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02/05 - Grades 3-5 Math Coding Club, 8:40-9:30 am (Daily) 02/05 – 3-5th Lightning Chorus, 8:30 am 02/06 - 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am 02/06 – Hour of Code. 8:40-9:30 am (Every Wednesday) 02/06 – 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am 02/07 - Pancakes & Parent Practices, 9:30-10:30 am 02/08 - Chorus Special Parts, 8:30 am 02/08 – Progress Reports Online in PM 02/08 – PTA Valentine Dance, 6-8 pm 02/08 – Spring Book Fair, Media 6-8 pm 02/09 - Art Club Members Painting Mural, 12-4 pm 02/11-02/15 - Spring Book Fair, 9-3 pm 02/11 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm 02/11 – PTA Meeting, Media, 6:00 pm 02/12 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am 02/13 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am 02/13 - 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am 02/13 - BETA Club Meeting, Media 3:45-4:30 pm 02/15 - Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am 02/16 - All County Chorus Rehearsal, 9-4 pm 02/18 – No School President's Day 02/19 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am 02/19 – CRES Connection Night, Achieve Bank, 6-7 pm 02/20 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club. 8:30 am 02/20 – 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am 02/22 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am 02/22 – Scholar of the Month, 2:40 pm 02/23 - Natl. BETA Club Garage/Vendor Sale Fundraiser, 8:00-12:00 pm 02/23 – All County Chorus Rehearsal, RRHS 9-4 pm 02/23 - All County Chorus Concert, RRHS 4-5pm 02/25 - Chick-fil-a Family Night, 5-7 pm 02/26 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am 02/27 – 4th Grade Art Club. 8:30 am 02/27 - 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am 02/27 – KG Field Trip, Glazer Museum, 10 am 02/28 - SAC Meeting, Media, 4:15 pm



This week is your last chance for anyone interested to join Lightning Chorus or Thunder Chorus! Please see Mrs. Kelberlau or Mrs. Collinson for more information!



Attention families! We are still on the lookout for field day volunteers. Without you our field day cannot be a success. You must be an approved volunteer through the district in order to help us out on this fun day. Lunch is provided to those individuals that volunteer for both the AM and PM session. To become an approved volunteer please visit <u>http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us.communications/v</u> <u>olunteer/</u>. Please contact the front office if you are interested in volunteering for this fun day.

And this blurb about field day t-shirt orders: Field day is right around the corner, (March 8), and we are accepting orders for field day shirts through Friday, February 22. We will be ordering a few extra shirts, however those will be sold on a first come, first served basis. Order forms went out the when we returned from winter break. However, if you are in need of a new order form, please contact the front office and we will send a new form home with your scholar. Proceeds from the T-shirt orders directly benefit our PE department.



In honor of completing the tirst 100 days of school we are going to do a "100 Acts of Kindness" project in our school to connect Valentine's Day and the 100th day of school. This event is going to run from February 4th-February 13th. Students will each be given 5 hearts. After they complete an act of kindness they will write what they did and sign their name on one of the hearts to display on our "100 Acts of Kindness" bulletin board. We are asking each child to complete 5 acts of kindness, and they cannot repeat one they have already done. For instance, if they choose to set the table, they certainly can do it for you again, but it will only count as 1 for their heart. **<u>Recycling</u>** – 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.



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 ateachers Out of Field – The state requires ateacher to take course towards English forspeakers of other languages (ESOL)endorsement, when the teacher is in primarylanguage arts provider and/or reading teacherfor an ESOL scholar. The following teachershave agreed to teach out of field whilecompleting their course/work testing.Amanda CappelFelica CullenAmy EnghRoxanne HowmanKenneth LeonardDana VanStratt



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.

BETA Club Fundraiser:

Please come support the Cotee River BETA club in hosting a Vendor and Community Sale on Saturday, February 23rdfrom 8:00-12:00 PM. By purchasing a spot to sell items, you are benefiting our ABC charity and keeping your own proceeds. If you are interested in purchasing a spot for \$15.00 please contact the front office at 727-774-3000.

The next BETA club meeting will be held on February 13th from 3:45-5:00 PM in the media.

<u>CRES Clothing Closet</u> 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.



Just a reminder:

Any student who has vomited, run a fever over 100 degrees or has diarrhea must be free from those symptoms for 24 hour without the aid of medication before returning to school. This time allows your scholar to recover completely and helps to keep illness from spreading. Thank you.

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 Finanical 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



It's busy in Special Olympics this month!! Our Unified Flag Football Team were invited for an exhibition game during the NFL Pro-Bowl weekend. 8 ALL STAR NFL players played alongside our players, throwing and catching and after they got to talk to them all!! Our athletes and unified partners had the time of their lives!! As you read this our two Unified Basketball Teams and three skills athletes have returned to New Port Richey from The Big House in Traveres, FL with medals around their necks from Florida State Games. These athletes and partners have worked hard since December to fight for their State Title!!

Our final season brings us Unified Team Soccer, Unified Cheerleading, individual soccer skills, and athletics (track and field). Our first round is right here at Cotee River during our Challenger games. Parents of athletes and unified partners are invited to attend to watch during the school day. It is February 8th starting with an athlete parade and opening ceremonies at 10:30 with the games to follow.

This event prepares us for COUNTY Summer Games at River Ridge High School on February 21st where the same individuals compete again.

County success takes us to AREA games where we compete against more than just Pasco County and from there a qualification take us to Summer State Games at ESPN Wide World of Sports in Orlando for a weekend in May. The athletes, partners, coaches, chaperones and families represent Cotee River Elementary and Pasco County among thousands from all over the state of Florida.

Please contact Coach Amy Engh at <u>aengh@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> if you have any questions or want to volunteer.



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Drinks and Sweets provided!



TREASURER Number cruncher

We want YOU to be our next PTA Treasurer! Our current \$\$\$ Keepers term expires at the end of the school year. We're looking for an organized number lover who is comfortable with shopping and Book Keeping but isn't afraid to dive right in to assist in other areas of our PTA. Raising funds for our SCHOOL is the #1 goal!

l'A Meetin

Please join us! Your voice is important.

2/11/19

6pm

In the Library



NO practice on 2/18



TURN IN 25 BRAG TAGS OR 50 AND RECEIVE A SPECIAL BRAG TAG FOR YOURSELF!

