



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**Lightning Flash Newsletter**  
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**May 01, 2019**

- 05/01 – 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am
- 05/01 – 4th Grade Art Club, 8:45-9:30 am (Last Day)
- 05/03 – Chorus Special Parts, 8:30 am
- 05/04 – Special Olympic Golf Tourney Fundraiser, Fox Hollow Golf Club
- 05/06 – Student Council Meeting, 8:45 am
- 05/06-05/10 – Staff Appreciation Week
- 05/07 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am
- 05/08 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am
- 05/10 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am
- 05/10 – PTA Mornings with Mom, 9:00-9:30 am, MPR
- 05/13 – PTA Meeting, 6:00 pm, Media
- 05/14 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am
- 05/14 – Volunteer & Community Partners Breakfast, 10:00-11:00 am, Media
- 05/14 – Spring Fine Art Show, 5:00-6:00 pm, Media
- 05/14 – Spring Production, 6:00-7:00 pm, MPR & Café
- 05/16 – 1st Grade Field Trip, RRHS
- 05/16 – SAC Meeting, Media, 4:15 pm
- 05/17 – 2nd Grade Parent Involvement , 10:00-11:00 am
- 05/20-05/29 – District Final Testing K-5 Grades
- 05/20 – KG Registration, 11:30-2:30 pm, Media
- 05/21 – 3rd-5th Gr. Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am (Last Day)
- 05/22 – 1st-2nd Gr. Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am (Last Day)
- 05/22 – 5th Grade Yearbook Signing Sponsored By PTA,
- 05/23 – 1st Grade Immigration w/Parents, 9:45-10:15 am, Media
- 05/23 – KG Flying Up Celebration, 2:30-3:30 pm, MPR & Café
- 05/24 – 5th Graders Field Trip, Busch Gardens,
- 05/27 – NO SCHOOL – MEMORIAL DAY
- 05/28 – 5th Grade Rehearsal Moving Up, 10:00-10:30 am
- 05/28 – 5th Grade Moving On Celebration, 2:00 pm
- 05/28 – 5th Grade Clap Out after celebration
- 05/29 – Scholars Last Day of School

**FSA/FCAT TEST SCHEDULE**

Date	Grade Level(s)	Type of Test
Wed, May 1st	4th-5th	Reading #1
Thurs, May 2nd	4th-5th	Reading #2
Friday, May 3rd	3rd	Math #1
Mon, May 6th	3rd	Math #2
Tues, May 7th	4th -5th	Math #1
Weds, May 8th	4th -5th	Math #2
Thurs, May 9th	5th	Science #1
Friday, May 10th	5th	Science #2

**Please make every effort to ensure your child has a good night's sleep, eats breakfast (provided free at school as well), and feels your love and encouragement each day. If your child is truly ill, please keep them home and we will use a make-up day to test them when they can focus on showing all the great learning that has occurred this year!**

**On testing days normal lunch times may be changed in order to allow for the required length of time for the assessment.**

**2019-2020 Fall Registration – August 8, 2019 will be registration day for all scholars returning to CRES and new scholars into our school zone that have not already registered through the summer months. It will be held in the Café & MPR rooms from 11:30am-4:00 pm. Parents/Guardians will complete new emergency cards and also will receive Bus or Car rider information at that time.**

The first day of school will be Monday, August 12th and scholars are able arrive at 9:15 am for breakfast. The tardy bell will be at 9:40 am.



Have a Wonderful summer break

**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 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.



### **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.

Amy Engh  
Kenneth Leonard



05/17-05/19 – Special Olympics State Summer Games, ESPN Wide World of Sports Complex, Orlando

Our Special Olympics Program is coming to a close for the school year.

This year we IT WAS AMAZING!

Our Fall Season of Unified Flag Football, Unified Gymnastics, Individual Gymnastics and Softball Skills had 56 Athletes and Unified Partners. Our Winter Season of Unified Bowling and Unified and Individual Basketball had 119 Athletes and Unified Partners with 12 Bowling Teams, 2 Basketball Teams and Individual Basketball Skills. Our Current Summer Season of Unified Cheer, Unified and Individual Soccer and Unified and Individual Athletics (Track and Field) has 95 Athletes and Unified Partners with a Unified Cheer Team, 2 Unified Soccer Teams, 2 Unified Relay Teams and Individual Athletics and Soccer Skills.

Cotee River Elementary brings a very proud group of athletes and coaches that gather together in the spirit of inclusion. This year we reached a whole new level of respect for each other and for all.

Congratulations to 21 Special Olympic 5th grade Athletes and to 19 5th Grade Unified Partners. I hope that you all remember what you have learned from these years and carry it to your middle schools with success and inclusion. Always remember to treat everyone like you want to be treated and most things will be easier from there. Best Wishes to you all!!

Thank you to all Athletes, Partners and Coaches for a GREAT Cotee River Year!!

Coach Amy Engh

## **Kindergartner Registration – 2019-2020**

Kindergartner registration will be held on Monday, May 20th from 11:30 am to 2:30 pm.

If you have an 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

## **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*

## **Art News**



It is that time again- the school art show!! Fine Arts Night is on Tuesday, May 14th. The art show will be on display in the Media Center from 5:00-6:00. Students who have an artwork in the show will receive a special invitation the week prior. Of course, ALL CRES students, families, and friends are invited to attend and support our many talented artists.

The Visual Art district final will be administered to students the week of May 20th. Art journals and artworks that have not already been sent home will be sent home the last two weeks of May.

The last Fourth grade Art Club meeting is on Wednesday, May 1st.



**Lightning and Thunder Chorus families,** Not only is our spring production on Tuesday, May 14th, at 6 pm, but we are singing 1 song for the Volunteer Breakfast at 10 am, that morning. We'll have a busy day! Also, if you have not returned the RSVP for Mrs. K's retirement party, immediately following the concert, please do so as soon as possible.

Other music news...if any scholars have a school owned recorder at home, now is the time to return them to Mrs. Collinson or Mrs. Kelberlau. Thank you in advance!

## • STEM Fair Results



- 4th Grade winners are first place Madison Sauer (Pop Rocks Blow Balloons); second place George Darios (Geodes: Can you tell the Inside from Outside?); third place Lilith Laurendeau (Does the Sense of Sight Affect the Sense of Taste?). 5th Grader winners are first place Ashleigh Smith (Moldy Apples); second place Sierra Venezia (Metal & Magnets); and third place Richard Tamayo (Can a Watermelon Power a Lightbulb?). Great job to all scholars that participated.

**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.



**Batter Up and celebrate the VIP's of Cotee River Elementary School! Our Teachers and Staff worked so hard this year for our scholars! Please help to recognize them by joining in on the week of festivities!**

**MONDAY- MAY 6TH \*Breakfast of Champions\*** -

Starbucks and Dunkin Donuts are a great way to start the day! Give a gift card to the staff member of your choice!

**TUESDAY- MAY 7TH \*2.4.6.8 Who do you appreciate?\*** -

Write a kind note to a Staff member that has helped you or made a difference in your life!

**WEDNESDAY- MAY 8TH \*Team Spirit\*** - Show your school spirit from head to toe! Wear a CRES shirt or dress in school colors to show your love for our school!

**THURSDAY- MAY 9TH \*Timeout for Treats\*** - Show some love to your SPECIALS Teacher! Bring them a treat that is sweet or savory!

**FRIDAY- MAY 10TH \*Gold Medal Teachers\*** - You have spent a year with your teacher and you know them the best! Spoil them with something to show them they are better than the rest!





## ACCESSING HOMEWORK HELPER eBOOKS

### STEP 1: CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Sign up for a free account at [GreatMinds.org/store/signup](http://GreatMinds.org/store/signup).

### STEP 2: ACCESS YOUR DASHBOARD

Once you have created an account at GreatMinds.org, you will be taken to your Dashboard.



After you have logged in you can also access your Dashboard by clicking "MY DASHBOARD" in the upper right-hand corner of the site.

### STEP 3: ENTER YOUR PRODUCT KEY

In your Dashboard you will see several buttons, select "PRODUCT KEY" and enter 8010H000002L2FNQA0 to access your Homework Helper eBook.



### STEP 4: ACCESS YOUR HOMEWORK HELPER eBook

After you've entered your Product Key, select a grade-level, and the Homework Helper eBook will be added to your Dashboard. Click "LAUNCH PRODUCT" to navigate into the eBook. Note: if you are viewing the Homework Helper eBooks on a mobile device or tablet, we recommend using landscape view.

Questions? Contact us at 202.223.1854 or via email at [helpdesk@GreatMinds.org](mailto:helpdesk@GreatMinds.org).

**IRLA School Pace - IRLA School Pace** - This allows scholars to access to the current color reading level from a device. IRLA School Pace (can gain access through their myPascoConnect account).

~MAY 2019 Newsletter ~

**Morning**  
**With MOM**

Join us  
**Friday May 10th**  
**9-9:30am**  
**In the multipurpose**  
**room!**

**2-4-6-8**  
 we know your tests  
 will be just  
**GREAT!**

You've completed the first  
 round! Time to Rock the  
 rest of the test!

*PTA*  
**Nominations**  
**& Elections**

Set your PTA up to succeed next year!



5/13/19  
 6pm  
 In the Library



**SUMMER**

**CHALLENGE!**

Save all of your box tops that you  
 can over the summer and bring  
 them to school during our meet  
 the teacher night!  
 The FAMILY with the MOST box  
 tops wins a game night bundle  
 of goodies!!!!



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

**REGISTER TO BE AN APPROVED  
 VOLUNTEER FOR NEXT SCHOOL YEAR  
 STARTING ON JULY 1ST 2019!**