Coding Club, 8:40-9:30 am (Daily)
- 11/01– Pancake Breakfast & Parent Practice, 9:30-10:30 am
- 11/01 – Girls On the Run, 4:00-5:30 pm -
Tuesdays/Thursdays
- 11/02 – Cruz Chocolates Money Machine Winners
- 11/05 – Student Council Meeting, 8:45-9:15 am
- 11/05 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm
- 11/06 – 3-5th Lightning Chorus, 8:30 am
- 11.05 – Girls On The Run, 4:00-5:30 pm
- 11/07 – 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30 am
- 11/07 – 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am
- 11.08 – Girls On The Run, 4:00-5:30 pm
- 11/09 – Chorus Special Parts, 8:30 am
- 11/09 – Salute to Our Veteran’s, 10:00 am
- 11/12 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm
- 11/12 – PTA Meeting, Media, 6:00 pm
- 11/13 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am
- 11/13 – 2nd Grade Field Trip, RRHS
- 11.13 – Girls On The Run, 4:00-5:30 pm
- 11/14 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am
- 11/14 - 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30 am
- 11/15 – 1st Grade Parent Involvement, 9:45-10:30 am
- 11/15 – Girls On The Run, 4-5pm
- 11/16 – Progress Report Ready to See Online
- 11/16 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am
- 11/16 – KG Parent Involvement, 12:00-1:00 pm
- 11/16 –BETA Club Induction, 2:30 pm
- 11/19-11/23 – Thanksgiving Break – No School
- 11/26 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm
- 11/26 – Chick-fil-a Family Night, 5:00-7:00 pm
- 11/27 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am
- 11/27 – Girls On The Run, 4:00-5:30 pm
- 11/28 – Fall Picture Retakes
- 11/28 – 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30 am
- 11/28 – 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am
- 11/29 – Girls On The Run, 4:00-5:30 pm
- 11/29 – SAC Meeting, Media 4:15 pm
- 11/30 – Chorus Special Parts, 8:30 am
- 11/30 – KG Field Trip Starkey Park, 10 am
- 11/30 – Scholar of the Month, 2:40 pm, MPR
- 11/30 – Bolt Tastic Dance, RESCHEDULED FOR 1/18/19



***Happy Thanksgiving
To Our CRES Families***



As a parent, guardian or caring adult, I hereby give my pledge to support a high-quality education for all of Florida’s students to the best of my ability.

I have high expectations for my child and want all of Florida’s students to succeed in school and in life.

I pledge to stay involved, serve as a positive role model and maintain open communication with my child’s educators and school personnel to ensure education remains a top priority in my household.

I understand that it is my responsibility to stay informed and involved in all aspects of my child’s education.

Education is the key to success, and I will do everything I can to nurture my child’s ability to learn. Please find the calendar on the next page.

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. 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.



**No Homework Policy Continues
Growth Mind Set is the Goal**

What does this mean:

Reading Nightly 15-30 MINUTES (Based on grade level)
District required projects (STEM and TedX)
Provide additional practice/resources to families (ex. Eureka math) upon request
Study Skills

**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*
- Next Motorcycle FL*
- Publix, River Crossing*
- Smitty’s Mobile Detailing*
- 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

Interested in Volunteering?

At Cotee River, we LOVE volunteers! Our teachers have many different activities that volunteers can assist with. If you work full time and think you want to participate in just one activity (field trip, field day, etc.) with your child, you must be approved by district. The best thing to do is complete the online application now so you won’t have to worry about it when you are ready to volunteer.

Applications need to be completed online at website:

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/comm/volunteer/>

Be sure to attend one of the Volunteer Trainings, if you can not please see Front Office for information.

CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

Important Notice to Our Families

Starting this school year there are changes in classroom celebrations. Our School Board’s Wellness Policy and [Procedures 8510](#) were recently updated to comply with [USDA Local School Wellness Policy](#) requirements and birthday parties and/or classroom celebration food items must now meet USDA Smart Snack Standards and be prepared in a commercial kitchen. Celebration foods are available to parents to purchase for their child’s class through their school cafeteria, [Pasco Smart Snack Celebrations](#). These foods are already Smart Snack approved for ease of access and can be delivered directly to your child’s classroom. The [Alliance for a Healthier Generation Smart Food Planner](#) provides a link to Smart Snack compliant products available through Amazon as well as a calculator to check your food labels for compliance. We are encouraging the use of non-food items for celebrations such as pencils, erasers, stickers or craft items. We appreciate your support with the updated Wellness Policy and Procedures 8510.

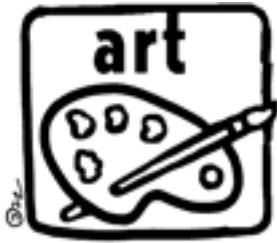


November 2017

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
<p>Governor Rick Scott proclaimed November as Florida Family Engagement in Education Month!</p>			<p>1 NATIONAL FAMILY LITERACY DAY Visit your local library or bookstore and read together.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>2 Ask your child's teacher(s) how you can best support his or her learning at home.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>3 Review with and talk to your child about daily homework.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>4 Connect with other parents and plan educational activities, such as a trip to the children's museum.</p>
<p>5 Plan a day with no electronics. Consider books, board games or puzzles.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>6 Praise your child for their efforts rather than their abilities.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>7 Join the PTA, PTO, or a parent involvement committee.</p>	<p>8 NATIONAL PARENTS AS TEACHERS DAY Parents are their children's first and most influential teachers.</p>	<p>9 Talk with your employer about flex time so that you can participate in school activities.</p>	<p>10 Listen to and discuss different types of music.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>11 VETERAN'S DAY Talk to your child about why we honor those who courageously serve our country.</p> <p>More Info</p>
<p>12 Visit a local park or other attraction and talk about what you see.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>13 AMERICAN EDUCATION WEEK Connect with your child's school about celebration plans.</p>	<p>14 As a family, learn more about recycling efforts and pledge to reduce, reuse and recycle.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>15 NATIONAL CAREER DEVELOPMENT DAY Explore and talk about career interests and possibilities with your child.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>16 NATIONAL PARENT INVOLVEMENT DAY Take the Pledge and let your child know you're committed to their success.</p>	<p>17 Sneak a fun note into your child's backpack or lunch box as a token of encouragement and support.</p>	<p>18 Talk with your family about community service and why it is important.</p> <p>More Info</p>
<p>19 Browse the news and talk about current events.</p> <p>More Info</p>	<p>20 Invite your child to help you write the grocery list, shop and plan meals.</p> <p>Recipes More Info</p>	<p>21 Use "downtime" in the car or on a walk to quiz your child on something they are learning in school.</p>	<p>22 Flip through old family photo albums. Tell stories about your family's history and answer your child's questions.</p>	<p>23 THANKSGIVING DAY Talk about things for which your family is grateful.</p>	<p>24 Pretend you have a TV or radio talk show. Take turns "interviewing" each other.</p>	<p>25 Encourage conversation among family members at the dinner table.</p> <p>More Info</p>
<p>26 Pick a project in or around your home—fixing, improving, or beautifying. Involve your child in all phases of the project.</p>	<p>27 Talk with your child's teachers about their progress in school.</p>	<p>28 Create a written or oral story with your child about the day. Include real and extravagant details to make it fun!</p>	<p>29 Talk to your child about his/her favorite subject in school.</p>	<p>30 Listen! It's the #1 thing a parent can do to support their child.</p>	<p>As a parent, your time is the most thoughtful gift of all.</p>	



Suggested activities compiled by Florida Department of Education's Family Engagement Month Planning Committee. To learn more about family engagement and FDOE's efforts, visit www.fldoe.org.



Square One Art fundraiser customized order forms are coming home with your scholar! These products, with your child's artwork on them, make wonderful holiday gifts. Please place orders by the deadline- paper orders must be returned to school on or before November 15th. Online orders can be placed up until November 18th. Products will be shipped to school in early December. Profits benefit the Art Department. See the Order Forms for more details.

In December you will get a flyer about Parent Involvement Week in art. This is an opportunity for you to join your scholar during their art class to see what we are working on and get creative yourself! Dates and times will be printed on the flyer, and it will be during the week of December 3-7.

Also in December we will be looking for registered volunteers to come help during our Clay Week. An e-mail will be sent out through PTA looking for volunteers who want to sign up for a slot and assist with classroom management of clay and clay supplies. No experience necessary, we'd love to have you! This will be the week of December 10-14.

MyStudent Access –

Please be sure to sign up online to create a parent account, see below on directions This school year progress reports & report cards will be available online in the myStudent portal. What this means for families is that paper progress reports & report cards will not be sent home; they only will be accessible in the parent and student portals of myStudent.

To create a parent account, go to the district website, www.pascoschools.org, and click on the Parents link at the top. Then click on the Parent Access to myStudent link below the video.

Mrs. Miller our Parent Involvement Coordinator can help parents who need assistance setting up an account. If you have questions about creating your account, please contact her at 727-774-3098.

Importance of School Attendance:

One of the most important things your child can do to achieve academic success is also one of the most basic: going to school every day. In fact, research has shown that your child's attendance record may be the biggest factor influencing their academic success.

Benefits of daily attendance: By attending class regularly, your child is more likely to keep up with the daily lessons & assignments, & take quizzes & tests on time.

Achievement: students who attend school regularly are more likely to pass reading & math assessments than students who don't attend school regularly.

Being part of the school community: just by being present at school, your child is learning how to be a good citizen by participating in the school community, learning valuable social skills, & developing a broader world view.

The importance of education: Your commitment of school attendance will also send a message to your child that education is priority your family, going to school every day is a critical part of educational success, & that it's important to take your responsibilities seriously including going to school.

What you can do? Help your child get to school on time every day. Follow the school's guidelines & attendance policy, & report excused absences immediately. Schedule family events with your child's school schedule in mind. Plan ahead. Promote good health. Create a restful environment.

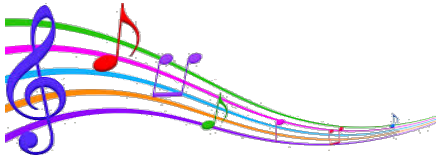
By making your child's school attendance a priority, you will be taking an important step in supporting your child's school success, and setting a good example. Remember every day counts!



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.

CRES Clothing Closet If your family is in need of any clothing items, we invite you to contact Mrs. Miller or 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 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.





Attention Lightning Chorus Families!
(grades 3,4,5)

We will be singing for the Veteran's Day Assembly, here at Cotee River, on Friday, November 9th, at 10 am. We will sing 3 songs. Families are welcome to attend but will need to sign in through the front office. All Lightning Chorus members should wear their chorus shirt and jeans. If our shirt order does not arrive by then, please wear red, white, and blue with jeans.

Lightning and Thunder Chorus Families! (grades 1 and 2)

Our Winter Concert is quickly approaching! Please make sure that you have Tuesday, December 11th, 7 pm, marked on your calendars! Our Winter Concert will be held here at Cotee River. More information will be coming home soon!

If you have any questions about either performance, please email or call Mrs. Kelberlau. Thanks!

Flu Shots – Our flu shot clinic for CRES is not scheduled till mid December below are a few other places to have your child's flu shot administered to help prevent the flu.

Pediatrician	Walgreens
Health Dept.	CVS
Walk In Clinic	Publix

Please be sure to check with your insurance.



Special Olympics

• **Cotee River Special Olympics**

• **Upcoming Dates:**

- On November 9th 18 Special Olympic Athletes and 10 Unified Partners will be heading to ESPN Wide world of Sports for a weekend of fun. 4 Gymnastic Unified teams, 3 individual gymnasts, 5 softball skill athletes and our Unified Flag Football team will compete for State medals. They have been working hard creating teams of unity and pride. Please find our CRES Physical Education Page on Facebook for pictures throughout the event.
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- Unified Basketball teams will start forming and practice will begin on Tuesday November 13th after school (if your athlete is on a team they will get a reminder in their backpack). PE classes have been working on skills to build for team play. Our athletes will either play on a team or do basketball skills in competition. We are always taking applications for Unified Partners to work with our athletes to form a team. The dates to commit to are November 29th and December 14th during the school day and then February 1st and 2nd for State Games in Big Lake County. Soccer season and practice will start in January. Scholars need to find coach Engh for paperwork.
- Thank you Cotee River Families for all of your support!!
- #choosetoinclude
- **October 1st – Lane Glo Bowling, Old 54, NPR, 10-1:30 pm**
- **October 27th – Area Team Bowling, Spring Hill Lakes Bowling, 1-5 pm**



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.



6th Annual Salute to Our Veteran's 11/09 @ 10 am

CRES is "Saluting our Veteran's" on Friday, 11/09 at 10:00 am. All veteran's are welcome to attend and join our school in thanking them for their service. Our Lightning Chorus will be performing, Master Sergeant Marcie Carpenter, US Army and the American Legion Paradise Post #79 Honor Guard will be our special guest.

Celebrate Your Artist!

We have partnered with your child's school to create a unique opportunity to celebrate their artistic accomplishments while raising much needed funds for the school.

Coming home soon will be your child's custom catalog featuring their artwork. Won't you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The school earns profit from every order. And as a thank you for participating, we provide each child with a sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork — absolutely FREE! Watch for more details about the campaign and order deadlines. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by the due date on your child's custom catalog. (No late orders can be accepted.) Together, we can help support the school, build your child's self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child's artistic achievements.

THREE EASY WAYS TO ORDER KEEPSAKES

The paper order form attached to their custom catalog.

Online at www.square1art.com/shop.

Phone Customer Care 888-332-3294.

THANK YOU

A huge thank you to all of the teachers, faculty and volunteers for their help in creating this meaningful fundraiser.



SAVE THE DATE

CRES P.E. invites you...



...to come and run or walk with your child during our **REINDEER RUN!**

Where: Cotee River Elementary School

When: the week of December 17th - 21nd

<u>10:20 - 11:00</u>	Stricsek M, W, R Michaels T, R, F
<u>11:35 - 12:15</u>	Hilkene M, T, R
<u>12:20 - 1:00</u>	Akers M, T, F
<u>1:35 - 2:15</u>	Jacobs M, R, F
<u>2:20 - 3:00</u>	Bachmann M, T, R Pollard/Kelderhouse W
<u>3:00 - 3:40</u>	Crawford M, W, F Vanyur M, W, F Pollard/Kelderhouse T, R

Pick 1 day, 2 days or 3 days of P.E. to come and run, run, run!
Be sure to dress appropriately!

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<u>KINDERGARTEN 1:35 - 2:15</u>	<u>FIRST GRADE 2:20 - 3:00</u>	<u>SECOND GRADE 12:20 - 1:00</u>
Grant: M, W, R	Arseneau: M, W, F	Featherstone: T, R, F
Smith: M, W, F	Emert: M, T, R	Wadsworth: T, W, R
Cook-Meyers: T, W, F	Reed: M, W, F	Cappel: M, W, R
Demarest: T, R, F	Barlow: T, R, F	Coughlin: M, W, F
		Silvis: T, W, F
<u>THIRD GRADE 11:35 - 12:15</u>	<u>FOURTH GRADE 10:20 - 11:00</u>	<u>FIFTH GRADE 3:00 - 3:40</u>
Spear: M, W, F	Tumaneng: T, W, F	Earle: M, R, F
Howman: T, W, R	Moore: M, W, R	Van Stratt: M, W, R
Applegate: M, W, R	Normandeau: T, R, F	Cullen: T, W, F
Trianna: T, W, F	Leonard: M, W, R	Shihadeh: M, T, F
Cairney: M, R, F		

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School Choice Application News

PASCO PATHWAYS

Innovative Programs and School Choice

EXPO 2018



Join us to learn about the new school choice application process and innovative programs available for students in Pasco County!

West Pasco

J.W. Mitchell High School
2323 Little Road
New Port Richey, FL 34655
November 26, 2018
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

East Pasco

Wesley Chapel High School
30651 Wells Road
Wesley Chapel, FL 33545
November 29, 2018
5 p.m. to 8 p.m.

To attend, please register at www.pascoschools.org/expo



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7227 Land O' Lakes Blvd., Land O' Lakes, FL 34638, (813) 794-2679, (813) 794-2119 FAX

~NOVEMBER 2018 Newsletter ~



**HAVE A WONDERFUL
 THANKSGIVING
 BREAK!**
 No School Nov 19-23rd!




Coming in DECEMBER!




**CRES
 CLUB**

**NO
 PRACTICE
 ON
 NOV 19th!**

**11/12/18
 6pm
 In the Library**



PTA Meeting
 Please join us!
 Your voice is important.

**WE NEED
 YOUR HELP**



We are looking for family friendly prizes!
 Toys, board games, books, candy, movies
 etc.

**PASCO
 PACK-A-SACK
 4 Kids**




**Fall Fun Fest was a HIT!!!
 Thank you to everyone who
 came and for those who
 worked so hard to make it a
 success!!!**



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