**Upcoming Dates in December**

**Character Trait**: **Trustworthiness**

11/01-11/03 – Dental Bus Grades K-2 (forms must be completed prior to date)

11/01 5th Grade Math Extended Day, 8:15-9:15 am

11/01 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

11/01 3rd Grade Reading Extended Day, 4:00-5:00 pm

11/01 McBolt Night, McDonalds SR 54, 5:00-7:00 pm

11/03 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

11/03 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am

11/03 4th Grade Cardboard Event, Media, 9:30-4:00 pm

11/03 3rd Grade Reading Extended Day, 4:00-5:00 pm

11/05 5th Grade Math Extended Day, 8:15-9:15 am

11/05 Special Parts Music, 8:30-9:20 am

11/07 ESE Self Contained Sweetfield Farms Field Trip, 10:00-1:30 pm

11/08 5th Grade Math Extended Day, 8:15-9:15 am

11/08 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

11/08 3rd Grade Reading Extended Day, 4:00-5:00 pm

11/09 1st Grade & Passcailli Class Field Trip, RRHS Theater, 9:50-11:30 am

11/10 3rd Grade Reading Extended Day, 4:00-5:00 pm

11/10 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

11/10 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am

11/10 Student Council Induction, Media, 2:30 pm

11/11 5th Grade Math Extended Day, 8:15-9:15 am

11/11-13 Special Olympics State Fall Classic, Disney World Resort

11/11 Special Parts Music, 8:30-9:20 am

11/11 Salute to our Veterans Program, 10:00 am

11/14 PTA Meeting, Media,4:15-5:00 pm

11/15 5th Grade Math Extended Day, 8:15-9:15 am

11/15 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

11/15 3rd Grade Reading Extended Day, 4:00-5:00 pm

11/16 Great American Teach In, 10:00-3:00 pm

11/17 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

11/17 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am

11/17 Vision & Hearing Screening, Grades K,1st & 3rd

11/17 Bolt Power Hour, 8:45-9:15 am

11/17 Fall Picture ReTakes, MPR, 10:00 am

11/17 Bldg. 6 Thanksgiving Feast, MPR, 12:00-3:00 pm

11/17 3rd Grade Reading Extended Day, 4:00-5:00 pm

11/17 SAC Meeting, 4:15 pm

11/17 Lightning Chorus Preformance, Verizon Center, 7:00-7:30 pm

11/18 5th Grade Math Extended Day, 8:15-9:15 am

11/18 Special Parts Music, 8:30-9:20 am

**11/21-11/25 Thanksgiving Break – No School**

11/29 5th Grade Math Extended Day, 8:15-9:15 am

11/29 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

11/29 3rd Grade Reading Extended Day, 4:00-5:00 pm



Cotee River Lightning Flash Newsletter

Sharon Slusser Dan Wolfe

Principal Asst. Principal

#  November 01, 2016

12/02 – Special Olympics State Bowling Championship, Orlando

12/02 Student of the Month

12/09 Special Olympics County Central/West BB Skills & Pee Wee & Jr. Team BB

12/12 PTA Hoiliday House

12/12 PTA Meeting

12/13 PTA Holiday House & Cookies & Milk with Santa

12/13 Winter Concert

12/14 PTA Holiday House

12/15 PTA Holiday House

12/15 Student Group Activities Pictures

12/15 5th Grade Chemical Change

12/15 Special Olympics Holiday Party

12/16 PTA Holiday House

12/16 Babysitting – Parents Evening

12/23 Teacher Planning Day – NO School

12/24 through 01/08/17 Winter Break



 **HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

**Lunch With Students –** When parents/family members come eat lunch with their child, in order for a student to invite a friend to join them the parent/family member must be an approved volunteer. The friend joining them must eat the food from the cafeteria.

Cotee River Elementary Business/Community Partners

* All Children’s Hospital
* Chick-fil-A, Little Rd.
* Horace Mann Insurance
* Kwanis of Greater West Pasco
* Marjorie’s Hope
* Martial Smart,
* McDonald’s-HMCC Inc.
* Publix, River Crossing
* State Farm Insurance
* Target, Little Rd.
* The Rotary Club
* Timber Green Helping Hands
* US Marine Corp.
* Walgreens #06886

Thank you for supporting our school!

To become a CRES Business/Community Partner please stop in the Main office or give a call to Ms. O’Brien and she will get you all the information that you will need.

727-774-3002

**Box Tops for Education –** CRES continues to participate in both the Box Tops and Campbell Soup Labels for Education Programs. Through these programs, we collect box tops and Campbell soup labels UPC codes from participating products to earn money from Box Tops and points from labels. Students can turn in what they have collected in the front office on Wednesday or Friday’s.

**Art News –** Your child’s custom Square One Art catalog featuring their artwork should have come home in late October. Won’t you help make your child feel like an accomplished artist by purchasing keepsakes for the whole family containing their masterpiece? The school earns profit from every order. And as a thank you for participating, S1A provided each child with a free sheet of stickers imprinted with their artwork!

The ordering deadline is Friday, November 4th. All online and paper order forms must be turned in by that date. (No late orders can be accepted.) Together, we can help support the school, build your child’s self-esteem, and create lasting keepsakes from your child’s artistic achievements.  There are two easy ways to order- use the paper order from attached to your child’s catalog, or order online at www.square1art.com/shop and enter the child’s unique access code (found on the catalog).  Thanks for your support!  Orders will be received and distributed the first week in December.

**Music News –** Our **Lightning Chorus** has been invited to sing for the 'Festival of Trees' at the Verizon Event Center (Little Road and Trouble Creek) on Tuesday, November 15, 2016. We'll sing from 7:00-7:30 pm. Please come on out to support our Lightning Chorus and the event is free!

**Lightning and Thunder Chorus families**;

Please make sure that you have these performance dates marked on your calendar:

Tuesday, Dec. 13th: Winter Concert, 7 pm, here at CRES

Tuesday, May 16th:  Spring Production, 7 pm, here at CRES

Please note that we are not able to accept any more chorus students at this time. If you child missed the opportunity to join chorus this fall, we will open membership up again in January 2017. Thank you, Mrs. Kelberlau

**Paper 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 enterence of the office. We appreciate your support.

**Great American Teach In -** Cotee River Elementary School’s Annual Great American Teach In will be held on Thursday, November 16th, 2016. The Great American Teach In gives parents, grandparents and community members the opportunity to share their work, hobbies and life experiences with students.  It’s a great way to show students where their education can take them. Are you interested in sharing your career and life experiences with our Cotee River Elementary School students?  Call us today at 727-774-3018 to be a presenter.

* Presentations typically last 25 minutes.
* Presenters can stay half day or full day.
* Presenters decide which age group they prefer.
* Presenters can decide how many classes per presentation.
* Cotee River Elementary School can provide laptops, projectors, tables, etc. if needed.

Please call by November 2nd to be a part of our Great American Teach In.  Our students would love to hear all about you!

**Parental Notification - Out-of-Field Teaching Assignments**

The following teacher Kimberly Verga-Hanson has completed the ESOL requirements and her certificate has been received at our District Office.

**CRES Clothing Closet –** If your family is in need of any clothing items, we invite you to contact Mrs. Jackson 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 school 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 & jackets) to keep them safe and comfortable. We are very thankful to be able to offer this service this year again and want to express our gratitude to the many volunteers who have spent countless hours keeping our room always ready.

**Salute to Our Veterans –** CRES again this year will be celebrating our Veterans on November 11th. If you have a family member that is currently serving in the arm services or a veteran we would like to salute them on the 11th. If you have a family member that would be interested in speaking to our students about being a veteran and what it means to you, please give Ms. O’Brien a call in the main office at 727-774-3000.

**Vision & Hearing Screening –** November 17th Vision & Hearing screening will be done on students in Grades K, 1st and 3rd. This will be done throughout the day on the 17th.

**Student Council –** The Student Council is a group of fourth and fifth grade students who serve the school and the community. One aspect of the council is to help with fundraisers that benefit members of our community and school. We encourage leadership within the council and throughout the school by our example. We also try to bring issues to the attention of others as representatives of the student body. This is an exciting time our intermediate students! The election were held on Friday, October 21st. **President:** Savannah Owen, **VP:** Sammy Rosell and Kinsley Abbott, **Secretary:** Avery Hoskins,

**Treasurer:** Jasmin Jackson. **Representatives:** Taylor Bicknell, Grace Medina, Scotlyn Russell, Robert Butler, Kylie Henderson, Reese Beckett, Elizabeth Nelson, Lily Troxell, Allie Faniglula, Julianna Warne, Kendra Lugo, Alyssa Casbar,

Naomi Naude, Kailee Kreidler, Kristina Burmeister, Adryanna Santos, Uriel Hanepantla, Adyn Richardson and Ayden Smith. The inauguration of the student council will be on Thursday, November 10, 2016 at 3:00 pm by the Honorable Paula S. O’Neil, Clerk and Comptroller of Pasco County.

**Pennies for Patience (Pasta) -** Olive Garden Pennies for Patients (Pasta) is a service and philanthropy program that gives students a unique experience making a difference through teamwork—working together to aid hundreds of **Suncoast Chapter** children in the fight blood cancers. Students at Cotee River will collect donations/change over a 3 week period, October 31st through November 17th in their classrooms. If our school collects at least $700, the classroom with the highest collection will enjoy a spaghetti lunch provided by The Olive Garden!! So start collecting your change!!

**Thanksgiving Food Drive -**  We are having a holiday food drive for underprivileged families at Cotee River for thanksgiving. If you feel you can help we would appreciate any of the following items:  canned vegetables, stuffing, cranberry sauce, applesauce, mashed potatoes, boxed side dishes, boxed desserts (non perishable) macaroni and cheese, gravy.

We thank you for your support.

**Cotee River Spirit Day –** Every Friday CRES has a Spirit Day and we ask for students to wear their Cotee River t-shirts. If you would like to purchase a school t-shirt for $10.00, please stop in the main office and see Mrs. Glover.

Cotee River Thanksgiving Food Drive

 October 20, 2016

Dear Families:

On November 1, 2016, our Student Council will be starting our Thanksgiving food drive. We are asking students to bring in food items that will help disadvantaged families in our community to have a festive holiday meal this year. Please send food items by November 14, 2016.

We are asking for the following items:

Kindergarten boxed potato dishes

First Grade boxed stuffing and/or rice dishes

Second Grade dry pasta/canned sauces

Third Grade boxed or packaged dessert items

Fourth Grade canned soups

Fifth Grade canned fruits and veggies

**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