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Lightning Flash Newsletter
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January 07, 2020

- 01/08 – 4th-5th Grades Hour of Code, 8:45-9:25 am (Every Wednesday)
- 01/08 – CBI Walmart Field Trip, 10:15-11:45 am
- 01/13 – PBIS Kids, 8:45 am , Room 132
- 01/13 - PTA Meeting, Rm. 127, 6:00 pm
- 01/13 – Pennies for Pasta Fundraiser Begins
- 01/14 – Report Cards Online PM
- 01/15 – Early Release Day @ 1:50 pm
- 01/20 – NO SCHOOL Martin Luther King Day
- 01/22 – 4th Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:15 am (Every Wednesday)
- 01/22 – Volunteer Training, 10:00 am
- 01/22 – CBI Walmart Field Trip, 10:15-11:45 am
- 01/22 – BETA Club Mtg., 3:50-4:30 pm, Room 127
- 01/23 – Scholar of the Month, 2:40 pm
- 01/24 – 100 Day of School Event
- 01/27 – DOH Dental Bus This Week
- 01/27 - PBIS Kids, 8:45 am , Room 132
- 01/27 – 1st Grade Field Trip, RRHS
- 01/29 – CBI Publix Field Trip, 10:15-11:45 am
- 01/30 – 4th Grade Field Trip, FL Aquarium, 9:45-3:15 pm
- 01/30 – SAC Meeting,, 4:15 pm
- 01/31 – Class Group & Club Group Pictures
- 01/31-02/01 – Special Olympics State Basketball, Big House

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

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.

School Choice Application Window

The School Choice application window for the 2020-2021 school year is January 21, 2020 to January 31, 2020. Parent notification and acceptance window is February 25 – March 5, 2020. School Choice application is only needed for Kindergarteners entering school for the 2020-2021 school year who live outside of the Cotee River attendance zone. If your scholar is currently at Cotee River on School Choice you do not need to reapply.

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 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

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 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



Fourth Grade Art Club is getting ready to begin! If your fourth grader is interested in applying, please print the application provided at the end of this newsletter. The application is due on or before Wednesday, January 15th- that is the deadline. Submit applications to Mrs. Parris. Hard copy blank applications will also be provided to fourth grade homerooms to have on hand, or scholars can also see Mrs. Parris for one.

Weekly Connect Ed Calls/Messages:



If you receive calls from **(844) 400-9765** these calls are Connect Ed messages from Cotee River Elementary and/or Pasco County Schools. Please be sure to listen to the important information being shared with parents regarding school events and weekly reminders.

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)

Cotee River Art Club

We are so excited to announce that Art Club will begin soon! Fourth grade art club will be meeting once a week on Wednesdays beginning in mid-January. This club is very popular, and there are only a limited number of slots available. So, a rubric will be used to select amongst students who complete an application. If your fourth grade child is interested, please complete the Art Club Application, and turn it in to Mrs. Parris by **January 15th**. After all the applications are received, 12 fourth graders will be selected, based on the rubric assessment of the Art Prompt on the application. **Your child will be notified whether or not they were selected prior to the first meeting, which will be on Wednesday, January 22.**

Rubric for assessing Art Club Application Drawing Prompt

This is the rubric that will be used to assess all of the Art Club Applications that are submitted.

	Excellent	Satisfactory	Needs Improvement
Creativity	Prompt is creatively incorporated into a drawing. Imaginative. Beyond the obvious.	Somewhat creative, but prompt is finished in a mostly predictable manner.	Prompt is not creatively incorporated into a drawing. Unimaginative and/or incomplete.
Craftsmanship	The quality and skill of the drawing and coloring technique is beyond expectations.	The quality and skill of the drawing and coloring technique is acceptable.	The quality and skill of the drawing and coloring technique is unsatisfactory.
Composition (Design)	A lot of attention to details. Drawing fills entire page; includes a background. Very effective use of elements and principles of art.	Some attention to detail. Some areas are left incomplete. Effective use of elements and principles of design.	Little attention to detail. A lot of space is left empty, like the drawing is incomplete. Ineffective use of the elements and principles of design.

Art Club Application Please turn this form in to Mrs. Parris by **January 15, 2020**

c Yes! My 4th grade child is interested in joining Art Club! I understand that submission of this application does not automatically mean my child is in the club, that it must be received by Mrs. Parris on or before the deadline date, and that I will be notified prior to January 22 whether or not my child is selected to participate.

Section One:

Student First and Last Name _____

Grade Level _____ Student's Classroom Teacher's Name _____

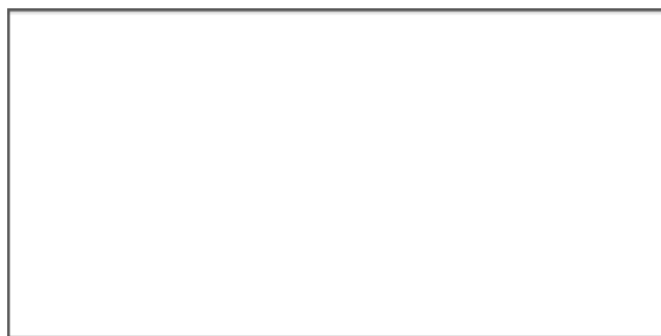
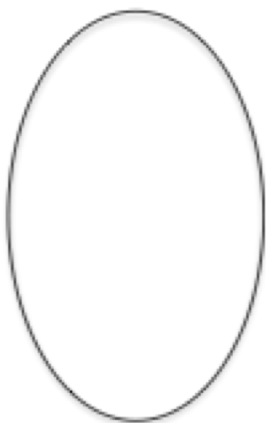
Parent Name _____ Parent Cell# () _____

Parent e-mail _____ Parent Hm# () _____

Section Two:

ART PROMPT Please have your child complete the drawing prompt below as part of the Application. **It must have color**, but media (crayons, colored pencils, markers, etc.) is up to them. The prompt will be assessed using a rubric that looks at their craftsmanship, composition (design), and creativity. This is independent work- no help, please!

Directions: A lazy artist started the drawing below, but did not finish it! What do you think they had in mind? What can you turn it into? Build a complete picture around what is already there, then color it. Be creative! Use good craftsmanship! Think about your composition (design)!



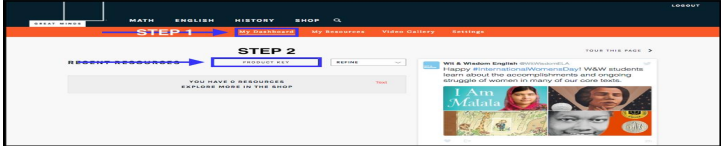
ACCESSING HOMEWORK HELPER eBOOKS

STEP 1: CREATE AN ACCOUNT

Sign up for a free account at 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.



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

Happy New Year!!

Our Special Olympics program is going strong. At the end of January Cotee River will have one Unified Basketball team and four individual athletes in basketball skills going to the Florida State Games at the Big House in Tavares, FL. At the same time, Summer Games are starting with the first round during our Challenger Games here at Cotee River Elementary on February 7th. County games are held at River Ridge High School on February 20th. It is a busy Semester on events. We are always looking for volunteers and unified partners to help during the school day and during events. Please contact Coach Amy at aengh@pasco.k12.fl.us