



# CREST NEWS



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## Notes from the Principal

Dear Parents,

It is with great honor that I welcome you to the 2019/20 CREST School year. It is my pleasure to let you know that we have had many positive changes at CREST. We have current and new staff in the positions of Curriculum TOSA, Behavior TOSA, School Psychologist, many teaching positions and some aide positions in our classrooms. We are always sad to see our departing staff leave; however, we are especially excited about our new staff at CREST.



Throughout this year CREST will be highlighting our new staff and current staff in our monthly newsletter and sharing exciting points of interest about them.

While our core values of including every child in a positive learning experience have not changed. I would also like to point out there are changes in FL legislation this year that will affect our data collection in the area of threat assessment. We will need your help and direction as a member of your child's behavior team now more than ever in assisting in the event your child needs behavioral intervention. This means we will be contacting you in the event any threats are made on students or staff members. CREST's goal is student safety in a positive learning environment.

Thank you for your continued support of your child's education and we look forward to serving your child's needs. I can be reached at 527-0303 or through the school's email system at [mulderl@citruschools.org](mailto:mulderl@citruschools.org). It is important to note our email has migrated to the citruschools.org naming convention. This is more reliable than the old email system.

Respectfully,

**Lee Mulder**  
Principal, CREST



## Happy Retirement Cheri Herald



I have had the pleasure of working with the students of CREST for over twenty-three years. I began as a long-term substitute, became a full-time aide, and then went back to college to become an ESE teacher.

I have worked with both populations at CREST; they are equally rewarding. No two days are the same and it is impossible to become bored here. When a student's behavior improves dramatically or they learn to use the restroom independently, you realize that what we do here really matters.

I am looking forward to traveling, birdwatching, and spending time with my grandchildren. It has been an exciting journey; to all my colleagues I offer this advice: Enjoy the ride and make a difference!

--Cheri Herald

### Curriculum



It is going to be an amazing school year! My name is Julie Henry and I am the new Curriculum TOSA for CREST. Many of you know me as a teacher at CREST or Lecanto Primary School. I am excited by what I have seen this year in our classes. The lessons have been exciting and students have been engaged and learning.

CREST will be using Seesaw again this year. For those of you who do not know what Seesaw is, it is a digital portfolio of your child's work and fun activities during the year. If you need help getting Seesaw set up on your computer or phone, please let me know.

Please mark your calendar for our first curriculum day, November 8. It will have a science focus. We will have a scientist coming to put on a show for us, numerous science experiments to participate in, and food to enjoy.

**Julie Henry**  
Curriculum TOSA

### Behavior

Hello CREST Family!

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



My name is Brian Hengesbach and I am excited to serve CREST as a new behavior TOSA. I have served students in Citrus County the last four years at Crystal River Primary. I have also worked for the Diocese of St. Petersburg teaching at Bishop McLaughlin Catholic High School for seven years. I have taught and worked in various capacities at schools including P.E., social studies, behavior, and media center. I have also enjoyed both participating and coaching many sports. I competed in swimming during my collegiate years at Wheeling Jesuit University. I grew up here in Florida and currently live in Citrus County with my family. My wife is also a teacher here in Citrus County. I look forward to helping make this the best school year and can't wait to get to know everyone here at CREST.

**Brian Hengesbach**  
Behavior TOSA



Hello! My name is Jasmine Welter and this is my first year at CREST. I am one of the new Behavior TOSAs and I am eager to make a positive impact here on campus. My previous work experience includes 7 years at Crystal River Primary School and 3 years at Forest Ridge Elementary. I have a Master's Degree in Educational Leadership and I am currently enrolled at NCU for a Doctorate in Educational Leadership. If I can be of any assistance, please reach out to me at [welterj@citrus.k12.fl.us](mailto:welterj@citrus.k12.fl.us)

**Jasmin Welter**  
Behavior TOSA



## CREST Special Area Classes

### **Art with Ms. Brew**



Miss Jinny will be working with students using the Elements of Art. Line and Shape will be primary focus in the fall. We will look at geometric shapes and organic shapes. Water color, markers, colored pencils, and collage are some of different media we will use. 2D will draw in clay doing texture and name plates.

Jinny Brew  
Art Teacher



David Hockney is one artist we will look at. This piece is called "Double Entrance".

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### **Media with Mr. Elliott**



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. Other students can also access the media center during open times where they can read and check out books, work on the computers or SMART Table, look at Magazines or pick other activities. I look forward to a fun and exciting year in the Media Center.

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Greg Elliott  
Media Teacher



### **Shop with Mr. Eddie**



Woodshop students have applied their hard work in the building of over 85 Blue Bird houses and are hammering them out. Sales were steady for last year and we hope they continue. We also will be offering painted bird houses, colors are orange, brown, green, red and blue this is a water base dye stain. Students are very proud of the hard work they do every day in putting out a great product. We couldn't do what we do without the support from all the people who have purchased the Woodshops products. Thank You All

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### **PE with Mr. SantaFe**



WOW, PE got off to a big splash this year at the YMCA pool. The water was warm and the weather was perfect for our Citrus County "Learn to Swim" program. By the end of the program all student had shown improvements. Brittany was able to advance to a green level, Jayden went from sitting on the edge of the pool to floating independently, our advanced swimmers (Chace, Austin, Joshua, Jackson) improved on arm action and kicks, Abraham swim four laps with me independently, Caiden and Wayne got some one on one attention, Cedrick was able to swim in deeper water without his life jacket and Jayden showed that he can swim. Check out the awesome pictures.

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## Computer Lab with Ms. Bonnie

Students visit the Computer Lab once a week with their class during their scheduled Specials Time. The Computer Lab offers 14 computers that students can use to do academic computer programs like TeachTown, and other academic games.

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## Home Living with Ms. Renee

This year Home Living will offer new small group activities. Groups will rotate to different activities every 4 weeks.



- **Beginner Sewing**
  - \* Basic Stich
  - \* Button Sewing
  - \* Make a small pillow
- **Advanced Sewing**
  - \* Sewing Machine basics
  - \* What stiches to use
  - \* Cut out patterns
  - \* Sewing project
- **Create and Design**
  - \*Make projects on Cricut
- **Gardening**
  - \* Growing and planting seedlings
- **Advanced Cooking**
  - \*Deli
  - \*Serving
  - \*Prep
- **Cake Decorating**
  - \*Fondant
  - \*Design Cakes

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## World History with Mr. Walker



In Mr. Walker's World History class, the students learned about MesoAmerica, featuring the Olmecs, Incas, Mayas and Aztecs. The students used string to make their own Quipu, a form of writing and record keeping. The students also learned about different types of pyramids and their meaning. They created their own pyramids out of clay. Most of the pyramids were built as a representative of one of their sacred "gods." The students were presented with "god" cards, which taught the roles the "gods" played on society. They were encouraged to build a society, fight off attack and trade to acquire what they need, using Pokemon as a model. Each society believed everything provided to them came from a specific "god," (For example, Opotchli, the god of hunting and fishing, who not only provided them with the materials to hunt and fish, but also the prey to catch). A lesson that provided great enjoyment was attempting to play the "ballgame." While several forms of the ballgame exist, we learned about one of the original forms, where the players had to "pass" a ball using only elbow, knee or hip and get their opponent to "miss" the pass. The pass must be within arm's length of the opponent. We closed the unit by sampling Aztec hot cocoa and a dish of Aztec black beans and rice, with pork and a side of tomatoes, peppers and onions. The students and staff ate a ton of it! We ate these items during a MesoAmerican party, that included Incan/Mayan/ Aztec music, outfits, art and film. The students also took a quiz and all passed with A's! It was a fantastic unit. They now look forward to what fun and food we'll have for the unit on Ancient Greece and Rome.

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## Information



### Parent Drop off and Pick up

For the safety of all our staff and students, please use the designated drop off area for students during bus arrival and dismissal. The busses arrive between 8:35 and 9:10 and dismiss between 3:00 and 3:30.

Thank you for your concern

## Information



Back  
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**Florida Report Cards link:** <https://edudata.fldoe.org/>

The goal of Florida's EduData Portal is to increase the advancement of Florida students and schools by providing access to information that will facilitate important decisions about education in Florida. The links below provide access to **Florida Report Cards**, **advanced reports** and **data files** in a variety of formats including graphs, tables, maps, custom reports, and spreadsheets based on your interests in education-related data.

### CREST School 2017–2018 Financial Report:

[https://crest.citruschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server\\_743215/File/Parents%20Resources/CREST\\_SFR\\_2017-18.pdf](https://crest.citruschools.org/UserFiles/Servers/Server_743215/File/Parents%20Resources/CREST_SFR_2017-18.pdf)



## Universal Free Breakfast



SANDRA "SAM" HIMMEL – SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

*"Where Learning is the Expectation  
And Caring is a Commitment"*

THOMAS KENNEDY  
DISTRICT 1 – HERNANDO  
VIRGINIA BRYANI  
DISTRICT 2 – CRYSTAL RIVER  
DOUGLAS A. DODD  
DISTRICT 3 – FLORAL CITY  
SANDHIA COURTIS  
DISTRICT 4 – LEGANTO  
LINDA B. POWERS  
DISTRICT 5 – INVERNESS

July 1, 2019

Dear Parent/Guardian:

We have exciting news to share with you. For the entire **2019-2020 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 2019-2020 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**

2600 S Panther Pride Dr. Lecanto, Florida 3446. Phone (352) 527-0303 / Fax (352) 249-2104

**Lee Mulder**  
Principal

**Callie L. Haynes**  
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
Jennifer Green	Elementary Education
Chris Taylor	Exceptional Student Education and Elementary Education
Cindy Hogle	Elementary Education
Deborah Raimer	Elementary Education
Steven Walker	Exceptional Student Education
Eric Thornburg	Exceptional Student Education

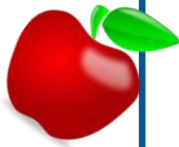
Each of these teachers has both experience and coursework in the area they are teaching. They are excellent teachers and we appreciate the extra effort they are putting forth on behalf of our students.





# Calendars

## Citrus County Schools Calendar

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# September 2019

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
1	2 No School 	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25 McDonald's Family Night 	26	27	28
29	30					

### October Dates

**Oct 2** Student Holiday / Teacher Work Day

**Oct 23—31** Red Ribbon Week

**Oct 31** 1/2 Day Students

### McDonalds Family Night (Beverly Hills)



Mark your calendar for Sept 25th. 20% of all sales between 4:00 to 7:00 PM will go to CREST.



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