



CREST NEWS



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Notes from the Principal



Dear Parents and Families,

I hope our CREST families can take some time to stop and appreciate each other as children, teens, parents, and grandparents. Every family member is valuable and has a purpose. I know at times our day to day lives are so busy it is hard to slow down and appreciate the family unit. But when we reflect and listen to others we learn more and appreciate others more deeply. At the beginning of this school year our superintendent shared a concept on deep listening. Recently I read an article about listening that included the concept of listening for understanding. The article explains that listening for understanding is a deep and special process. Our students, families and staff need this. The article states;

“Somewhere in the process of listening a magical thing happens – you start *understanding*. Without asking questions, you suddenly find answers concerning yourself, life, love, the other person and many other sacred things. Listen as much as you can, do it for everyone who has something to tell you. Then, among their stories try to find the moral, the lessons that you wouldn’t have had the chance to learn otherwise. And when you do, thank that person, send him your love, and help him in return. Because even if you don’t realize it now, he has left a mark in your life. So, during the next small talk you have, try to stop thinking, eliminate shyness and all the barriers between you, close your mouth and just listen. Listen with all your mind and soul, understand the body language, try to hear what else he wants to say but doesn’t yet have the courage to and let him know that you are trustworthy.”

“There are many ways to increase your knowledge – by reading, doing, watching, being taught, failing, etc. – and listening is one of the best and easiest.”

Have a Happy Thanks giving! I hope you take time to appreciate your family this Thanksgiving. Respectfully,

Lee Mulder
Principal, CREST

Notes from the Assistant Principal



CREST needs Subs!

There is an overall county problem with finding subs to cover classrooms. CREST is having that problem as well. Attached is general information about subbing. Please pass on the need for Citrus County to increase the sub pool. If you have any questions feel free to call and talk to Mrs. Alexis our sub coordinator. Thank you!

Callie Haynes
Assistant Principal





Substitute Positions



Citrus County Schools is now hiring for all substitute positions (Teacher, Support (Aide), Custodian, Food Service and Bus Drivers).

If you are interested or have any questions please call 352-726-1931 Ext 2295 or go to <https://skyfin.citrus.k12.fl.us:444/scripts/wsisa.dll/WService=wsFin/rappljoblst484.w> select the substitute position(s) you would like to apply for, click on apply for selected position(s) and fill out all the required information/application.

TOSA Notes

Curriculum

Parents and Guardians,

Thank you for attending our first Curriculum Day of the school year. Our students worked very hard studying our environmental concerns and creating possible solutions to the issues. Students and visitors had a wonderful time participating in our interactive stations. Students created rockets and keepsake boxes out of recycled plastic, built towers out of boxes, and made paper mâché turkeys out of recycled newspaper. Everyone enjoyed lunch served by Ms. Renee and her wonderful team. Thank you to everyone who participated and helped make our Curriculum Day a success.



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Curriculum TOSA

Behavior

CREST Families and Friends,

It is hard to believe that October is already behind us. This school year has started fast and shows no signs of slowing down. During the month of October, we enjoyed many fun-filled events such as our Red Ribbon Week, Door Decorating Contests, Pumpkin carving/decorating challenge, and finishing with Trick-or-Treat and Halloween Dance. November again will provide our students with many opportunities for fun! Halloween has officially kicked off our holiday season here at school and November brings even more holiday fun with Thanksgiving.

During the month of November students will have the opportunity to participate in fun events, such as, our school-wide Thanksgiving feast, a special concert from Breeze at Citrus High School, and a trip to dairy queen for our role model students. CREST has been fortunate enough to be able to work with Citrus High School over the past five years in a effort to bring the performance of Breeze to our school, and they never disappoint. Take some time to read more about them on Citrus High School's website. Remember to talk with your student about their daily behavior chart and make sure they are on the correct track to earn these fun-filled activities. And remember, each month brings its own set of activities, so it is never too late to earn-in on the action! Following are some helpful tips to ensure your students success at school:

Be Positive: Make sure that you are sending a positive message regarding school and learning.

Encourage: Give your child the opportunity to excel in all areas of school.

Responsibility: Teach your child to be responsible for their actions and to take pride in all they do.

Be Involved: Make it a point to ask your child about their school day.

Sincerely,

Your friendly neighborhood Behavior TOSA's

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Classroom Spotlight



Mr. Blydenburgh's Class



In recent weeks, Mr. Blydenburgh's class has been focusing on E-waste and the effect it has on our environment. They were surprised to learn that many of their favorite possessions will eventually be a contribution to this problem. One exciting note our students discovered is that some people are working to help the problem by repurposing older electronics and making money while helping the environment.

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Mr. Keshock's Class



The students of Mr. Keshock's class have been working hard this year. In August, all five students earned their green necklaces at the YMCA by passing their swimming test. The students also modeled safe, respectful, and responsible behavior while having fun at the pool. In October, the students decorated the classroom door for Red Ribbon Week. With the help of Ms. Kristel Stiegler, each student used their creativity to design their own spider and pumpkin to add to the decorations. As a result of their hard work, Mr. Keshock's class won first place in the 200 hallway's door decoration contest!

On November 1st, the class participated in curriculum day. For the theme of environmental science, the students researched the different invasive species of Florida. Each student contributed information to the tri-fold board that went on display in the gym for parents to read. The students also enjoyed putting their STEM skills to work when they took part in the different curriculum day events.

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Ms. Mcpherson's Class



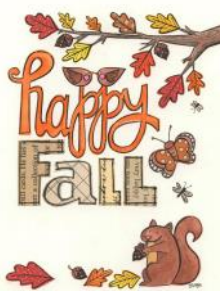
For the last three years, our class has used the ClassDojo software program for classroom management/PBS, parent communication, and portfolio management. The students have really developed a hands-on approach to their own work center rotation transitions. Mr. Matt and I are so thankful that each student monitors their own work and leisure time while earning Dojo points to boot!

The structured teach method has been a real blessing for us all. We say that, "We can all achieve success – 8 minutes at a time!" (Each rotation is about 8 minutes.) There is no arguing, fussing, or fighting about who does what next. There is only, "Ms. McPherson, may I reset the timer and give points?" We have hit major milestones with class celebrations to match reaching 2,000, 5,000 points, 10,000 points. It is taking less and less time to reach (once insurmountable) class goal. I am so proud of how well the systems support learning and good behavior choices.

The class has successfully completed the FSA Writing Prompt exercise. Each student has completed each phase of the "practice writing prompt." Part I – read, understand, and highlight significant information from each source. Part II – Plan the essay using information from each source and quotes. Part III – write the essay. Part IV – revise and edit the essay looking for spelling, punctuation, grammar, indenting for paragraphs, capitalization, and the use of their best handwriting. This was a huge and daunting undertaking. However, each student has said, "I didn't think I could do it. But I did!" Yes, we will celebrate this too!

We are a student or class celebration just waiting to happen. Stop by and see the Amazing Boo Dolphin Crew at work and play in Room 202. Sorry, that is the Blue Dolphin Crew. Our students wish you a Happy Thanksgiving and a Merry Christmas to you all!

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Events

Red Ribbon



Red Ribbon Week—Oct 22—Oct 26

Red Ribbon week was a great success here at CREST. The week started off with dressing in Camouflage, Sports Teams, Orange for Unity, Red and ended with wearing a Halloween shirt or costume. The weeks events also included a door decorating contest. Take a look at our pictures!

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Door Contest

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Veteran in the Classroom

Master Sgt. Kelly Worthington is 57 years old and served for many years as a navy seal, serving in many combat situations. When he retired from the forces, as a master sgt., he worked as a federal prison officer, until his full retirement in 2012. He has worked as a mentor to troubled teens as a big brother for the last 17 years, who he identifies with because of his trouble early life and his struggle with dyslexia.

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VFW District 7

CREST would like to extend a heartfelt thank you to the VFW District 7 for a donation of items for CREST students and a \$100.00 check to be utilized in one of our classroom adoptions. We appreciate the community commitment to continually support CREST through their thoughts and actions.



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<http://www.boxtops4education.com/>



Calendars

Citrus County Schools Calendar

[www.citrus.k12.fl.us/news/Approved 2018-19 School Calendar.pdf](http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/news/Approved_2018-19_School_Calendar.pdf)

November 2018

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
				1	2 Curriculum Day	3
4	5	6	7 Full Day for Students	8 SAEC Meeting 3:30 CREST Media	9	10
11	12 Veteran's Day NO School	13	14	15	16	17
18	19 Thanksgiving Break No School	20	21	22 Thanksgiving Day	23	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	

December Dates

Dec 14th Santa at CREST
 Dec 20th Full Day for Students / Hurricane Makeup
 Dec 21st 1/2 Day for Students
 Dec 24th — Jan 8th Christmas Break
 Jan 9th Students Return



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