**Upcoming Dates in November**



Cotee River Lightning Flash Newsletter

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Character Trait: Responsibility

10/03 World’s Finest Chocolate Wheel Drawing & all monies due

10/04 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

10/04 Chick-fil-A Night, 5:00-7:00 pm

10/05 World’s Finest Chocolate Ice Cream at Lunch

10/06 Fall PRE-PAID Pictures (All students will have picture taken)

10/06 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

10/06 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am

10/10 Fire Prevention Week & National School Lunch Week

10/10 Special Olympics Area Team Bowling, Lane Glo

10/10 Flu Shots, 1:00-3:45 pm (Forms must be completed & returned before shot given)

10/10 PTA Meeting, 4:15 pm

10/11 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

10-13 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

10/13 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am

10/14 End of 1st Quarter

10/14 KG Field Trip, Old McMickey’s Farm, 10:00-2:00 pm

10/14 PTA Fall Fun Fest, 6:00-8:00 pm

10/17 NO SCHOOL – Teacher Planning Day

10/17 National School Bus Week

10/21 Square One Art goes Home

10/18 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

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

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

10/21 World’s Finest Chocolate Money Machine, 3:00-3:30 pm

10/24 Report Cards Go Home

10/24 Red Ribbon Week

10/25 Grade 3-5 Lightning Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

10/27 Grades 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30-9:20 am

10/27 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30-9:20 am

10/27 Bolt Power Hour, 8:45-9:15 am

10/27 SAC Meeting, 4:15 pm

10/28 Student of the Month, 2:40 pm

10/28 Character Parade 10:00 am

10/28 Bolt-Tastic Dance & Kona Ice Truck, 4:00-5:30 pm

10/31 Red Ribbon Week Last Day10/31 Dental Van for KG and 1st Grade Students Only

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11/01 – McBolt Night

11/11 – Special Olympics Fall Classis

11/11 – Veterans Day Program

11/14 – PTA Meeting

11/16 – Great American Teach In

11/17 – Vision & Hearing Screening

11/17 – Bolt Power Hour

11/17 – Fall Pictures Retakes

11/17 – SAC Meeting



**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
* Target, Little Rd.
* 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.

**Fall School Pictures –** October 6th is individual school pictures, and the flyers went home on the 26th of September. Every student will have a picture taken, these are Pre-Paid packages but you will be able to order them if you did not order them on the 6th when you receive the proof. Interstate-Studios call this 2nd Chance Purchase.

**Art News – A**ll students worked very hard on their patriotic art projects, which are being mailed to Square One Art.  Square One Art order forms will be coming home near the end of October.  These items make great gifts, and will be delivered in early December.  Profits made from this fundraiser benefit the art department, so we hope you can help support us!

Ms. Calhoun resigned her position, but we have hired a new art teacher, Mrs. Bridges.  She comes to us with 6 years of art teaching experience.  Please join us in welcoming her to our Cotee River family!

**Music News –** 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.

**NOTICE TO BUILDING OCCUPANTS**

**AND PARENTS**

**NOTIFICATION OF INSPECTION FOR ASBESTOS CONTAINING**

**MATERIALS IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS**

The Environmental Protection Agency (EPA) has issued a final rule, 40 CFR Part 763, Asbestos Containing Material in schools, commonly referred to as AHERA. This rule requires all Local Education Agencies (LEA’s) to identify asbestos containing materials (ACM) in their school buildings and to take appropriate actions to control the release of asbestos fibers.

All inspections for Cotee River Elementary have been completed and a Management Plan describing the results of the inspection and the action plan to control any asbestos found during the inspection, where applicable, has been submitted to the governor for approval. A copy of this plan is located in the administrative office of this school and at the Pasco County Schools Maintenance & Facility Services Department and is available for review upon request. Sharon Slusser, Principal

**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!

**World’s Finest Chocolate Fundraiser –** The World’s Finest Chocolate fundraiser has gone very well and would like to thank everyone for all your support. The final day to turn in monies collected will be October 3rd, also if you have chocolates that were not sold also need to be returned to the school at the same time.

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

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Individuals who are teaching out-of-field are certified in at least one area and are qualified to teach but are required to take additional course work or testing to add a coverage/endorsement to their certificate. The state also requires a teacher to take coursework/inservice towards an English for Speakers of Other Languages (ESOL) endorsement, when the teacher is the primary language arts provider and/or reading teacher for an ESOL student. The following teachers have agreed to teach out-of-field while completing ESOL course work/testing: Melinda Bubp, Claire Ennis. The following teachers have completed the ESOL requirements and their certificate is pending: Kimberly Verga-Hanson.The following teachers have agreed to work towards the ESOL endorsement: Amy Engh, Ashley Kelley and Elizabeth Prodgen.

**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.

**5th Grade Art News -** Fifth graders interested in participating in the Yearbook Cover Contest:  Submit an 8.5x11 artwork to Mrs. Parris by Friday, October 28th.  The cover must have our school name (either Cotee River Elementary) or CRES), the year (2016-2017), and reflect our school theme of superpowers and superheroes.  It may be colored in the media of your choice (markers, crayons, paints, colored pencils, etc.)  The winning yearbook cover art will be selected by the fifth graders through a vote, and will be printed in color on the front of this year’s yearbook.  *(Note:  5th grade Art Club members will be doing this as part of first art club assignment.)*

**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.

**Thank you –** CRES would like to thank The Rotary Club for their donation to our Pack-A-Sack program and to Wayne O’Brien with State Farm for the donation of four new tricycles for our PreK students. We appriciate all our community partners do for us. Thank you again!