

December 04, 2018

12/03 – Grades 3-5 Math Coding Club, 8:40-9:30 am (Daily)
12/03 – Student Council Meeting, 8:45-9:15 am
12/03-12/07 – Art Class Parent Involvement Week
12/03 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm
12/04 – 3-5th Lightning Chorus, 8:30 am
12/04 – 4th Grade Field Trip, FL Aquarium, 9:30-3:30 pm
12/04 – CRES Connection Night, 4:15-5:30 pm
12/05 – 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30 am
12/05 – 1-2 Thunder Chorus, 8:30 am
12/05 – Hour of Code, 8:40-9:30 am (Every Wednesday)
12/06 – Pancakes & Parent Practices, 9:30-10:30 am
12/06 – Girls On The Run, 4:00-5:30 pm
12/07 – Chorus Special Parts, 8:30 am
12/07-12/09 – Special Olympics State Bowling Championship
12/08 – Girls On The Run 5K
12/10-12/14 PTA Holiday Shoppe, 9-12 pm, Room 721
12/10 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm
12/10 – PTA Meeting, Media, 6:00 pm
12/11 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am
12/11 – PTA Holiday Shoppe, 4-6 pm, Room 721
12/11 – Winter Concert, MPR & Café, 7:00 pm
12/12 – 1st-2nd Grade Thunder Chorus Club, 8:30 am
12/12 - 5th Grade Art Club, 8:30 am
12/13 – Arseneau & Wadsworth Class Field Trip, Human Society of Pinellas, 10-3 pm
12/14 – Special Parts Chorus, 8:30 am
12/14 – 1st Grade Field Trip, Old McMickey’s Farm, 10-2 pm
12/17-12/21 – PE Reindeer Run w/Parents
12/17 - Grades 3-5 Spirit Club, 4:00-5:00 pm
12/17 – Lightning Chorus Performing @ Madison Pointe Nursing Home, 6:30-7:00 pm
12/18 – 3rd-5th Grade Lightning Chorus Club, 8:30 am
12/18 – Scholar Flu Shots, 1:00-3:00 pm
12/19 – 3rd Grade Parent Involvement, 2:30-3:30 pm
12/20 – Self Contained Unit Field Trip, Forest Glen, 10:15-11:30 am
12/21 – End of 2nd Quarter
12/21 – Self Contained Winter Party w/Parents, 2-3 pm
12/24-01/07 – Winter Break – No School
01/08/19 – NO SCHOOL Teacher Planning Day



A message from the P.E. Department: **FIELD DAY** **MARCH 8, 2019**



Before we know it 2019 will be here and we need your help.

Parents we are looking for all the volunteers

We can get to help make our “GAME ON” Field Day a Success!

So, mark your calendars for March 8, 2019...

Volunteer Forms will be coming home after the Holiday break!

Please make sure you are an “APPROVED” Volunteer.

If you aren’t sure... go to

<http://www.pasco.k12.fl.us/communications/volunteer/>

to sign up and become an approved volunteer.

School Choice

The School Choice application process for middle/high school opened today, 12/3/18, and will close on 12/14/18.

The Elementary window opens January 8, 2019 and closes January 18, 2019.

Parents with questions will need to

email: pasco pathways@pasco.k12.fl.us for assistance.

DEO's no longer have access to the

application and are unable to assist with the process.

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.



School Meal Application & Information

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

www.pascoschoolmeals.com to apply.

If you do not have internet access, you can pick up a paper application at CRES main office or have one mailed to you by calling 813-794-2278.

***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***

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.

CLASSROOM CELEBRATIONS

Important Notice to Our Families

Starting this school year there are changes in classroom celebrations. Our School Board's Wellness Policy and Procedures 8510 were recently updated to comply with

USDA Local School Wellness Policy requirements and

birthday parties and/or classroom celebration food items must now meet USDA Smart Snack Standards and be prepared in a commercial kitchen. Celebration foods are available to parents to purchase for their child's class through their school cafeteria, Pasco Smart Snack Celebrations. These foods are already Smart Snack approved for ease of access and can be delivered directly to your child's classroom. The Alliance for

a Healthier Generation Smart Food Planner provides a link to Smart Snack compliant products available through Amazon as well as a calculator to check your food labels for compliance. We are encouraging the use of non-food items for celebrations such as pencils, erasers, stickers or craft items. We appreciate your support with the updated Wellness Policy and Procedures 8510.



Congratulations to our winners for the yearbook: Grace Graham's artwork will appear on the front cover, and Giovanna Frick's will be on the back cover. Thanks to all of the artists who entered, everyone did great work!

Square One Art products are estimated to arrive by the 10th of December.

Information about the Fourth Grade Art Club will be provided right after winter break.



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!



Cotee River Spirit Day – Every Friday CRES has a Spirit Day and we ask for scholars 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.

MyStudent Access –

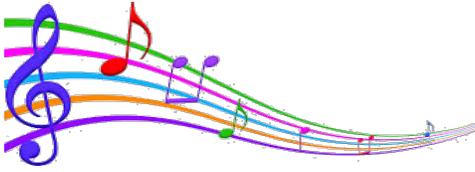
Please be sure to sign up online to create a parent account, see below on directions This school year progress reports & report cards will be available online in the myStudent portal. What this means for families is that paper progress reports & report cards will not be sent home; they only will be accessible in the parent and student portals of myStudent.

To create a parent account, go to the district website, www.pascoschools.org, and click on the Parents link at the top. Then click on the Parent Access to myStudent link below the video.

Mrs. Miller our Parent Involvement Coordinator can help parents who need assistance setting up an account. If you have questions about creating your account, please contact her at 727-774-3098.

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.





Attention Lightning Chorus and Thunder Chorus Families:

Our Winter Concert Dress Rehearsal is on Monday, Dec. 10th, at 3 pm. This is for our scholars and staff in building 6 and 1st grade classes, only, please. Your performer does not need to wear the chorus shirt on this day.

Our Winter Concert for all families and staff is on Tuesday, December 11th, 7 pm. All Lightning Chorus and Thunder Chorus members need to report to the main music suite by 6:30 pm.

Please wear jeans and your chorus shirt. Performers may wear a long sleeved shirt under their chorus shirt if it's cold that evening. We're looking forward to our concert! If you have any questions, please contact

Mrs.Kelberlau, ekelberl@pasco.k12.fl.us, or

[us](mailto:ekelberl@pasco.k12.fl.us), or

Mrs.Collinson, jlcollin@pasco.k12.fl.us.

[us](mailto:jlcollin@pasco.k12.fl.us) or you may call us at 774-3000.



• **Cotee River Special Olympics**

• **Upcoming Dates:**

- 12/07-12/09 – Special Olympics State Bowling Championship, Boardwalk Bowl, Orlando
- 12/13 – Special Olympics West Holiday Party, CRES, 5:30-8:00 pm
- 12/14 – Special Olympics Unified Basketball Jr/Pee Wee, JW Mitchell High & Seven Springs Middle, 10-1:30 pm



Happy Holidays to our Cotee River Families!