



**ELEMENTARY SCHOOL**

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**Lightning Flash Newsletter**  
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**November 01, 2019**

- 11/01 – PTA Fall Fun Fest, 5:30-7:30 pm
- 11/05 – 1st Grade Field Trip, RRHS, 10:00-12:30 pm
- 11/06 – KG Field Trip, RRHS, 10:00-12:30 pm
- 11/06 – BETA Club Meeting, Rm. 132, 3:50-4:30 pm
- 11/07 – Coffee Talk w/Parents, Rm. 127, 9:30 am
- 11/08 – Schaffer/Tumaneng Classes Field Trip, Enterprise Village, 8:00-3:30 pm
- 11/11 – Veteran’s Day Program, Basketball Court, 2:00-3:00 pm
- 11/11 – PTA Meeting, Rm. 127, 6:00 pm
- 11/11-12/03 – 5th Grade Scentsy Fundraiser
- 11/13 – Great American Teach In
- 11/13 – Early Release Day @ 1:50 pm
- 11/14 – Harmony in the Home, Media, 5:00-6:00 pm
- 11/15 – Fall Picture Retakes
- 11/15 – Progress Reports Online in PM
- 11/15-11/17 – Special Olympics State Fall Games, ESPN Wide World of Sports, Orlando
- 11/18 – PBIS Kids Mtg., 8:45-9:15 am
- 11/20 – Earth Patrol Campus Clean Up, 4-6:30 pm
- 11/21 – Special Olympics County Unified Basketball, SSMS & MSH, 8:00-2:00 pm
- 11/21 – 3rd Grade Field Trip, Lowrey Park Zoo, 9:30-3:30 pm
- 11/21 – Scholar of the Month, 2:40 pm
- 11/22 – Special Olympics County Basketball Skills, Wendell Krin Tech, 10:00-2:00 pm
- 11/25-11/29 – Thanksgiving Break

**Too Sick for School** – A child who has fever with a temperature greater than 100 degrees (orally), has been vomiting or has diarrhea must stay home for 24 hours AFTER the symptoms are gone without the use of over-the-counter medications to treat these symptoms.

**Consider a medical evaluation for:**

- Fever that last 3 or more days
- Drainage from the ear
- Cough that continues for several days
- Repeated episodes of diarrhea or vomiting
- Rash
- Itchy eyes with clear or cloudy drainage
- Sore throat, with or without fever
- Cold symptoms that last more than one week.
- Children of all ages need 8-10 hours of sleep at night and good nutrition including adequate fluids (milk, juice, water). A child who is sick needs rest, plenty of fluids and “tender loving care.”

**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.

CAPPEL	AMANDA	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-5
CULLEN	FELICIA	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-5
EMERT	CATHERINE	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-5
ENGH	AMY	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-5
HOWMAN	ROXANNE	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-5
MOORE	KATHARINE	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-5
TRIANA	MELISSA	ESOL ENDORSEMENT K-5

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.**

## 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 at the front entrance of the office. CRES will have our Earth Patrol Scholars again this school year, each week we go around our campus and clean up the area. We appreciate your support.



## ***Cotee River Elementary Business & Community Partners:***

*Achieva Credit Union, Rowan Rd.*

*All Children's Hospital*

*Beall's Outlet Store #420*

*GTE Financial Credit Union*

*Horace Mann Insurance*

*Kona Ice*

*Kwanis of Greater West Pa.*

*Madison Restaurant*

*Marjorie's Hope*

*Millian-Aire Corp.*

*Publix, River Crossing*

*Smitty's Mobile Detailing*

*Target #1967, Little Rd.*

*Timber Greens Helping Hanas*

*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***

## **School Meal Application and Information**

A post card with the below information will be sent to each household. A **NEW** application must be completed each school year.

The SY 19-20 Application will be ready on July 15th.

Does your household qualify for free or reduced meals? It is easy to apply this year. **Visit**

**www.pascoschoolmeals.com to apply online.** If you do not have internet access, you can pick up a paper application at your child's school or have one mailed to you by calling 813-794-2281.

### **What you need to apply..**

Your SNAP/TANF Case Number (if applicable) or monthly income amount and frequency for all people living in the household. Income includes: Earnings from work, Public Assistance, Child Support, Alimony, Pension, Retirement, or any other form of income received, excluding food stamp/SNAP benefits.

Applications may take up to 10 business days to process. Please make sure to provide your student with money or a meal from home until you receive notification of eligibility. You can check the status after 10 days by emailing [fns@pasco.k12.fl.us](mailto:fns@pasco.k12.fl.us) or calling 813-794-2281.

**Meal Charge Policy** Per School Board Policy, it is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to provide lunch for their children while at school. In the event that a child neither has a lunch or the funds to purchase a lunch:

- Elementary students may charge up to five (5) lunches (\$12.50)
- Middle school students may charge up to two (2) lunches (\$6.00) - High school students may charge one (1) lunch (\$3.25)

Charge limits reset as soon as the past due balance is paid.

A la carte items may never be charged.

When a student exceeds their charge limit, they will be given an alternate meal consisting of a ham & cheese sandwich, fruit, milk, and vegetable.

**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.

## Art News



Square One Art orders deadline for people sending in the paper order with a check or cash is Wednesday, November 13th. On-line orders usually extend a couple days beyond that; they can probably be placed up until the 15th or 16th.

If your child has misplaced their order form please call me. I can contact the company and get your child's student code so you can place an order. Items ordered will be received sometime during the first week of December.

Thank you for your support of our Art Department fundraiser!



Lightning Chorus will be performing on November 11th at 2:00 pm for the Annual Veteran's Day Program. Families are welcome to attend the program.

### **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**

### **Homework Policy 19-20 school Year**

- All scholars read nightly independently or with a family member
- Provide additional practice in content areas (ex. math)
- Study for upcoming quizzes and tests
- District wide projects (ex. TEDx)



**Annual Veteran's Day Program** – On November 11th at 2:00 pm CRES will be honoring all of our veteran's. It will take place on our basketball court behind the school. CRES has invited The American Legion Paradise Post 79 Honor Guard will be presenting colors, a retired veteran will be speaking and Lightning Chorus will be performing. Look forward to seeing veterans and families to honor all veterans.

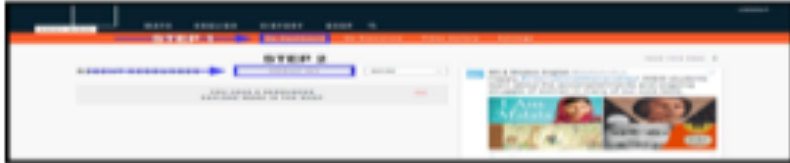
### ACCESSING HOMEWORK HELPER eBOOKS

#### STEP 1: CREATE AN ACCOUNT

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

#### STEP 2: ACCESS YOUR DASHBOARD

Once you have created an account at [GreatMinds.org](https://www.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 access to their current color reading level from a device. IRLA School Pace (can gain access through their myPascoConnect account).

### SPECIAL OLYMPIC NEWS

Mark your Calendars for Wednesday, December 18th Special Olympics Holiday Party at Cotee River Elementary in the evening. Cost will be \$2 for Pizza. ALL FAMILIES OF ATHLETES AND UNIFIED PARTNERS ARE INVITED!! 🎄🎁👶

Congratulations to the 31 athletes and unified partners who are heading to State Games at ESPN Wide World of Sports for Special Olympics Fall games in Unified Flag Football, Unified Rhythmic Gymnastics, Individual Artistic Gymnastics and Individual Softball Skills. Check our Cotee River Physical Education page for pictures of the weekend. 🏈🏈🏈

Congratulations to our 4 AREA Unified Bowling Teams. One team will advance to the next round at Orlando Bowl for State games. 🎳🎳🎳

Basketball starts in November with a Unified Basketball Team and Individual Basketball skills. 🏀🏀

Summer games will be packed with Unified Soccer Teams, Individual Soccer Skills, Unified Relay Teams, Athletics (Track and Field) and Unified Cheerleading 🏃♀️🏃♂️🏃♂️🏃♂️📣🏈

# Cotee River Thanksgiving/Christmas break Food Drive

October 28, 2019

Dear Families,

On November 1, 2019, our PBIS kids club will be starting our annual food drive. We are asking students to bring in un-expired food items that will help disadvantaged families in our community during our longer holiday breaks from school. Please send food items in by November 15, 2019.

We are asking for the following items from each grade level:

Pre-K/Kindergarten	macaroni & cheese
First Grade	jars of jelly
Second Grade	canned Ravioli/ Spaghettios
Third Grade	large box/bag cereal
Fourth Grade	canned tuna or chicken
Fifth Grade	boxed cheeze-its or gold fish

**PLEASE DO NOT SEND GLASS JARS OR OPENED PACKAGES.**

Please have your child bring food items to their classrooms.

Thank you for your support!  
Cotee River Elementary School