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Lightning Flash Newsletter

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February 04, 2020

02/03 - PTA Meeting, Rm. 127, 6:00 pm

02/05 – 4th Grade Art Club, 8:30 am (Every Wednesday)

02/05 - CBI Field Trip, Publix, 10:15-11:45 am

02/06 - Coffee Talk w/Parents, 9:30-10:30, Room 127

02/06-02/13 - APEX Fun Run During Specials

02/07 - Progress Reports Online - PM

02/07 - CRES Challenger Games, 10:00-1:00 pm

02/07 - PTA Family Sweetheart Dance, 6:00-8:00 pm

02/10 - PBIS Kids, 8:45 am, Room 132

02/12 - Early Release Day @ 1:50 pm

02/13 – Harmony in the Home, 5:00-6:00 pm. Rm 127

02/13 - KG & 1st Graders "Love Bug" Concert, 6:00 pm

02/14 - APEX Fun Run Event During Specials

02/17 - NO SCHOOL - Presidents Day

02/19 - CBI Walmart Field Trip, 10:15-11:45 am

02/19 - BETA Club Mtg., 3:50-4:30 pm, Room 127

02/20 – Special Olympics County Summer Games, RRHS

 $02/20 - 4^{th}$ - 5^{th} Graders Girls On The Run 4:00-5:30 pm

(Every Monday & Thursday)

02/21 – PTA Reading Under the Stars, Amphitheater 02/24-02/28 – Spring Book Fair, 10:15-12:55 pm & 1:25-

02/24 - PBIS Kids, 8:45 am , Room 132

02/24 - All Pro Dads, Media 8:45-9:15 am

02/26 - CBI Walmart Field Trip, 10:15-11:45 am

02/27 - Scholar of the Month, Café 2:40 pm

02/27 - SAC Meeting,, 4:15 pm

02/28 - 5th Graders Visit to GMS, 10:30-12:30 pm

02/29 – BETA Club Vendor/Community Sale, 8:00-12:30 pm

02/29 – All County Chorus Concert, Wesley Chapel Center for the Arts, 4:30-5:30 pm

Music News:



On February 13, 2020 at 6:00 pm in the MPR KG and 1st graders will be performing the "Love Bug Concert" for families. Please have your child at school by 5:30 pm.

On February 29, 2020 at 4:30 pm All County Chorus will be preforming at

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.

		ESOL
CAPPEL	AMANDA	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

<u>Too Sick for School</u> – 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.

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 at the front enterence 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 Finanical Credit Union Horace Mann Insurance Kona Ice Kwanis of Greater West Pas 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:



Congratulations to our front yearbook cover winner, Ahnesa Nebesnyk in Ms. Tumaneng's class! 2nd place, and representing the back cover, is Nina Kononov in Schaffer's class. 3rd place went to Kaylin Kean in Ms. Telleri's class.

Thanks to all of the 4th and 5th graders who submitted artwork:

Raniya Q., Alyssa G., Kylie K., Alisa D., Noah P., Donia E., Peyton H., Lashanti K., and Amir Faisal B.

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 be 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 guizzes and tests
- District wide projects (ex. TEDx)



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.

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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
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we recommend using landscape view._

Questions? Contact us at 202.223.1854 or via email at helpdesk@GreatMinds.org.

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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



Tuesday's – Special Olympics Basketball & Soccer Practice, 4:00-4:45 pm
Tuesday's – Special Olympics Cheerleading Practice, 4:00-4:45 pm
02/07 – CRES Challenger Games, 10:00-1:00 pm
02/20 - Special Olympics Summer Games, 10:00 am, River Ridge High School