

Lightning Flash Newsletter 7515 Plathe Road New Port Richey, FL 34653 727-774-3000 727-774-3091 Fax

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April 02, 2019

04/01 – Grades 3-5 Math Coding Club, 8:40-9:30 am (Daily) 04/01 – 4th-5th Grade FSA Writing Testing 04/01 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm 04/02 – 3-5th Lightning Chorus, 8:30 am 04/02 – Report Čards Ăvailable Online PM 04/03 – 3rd Grade FSA Reading Session #1 Testing 04/03 – 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am 04/03 – 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am 04/04 - 3rd Grade FSA Reading Session #2 Testing 04/04 – Pancakes & Parent Practices, 9:30-10:30 am 04/05 - Chorus Special Parts, 8:30 am 04/08-04/12 – Music Parent Involvement Week 04/08 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm 04/08 – PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm 04/09 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am 04/10 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am 04/10 - 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am 04/10 – Living Wax Museum (Arseneau & Wadsworth Classes, 9:45-10:30 am 04/10 - BETA Club Meeting, Media 3:45-4:30 pm 04/12 - Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am 04/12 - TEDx Presentation, Media 10:30-11:30 am 04/13 - One Community Now Hunger Walk, GHS, 9:00-12:00 pm 04/15-04/26 – APEX Fun Run Fundraiser During PE Classes 04/15 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm 04/16 - 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am 04/16 – ESE Annual Easter Egg Hunt @ Forest Glen, 10:30-11:45 am 04/16 – CRES Connection Night, (Cyber Safety), 6:00-7:00 pm 04/17 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am 04/17 - 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am 04/19 - NO SCHOOL 04/22 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm 04/22 – Chick-fil-a Family Night, 5:00-7:00 pm 04/23 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am 04/24 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am 04/24 - 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am 04/25 - KG Field Trip, RRHS 04/25 – SAC Meeting, Media, 4:15 pm 04/26 - Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am 04/26 - 4th Grade Field Trip, Starkey Park, 9:30-1:30 pm 04/26 – Scholar of the Month, 2:40 pm 04/26 – Bolt Tastic Dance, MPR, 4:00-5:30 pm 04/29 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm 04/30 - 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am



I want to start off by sending a huge thank you to PTA, staff, families and our scholars for making our 25 year celebration, as a school, memorable this past Friday evening. I truly am blessed to be the principal at Cotee River Elementary and being able to serve our school community, the past 5 years. Mrs. Slusser

Huge Thank You - We wish to thank all the scholars and families that came out on March 27th and help clean up our campus. Everything looks so wonderful and we had fun time while cleaning up.

Thank you again....



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

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.

Amy Engh Kenneth Leonard



<u>School Meal Application &</u> <u>Information –</u> 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.



04/06 – Special Olympics 5K & 1 Mile Fun Run/Walk Fundraiser, NPR Rec Center, 8:00-1:30 pm

04/13 – Special Olympics Soccer Tourney, Land O'Lakes Recreation Center, 8:30-3:00 pm 04/20 – Special Olympics Area Soccer Games, Land O'Lakes Recreation Center, 8:00-5:00 pm 04/26 – Special Olympics Motor Activities Training Program, RRHS, 10:00-1:00 pm

<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.

Kindergartner Registration – 2019-2020 Kindergartner registration will be held on Monday, May 20th from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm. If you have a incoming KG that their birthday is before September 1, 2019 please bring them in to be registered on that Monday. Please bring the following items with you:

- Evidence of residence (Lease/Deed/ Tax
 Bill/Current Utility Bill/Driver License or
 ID Card) these items must support the address.
- Birth Certificate
- Physical within last 12 months
- Current Immunization Form
- Social Security Number
- If applicable: Any Legal documents

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Art News



Congratulations to our winners who exhibited their art at the Pasco Fine Arts Council: Isabella McKeehan, first place; Mikey Alvarez, second place; Nevaeh Salazar, second place; and Andrew Vilaihong, second place. Great job!

Thanks to everyone in this year's Art Club who beautified our courtyard and amphitheater area in celebration of our 25th year as a school. The murals, stepping stones, and origami butterflies added color and pizzaz to this community space.

The Art District Finals for K-5th grade are the last full week of school in May. Please encourage your child to come to school well rested and ready to demonstrate all the artistic knowledge they have gained this year!



All families are invited to visit their scholar's music class next week, April 8th-12th. A flyer will be sent home with your scholar's music schedule. This is not a concert, but you will be able to participate in music activities with your scholar, in his/her music room. We hope to see you then!

Attention Lightning and Thunder Chorus!

Please make sure that you have your calendar marked for our Spring Production of

"Music Rocks at the River!"

Dress Rehearsal for students and staff: Monday, May 13th, 2:45 pm

For all families, staff, and scholars, Tuesday, May 14th, 6 pm. Please note these times that are different from our usual routines! We've been working hard and are excited to perform this show!

If you have any questions for the music department, please call Mrs. K or Mrs. C at 774-3000 or email Mrs.

K: <u>ekelberl@pasco.k12.fl.us</u> or Mrs.

C: jlcollin@pasco.k12.fl.us



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