



CREST NEWS



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Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents, Families, and Students,

August 19th, 2020

It is with great anticipation that CREST looks forward to the 2020-2021 School year! It is obvious that we are facing many challenges and new procedures for the upcoming year as we put into place the Citrus Cares Covid 19 Recovery Plan. In case you are not aware, CREST has had 2 ESY Summer sessions that have overlapped by one week. I want to take a moment to personally thank all the teachers and staff that have committed their time and energy into making this summer's ESYs a success! I appreciate you and applaud your dedication to our students and to the Citrus County School System. As we move forward, we have had many changes. I want to share some of those changes with you: Jenny Brew, Terry Knauff and Karl Amundson have retired. We wish all of them the best in the next chapter of their lives, and we will have a retirement celebration for them all when the timing fits their needs.



CREST welcomes four new classroom teachers and two new Behavior TOSAs. Jason Cates, Behavior TOSA, comes to us from Crystal River Primary School. He has had several roles at CRPS and we are lucky to have him at CREST. CREST also welcomes Eric Thornburg as our third Behavior TOSA this year. Eric has been working in our Transition program and is now effectively assisting and leading schoolwide. Kara Halcomb is joining the FSA Middle School group and will be teaching math. We also welcome Kristy Fish. We are eagerly anticipating her arrival. CREST welcomes Leigh Anne Silva. She is the parent of McKayla Gibson. She is teaching FSA Middle School Science and Social Studies. CREST welcomes Christina Lindsay. Christina is teaching FSAA elementary and she comes from Hernando Elementary School. She has a background in behavior and counseling, and we welcome her. We also welcome several new aides. As we continue to hire new staff, we will be sure to introduce them, and I implore you to make them feel welcome.

I know we will all face many complex challenges through this difficult and uncertain period. I can only speak from my perspective. I believe we have a purpose to fulfill here at CREST and that anyone that chooses this work, calling and profession does so for the students we serve. I know our students need us and I'm proud to serve them. I don't pretend to have all the answers, but I promise Mrs. Howard and I will be there to guide, assist and lead you through this period and we will preserve together.

Additional information regarding COVID 19:

As we enter on a new normal in education, we ask for your patience, understanding, and communication. This has been a very "unique and challenging time" in each of our lives as this pandemic certainly has impacted the way we conduct our everyday lives and how our students will interact at school. During the next few weeks there will be many things that will look different; however, the goal will still be the same, providing your child with a safe, respectful, and responsible school to learn and grow. Moving forward we will be working closely with you and your child to reset the routines and procedures as your child returns to their schedule of waking up, coming to school, and achieving student success.

Please review the Citrus County Cares – School Reopening Plan 2020-21, <https://www.citruschools.org/cms/One.aspx?portalId=737701&pageId=25920047>

The information in the above site that will help guide you in the upcoming school year. Many of your questions may be answered within this site, however, if at any time you feel uncertain or still need further clarification, please feel free to contact the CREST Administration and they will work to find answers and solutions to your questions.

We look forward to another great year and remember "together" we can make it through the current changes. We encourage you to contact myself, administration, or Mr. Paul with any questions or concerns before you reach out to social media for help. We care and are here to address your concerns!

Respectfully,

Lee Mulder

Principal, CREST



Notes from the Assistant Principal



CREST Families and Friends,



Welcome back to school, we are so happy to have the opportunity to serve our students back in the building. I know our staff has missed our students; they worked extremely hard zooming with students and were so creative with the videos they created over our extended remote learning period to entertain and stay in touch with our families. We certainly could tell our students missed being on campus during these difficult times, our quiet students became very talkative during chats (missing their classmates) and for some we saw tears when it was time to end the zoom. It was such a joy to see them exiting the buses on the first day wearing their masks so responsibly, even a face mask could not hide their smiles. Our staff has been working hard preparing for the opening of school, whether your student has returned to our brick and mortar building or has chosen to continue with remote learning we are ready to serve them. Please feel free to call the school 352-527-0303 with any concerns or questions, we are looking forward to a great year.

Melanie Howard

Assistant Principal, CREST

TOSA Notes

Curriculum



My name is Julie Henry, and I am the Learning Coach/Curriculum Specialist for CREST. My job is to help provide resources and curriculum to staff and parents. I have four children of my own. Three are grown, and one is a senior at Lecanto High School. My husband and I have been married for almost 30 years. In my free time, I enjoy reading, watching movies with my family, swimming, playing with my dogs, and anything Disney.

All of the teachers and staff at CREST are so excited to have our students back with us this year! It brings me joy to see their masked faces walking through the halls. They are settling in nicely to their daily routines and are eagerly working on their diagnostic assessments and assignments.

Many of you have been asking for ways you can help your child at home. Dr. Kathryn Hoffses has a list of 10 ways you can help your child to succeed at school.

1. Be in contact with your child's teacher and work as a team.
 2. Be active in the School Advisory Council- our first meeting is Sept. 15 at 3:30 via Zoom. Please let us know if you would like an invite.
 3. Visit the school website- it has lots of information to keep you informed of what is happening in the classroom <https://crest.citruschools.org/>.
 4. Support schoolwork expectations.
 5. Please send your child to school ready to learn by making sure they are well-rested.
 6. Teach them organization skills- how to use assignments books, calendars, folders, etc..
 7. Teach them how to study- flashcards, breaking things down into smaller assignments, taking breaks.
 8. Know the disciplinary policies for the school and make sure your child understands them as well.
 9. Take attendance seriously- sick students should stay home, but they should be in school if your child is well.
 10. Make time to talk about school. Taking time every day to ask your child about their day while driving in the car, eating meals, or before bed helps them to know you care about their education and them.
- If I can assist you, please do not hesitate to call me at 352-527-0303 ext. 6124.

Julie Henry

Curriculum TOSA



Behavior TOSA Notes



Greetings all! My name is Eric Thornburg and this is my second year at CREST. Last year I served in Transition and this year I am extremely pleased to be serving as a Behavior TOSA. I spent six months teaching 6th grade science at Lecanto Middle two years ago. Before that I served in the Army and Marines and retired in 2019. This year looks to be exciting and I know I will learn a lot from the students and staff here at CREST!

Very Respectfully,

Eric Thornburg
Behavior TOSA

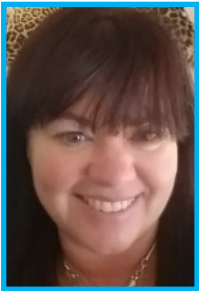
Hello CREST Family!



My name is Jason Cates and I am one of your Behavior TOSAs this year. I am joining you from Crystal River Primary School where I spent 9 years as a P.E. teacher, a 5th grade classroom teacher, a Title I Interventionist, and a Behavior TOSA. In the past I have also coached football at Crystal River High School and worked as a summer counselor at Coastal Camp Citrus at the Marine Science Station. My wife is a teacher at Crystal River Primary School and we have two daughters, Jocelynn who is 6 in 1st grade and Elliana who is 2. In our spare time, we enjoy spending time with family and friends and working on our family farm. We have ducks, chickens, goats, and donkeys. I am so happy to be at CREST and to be working with this awesome team of students and staff. It's going to be a great year!

Jason Cates
Behavior TOSA

My Name is Tanya Finch-Goodwin and I am excited to be here. My certification in education includes a Bachelor's in Biology and a Master's in Leadership Administration. I have ten years teaching experience in both the public and federal school systems. Subjects I have taught are AP Biology, Zoology, AP Environmental Science, Marine Science, Physical Science, Earth/Space, Integrated Sciences and Leadership Development. My administrative experience includes Testing Coordinator, ESE Coordinator and Assistant Administrator. While working in the federal system for the Bureau of Indian Affairs/Education, I got the opportunity to see firsthand how the ethnic diversity of students is an important aspect of their educational needs and development.



During my teaching tenure I also served as the high school Student Government Sponsor and Varsity Cheerleading Coach. One of my proudest moments as a coach occurred in February 2009 during the Super Bowl NFL Experience at Raymond James Stadium. After a very hard competition against cheer and dance teams from across Florida my girls brought home the second-place trophy, losing only to a co-ed squad of 45 cheerleaders from Orlando. While serving as Student Government Sponsor I enjoyed working with the students in creating school activities such as prom, homecoming week, spring fling, toys for tots, fund raisers, food and blood drives.

In my spare time I love to scuba dive, ride my Harley and travel to as many places as I can. Australia is up next on my list. These past two weeks have kept me busy trying to learn our students' personalities and needs. As I've walked these halls I have been inspired and humbled by this staff's dedication and perseverance to our students. I look forward to my time here at CREST and the adventures that await me.

Tanya Goodwin
Behavior TOSA



Information



If your child has symptoms of COVID-19 and has a COVID-19 test result pending, please keep your child home until the negative test result is received. As a reminder, parents should keep children home if they are not feeling well.

To combat COVID-19 and the upcoming flu season, there may be a need to move students to alternative classrooms to clean certain areas throughout the school day. Due to lower numbers of students in our brick and mortar schools, we have empty classrooms available. This is just another step in making sure we are taking every precaution to make sure students and staff stay healthy. Just a reminder, if the Citrus County Health Department determines your child has been in close contact with someone who has tested positive for COVID-19, you will be contacted by the Citrus County Health Department with further instructions.

Thank you.

Respectfully,

Lee Mulder

Universal Free Breakfast



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DISTRICT 5 – INVERNESS

July 1, 2020

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We have exciting news to share with you. For the entire 2020-2021 school year, ALL students will be entitled to receive UNIVERSAL FREE BREAKFAST, regardless of their eligibility determination.

CREST School qualifies for FREE Breakfast because the percentage of free and reduced students was over 80% last school year. The FREE status does not apply to lunch. The eligibility status of your child for 2020-2021 school year will be the determining factor for lunch.

Please note that while Breakfast will be provided FREE of charge, applications MUST still be submitted for eligibility determination for the National School Lunch Program.

Sincerely,

Roy R. Pistone II, RD MED, SNS
Director of Food & Nutrition Services



CREST

Citrus Resources for Exceptional Students in Transition

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Lee Mulder
Principal

Melanie Howard
Assistant Principal

Paul M. Heinze
ESE Specialist

Julie Henry
Curriculum

Teachers Working Out-Of-Field

CREST School is proud that all 30 teachers and administrators who work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. We appreciate the following teachers who have volunteered to teach a subject outside of their primary certification and are currently taking classes to obtain certification in the area they are teaching out-of-field.

Teacher	Course/Class
Elizabeth Antonelli	Reading Endorsement
Felicia Carey	Reading Endorsement
Jennifer Green	Reading Endorsement
Kara Halcomb	Math 5-9
Cara Harris	Elementary Education & Reading Endorsement
Cindy Hogle	Elementary Education & Reading Endorsement
Nancy Hopp	Reading Endorsement
Christina Lindsay	Exceptional Student Education, Elementary Education & Reading Endorsement
Mary Malek	Reading Endorsement
Marianne McPherson	Reading Endorsement
Deborah Raimer	Reading Endorsement
Leigh Anne Silva	Exceptional Student Education & Middle Grades Science /ESE

Each of these teachers has both experience and coursework in the area they are teaching. They are excellent teachers and we appreciate the extra effort they are putting forth on behalf of our students.

Best regards

Lee Mulder
Principal
08/25/2020



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Deadline to purchase coverage: September 30, 2020

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CREST SCHOOL
2018-2019 SCHOOL FINANCIAL REPORT
EDUCATIONAL FUNDING ACCOUNTABILITY ACT
Section 1010.215, F.S.

REVENUES	SCHOOL*	%	DISTRICT	%	STATE	%
Federal	1,280	62.28%	17,860,078	12.71%	3,531,298,510	13.38%
State/Local (excludes Lottery)	417	20.30%	122,431,112	87.11%	22,820,063,633	86.49%
Lottery	358	17.42%	48,836	0.03%	9,711,526	0.04%
Private		0.00%	206,340	0.15%	23,411,811	0.09%
Total	2,055	100.00%	140,546,366	100.00%	26,384,485,480	100.00%

* School revenues based on costs.

K-12 OPERATING COSTS **	Per Full-Time Equivalent Student			TOTAL COSTS
	SCHOOL	DISTRICT ***	STATE ***	
Teachers/Teachers Aides (Salaries/Benefits)	25,725	4,606	4,895	2,885,010
Substitute Teachers (Salaries/Benefits) [1]			Not Available from State Data Base	
Other Instructional Personnel ****	3,844	1,021	1,064	431,077
Contacted Instructional Services	2,136	349	235	239,576
School Administration	2,682	628	599	300,784
Materials/Supplies/Operating Capital Outlay	433	181	240	48,549
Food Service	83	490	548	9,292
Operation and Maintenance of Plant	3,577	900	971	401,141
Other School-Level Support Services	1,557	433	236	174,609
TOTAL SCHOOL COSTS **	40,037	8,608	8,788	4,490,038

** Capital expenditures for new schools are not included.

*** Amounts reported for District and State reflect costs for all levels of students, not costs by school type.

**** Includes some non-personnel costs, such as teacher training materials.

District Costs: The amounts above represent only school-level costs. No district-level costs have been included.

District costs such as transportation and administration for Citrus school district totaled \$15,870,317 or \$1,063 per FTE.

K-12 ADDITIONAL DETAIL INFORMATION	Per Full-Time Equivalent Student			TOTAL COSTS
	SCHOOL	DISTRICT	STATE	
Teachers/Teachers Aides (Salaries/Benefits):				
Basic Programs	52,611	3,996	4,109	9,470
ESOL		4,644	5,016	
Exceptional Programs	25,681	7,539	7,544	2,875,540
Career Education Programs		3,895	4,139	
Adult Programs [2]	*	*	*	*
Materials, Supplies, Operating Capital Outlay:				
Textbooks	65	74	Not Available from State Data Base	7,217
Computer Hardware & Software	11	16	Not Available from State Data Base	1,241
Other Instructional Materials	302	86	Not Available from State Data Base	33,723
Other Materials and Supplies	57	4	Not Available from State Data Base	6,368
Library Media Materials	20	4	Not Available from State Data Base	2,188

[1] Cost of substitute teachers included in "Other School Level Support Services" amounted to \$42,940.

[2] not FEFP funded

CREST Special Classes Spotlight



Art

For the month of September, In Art Class we will be making wind chimes with seashells, and creating our own drawing with elements of lines, shapes and colors.

Your art teacher Christine Fuller



PE

The CDC recommends that children and adolescents ages 6 to 17 years of age do 60 minutes or more of moderate-to-vigorous physical activity daily. But what to do if you're stuck indoors? We've got you covered with these amazing virtual P.E. resources that can help you find ways to bust some moves in the great indoors. Below find our top virtual P.E. streaming videos.

Just Dance

Dancing is one of the easiest ways to get your body moving ... and grooving. As kids follow the moves on this YouTube-based dance challenge, they won't even realize they're getting in a great cardio workout. Plus *Just Dance* features all their favorite musical artists.

<https://www.youtube.com/channel/UC0Vlhde7N5uGDIFXXWWEbFQ>

Cosmic Kids Yoga

Stretch, bend and get movin' with the Cosmic Kids Yoga YouTube channel, where you'll find 10-20 minute guided yoga workouts for preschool to elementary school-aged kids. Kids will love striking poses in outer space, underwater, on the farm and more! You can also stream episodes on Amazon Prime Video.

<https://www.youtube.com/user/CosmicKidsYoga>

Want to learn more? Visit:

<https://www.cdc.gov/healthyschools/physicalactivity/facts.htm>

CREST Media Center



Classes come to the Media center as part of their normal schedule one time a week during Specials time. During their media time Structured Teaching is set up where they can participate in several stations while in the Media Center.

Stations include:

Book Station where students can checkout books

Audio Book Stations where they can use their iPads to listen to stories

Art Stations where they can draw and color

Computer station where they can do research and educational websites

Magazine Station where they can look at comics or magazines of their choice

STEAM Station where they can pick a bucket of Legos or other construction sets

While in the media center all students and staff will be following the Citrus County School guidelines to keep everyone safe. I look forward to a fun and exciting year in the Media Center. If you have any questions about the media center please feel free to get in touch with me.

Mr. Elliott

CREST Media Center

Elliottg@citruschools.org



Home Living



Home Living will be working on a lot of fun stuff the first 9 weeks.

First we will be sewing a bag that each student can use to carry their own I-pad and supplies to and from classes. The students will be allowed to choose from three different bag designs. While making these bags the students will be working on a variety of skills. They will have the opportunity to make a pattern, cut out a pattern, iron, cut and sew.

The second project we will be working on is fidget mats for some of our students. The students will have the opportunity to sew on items by hand stitching several items onto the mat. They will also be giving the mat to another student.

Some of our students will learn about their own bodies. We will learn about how to take care of ourselves, eat healthy, exercise, get enough sleep and take care of their mental health.

I am looking for donations for these projects. I could use some lg or xlg shirts and I could also use some cloth place mats .

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FSA Marine Science Trip



The Middle and High School FSA students went to the Marine Science Station on August 26, 2020. This was a great opportunity for the students to be outside and learning something new after spending so much time at home and not in a classroom setting. The students enjoyed themselves and had a lot of time on the boats going fast, as well as looking for new fish and wildlife. Jackson found a rare fish that day and had both Captains impressed with what he caught. Overall, this was a great experience for our middle and High School students.

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Calendars

2020—2021 School Calendar



SEPTEMBER 2020

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7 Holiday No School	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30 Students -No School Teachers PD Day			



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