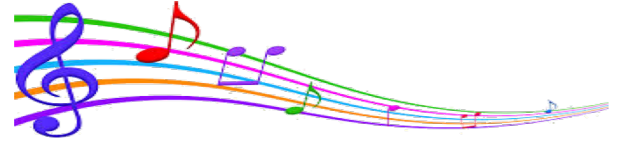


**January 08, 2019**

01/08 – Grades 3-5 Math Coding Club, 8:40-9:30 am (Daily)  
01/08 – 3-5<sup>th</sup> Lightning Chorus, 8:30 am  
01/09 – 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am  
01/09 – Hour of Code, 8:40-9:30 am (Every Wednesday)  
01/19 – BETA Club Meeting, 3:45-4:30 pm  
01/10 – Pancakes & Parent Practices, 9:30-10:30 am  
01/11 – Chorus Special Parts, 8:30 am  
01/14 – Student Council Mtg., 8:45 am  
01/14-02/01 – Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser Begins  
01/14 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm  
01/14 – PTA Meeting, Media, 6:00 pm  
01/15 – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am  
01/15 – Report Cards Online in Afternoon  
01/16 – 1<sup>st</sup>-2<sup>nd</sup> Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am  
01/18 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am  
01/18 – Bolt Tastic Dance, 4:00-5:30 pm  
01/21 – No School MLK Birthday  
01/22 – Baycare/CRES Conflict Resolution, 4:15 pm  
01/23 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club Begins, 8:45-9:30 am  
01/24 – 1<sup>st</sup> Grade Field Trip, Old McMickey's Farm, 10-2 pm  
01/24 – SAC Meeting, 4:15 pm  
01/25 – Scholar of the Month, 2:40 pm  
01/29 – 3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am  
01/30 – 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Art Club, 8:30 am  
01/30 – 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am



We are now accepting new members for our Lightning Chorus, grades 3,4,5 and for Thunder Chorus, grades, k, 1, 2. We will begin work on our spring production which will include several Disney favorites from Lion King, Peter Pan, Marry Poppins, and Under the Sea! A chorus note with more information will be sent home soon! If your scholar is already in chorus, we will not need another permission note; rehearsals continue as usual!

Our spring production date is Tuesday, May 14th, 7 pm, at Cotee River.

3rd, 4th, 5th grade Families,

If your scholar is interested in signing out his/her recorder for practice at home, he/she will be given a permission note for this in music class.

If you have any questions, please contact Mrs. Kelberlau, [ekelberl@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:ekelberl@pasco.k12.fl.us) or Mrs. Collinson, [jcollin@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:jcollin@pasco.k12.fl.us) 774-3000.

### **MyStudent Access Reminder:**

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](http://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.



**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.

**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.



**School Meal Application & Information** – Does your household qualify for free or reduced meals? It is easy to apply this year. Visit [www.pascoschoolmeals.com](http://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.

**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.**

**Teachers Out of Field** – The state requires a teacher to take course towards English for speakers of other languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is in primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL scholar. The following teachers have agreed to teach out of field while completing their course/work testing.

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| Amanda Cappel   | Felicia Cullen |
| Amy Engh        | Roxanne Howman |
| Kenneth Leonard | Dana VanStratt |

**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!**



### Art News:

Fourth grade art club applications will be distributed to 4<sup>th</sup> grade pod on Tuesday, January 8<sup>th</sup>. All interested fourth graders should turn their application in to Mrs. Parris on or before the deadline, January 14<sup>th</sup>. Selected students will be notified, and the first meeting will be on Wednesday, January 23<sup>rd</sup>. (You can also print the application found at the end of this newsletter.)

### ***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  
GET Air  
GTE Financial Credit Union  
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***



Happy New Year from Coach Amy Engh!!

In December out of 7 Cotee River unified bowling teams at Area, one made it to State Games at Boardwalk Bowl in Orlando, FL. They came home with the Silver Medal and are looking forward to bowling next year in middle school!!

I am so proud to also update that our Athletes and Partners are getting ready to head to State Basketball Games. We have two Unified teams that will compete against other FL teams in their age group at The Big House in Tavares, FL on February 1-2. This year during County and Area Games we were lucky enough to have our Cotee River Spirit Club in the stands to cheer us on. Their spirit added definite excitement to the games being played.

As our Unified Basketball teams continue to prepare, we will also be starting to practice for Soccer with Unified Teams and Individual Skills. Some of our athletes will also be competing in Individual Track and field. In addition, Special Olympics FL has started Unified Cheerleading for Summer Games. Information will be going home this week for all of these events.

**Mark your calendars!!!! All Special Olympic Athletes will compete at our Cotee River Challenger Games on February 8<sup>th</sup> as well as our County Games at River Ridge on February 21<sup>st</sup>.**

Unified teams are students without disabilities joining athletes with disabilities to create a competitive team in Flag Football, Gymnastics, Basketball, Soccer and now Cheerleading. If your child is interested in joining as a Unified Partner, have them talk to Coach Engh.

Finally, I would like to thank the new coaches that helped me out this year!! Kara Owen and Steve Loveless for Unified Flag Football, Kelly Lugo for Unified Basketball, Kim Bachmann and Kathy Keith for Unified Gymnastics and Unified Cheerleading and Summer Wool for Unified Soccer all started new this year. Alyssa Goodwin continues to help me in every sport and on every trip and our program grows with more volunteers! Thank you to all and to all the parents for your support.

### Upcoming Dates:

Special Olympics Pro Bowl Experience, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, 800 Victory Way, Kissimmee, FL, 34747 7:00am – 10:00 pm

**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.

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

Amanda Miller – President  
 Amy Skaggs – Vice President  
 Jennifer Jackson – Treasurer  
 Tori Herig – Secretary  
 Whitney Olson, Shannon McIver – Additional Board

~JANUARY 2019 Newsletter ~



*We hope everyone had a wonderful break! It's time to Rock this new year at the river!*

# HELP WANTED!

## PRESIDENT *Leader of the Pack*

We want YOU to be our next PTA president! Our Fearless leader's term expires at the end of the school year. We're looking for a creative problem-solver who is comfortable with delegating but isn't afraid to dive right in to assist. Our Cotee River Families and Staff are #1 in our book so you must be willing to keep it that way.



1/14/19

6pm

In the Library



## COMING IN FEBRUARY



MORE INFO COMING SOON



Our Holiday House Shoppe and Reindeer games Family event went so well! Thank you to all those that attended!



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