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Koala-ty Newsletter

Cresthaven Elementary
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Principal's Message

Dear Cresthaven Family:

Greetings! The third quarter of the school year began successfully with all of our students actively engaged in the learning process. We fondly refer to the third quarter as "crunch time", where teachers are very busy getting students ready for all of their assessments. I want to personally thank each and every one of you for your contribution to your child's education. A very special thanks to those who volunteer your time by assisting with school-wide activities. Please make sure you are following us on our social media sites and see our important dates section of the newsletter to ensure you are aware of all our activities here at Cresthaven Elementary.

Just a quick reminder to all parents that we serve free breakfast for all students here at Cresthaven and encourage your child to participate.

Educationally yours,

Donald E. Lee



School information

- School Hours: 7:50AM-1:50PM
- Students are considered tardy after 7:50AM
- Breakfast Hours 7:05AM-7:35AM
- We are a MANDATORY UNIFORM school
- Early Dismissal stops at 1:20PM and all dismissal changes should be done prior to 1:30PM
- During Dismissal ONLY Pre-K parents are allowed/required to walk up and retrieve their child
- Official I.D.'s are required when on campus, you will be asked to present your I.D prior to entering the building

Important Dates

Jan. 24th- SAC Meeting @5:30 pm
ESOL Family Night @6:00 pm
1st Grade Field Trip SEAS
Jan. 25th- 2nd Grade Field Trip SEAS
Jan. 26th- McDonalds Night
Jan. 31st- Feb 3rd- WIDA Testing

Next Month

Feb. 3rd- 4th/5th Grade Debate Competition
Feb. 3rd- Report Cards Issued
Feb. 6th-10th- FTE Week
Feb. 7th- BSA Science 5th Grade
Feb. 8th- Happy 100th Day of School!
Feb. 14th- Interims Issued
Feb. 14th- Early Release Day (Day of Service and Love)
Feb. 20th- No School (President's Day)
Feb. 21st- SAC Meeting @5:30 pm
ESOL Family Night @6:00 pm
Feb. 23rd- 4th Grade Virtual Field Trip
Feb. 28th- Happy Retirement Mrs. Heavner!

After School Activities

We are proud to announce that our SAVE Promise Club (Students Against Violence Everywhere) is off to a great start. 4th and 5th-grade club members have been doing exciting things to make our school a safer and happier place to be.



Title 1 News

Dear Parents,

Please take a brief moment to complete the Title 1 survey available on our school's website. We want to hear how well we are working to meet you and your child's needs. The survey is available in English, Spanish, Creole, and Portuguese. You can also scan the QR code below to get started.



Stay Connected

Stay Connected - Parent Link

These are informative calls and emails from Broward Schools and Cresthaven Elementary. If you are not receiving them, contact the front office at 754-322- 6000. If you need to update contact information please visit the front office.



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Classroom News Alert

The Preschool Heroes

AM/PM and Head Start 3 students are learning about exercise this month. The AM/PM students will be learning about exercise and being clean and how those activities help us to be healthy, alert, and energized. The Head Start 3 students are focusing on what we know about exercise and the different kinds of exercises we can do. The students will be engaging in discussions and will have the opportunity to participate in fun exercise games!

Head Start 4 students are learning about insects! They are learning the body parts, where do they live, what do they eat, who eats them and why they are important for the world.

In AM/PM the students are learning are: Ee and Yy. The students are also learning the numbers: 6, 7, 8, 9, 10 and learning about solid shapes.

The Specialized students are learning the letters F and the letter O, and the numbers 1 and 2

Specialized students are learning about what is a community and the different places in the community. Such as post office, schools, churches, hospitals, houses, and restaurants among many places. Along with learning about different jobs people can do in a community. After this unit with the letter O, students will learn about Health and Nutrition, and why food, exercise, and being clean are important to be healthy.

Intensive students are learning about good manners with the book "Amira Has Manners" and fables like "The Little Red Hen". The letters the students will be exposed to this month are I, B, F and L. Students continue to learn how to transition from area to area, how to play functionally with toys and working on fine motor skills by learning to cut with scissors.

The Kindergarten Superheroes Crew

Happy New Year! We are all so excited to be back from Winter Break and working like superheroes to get ready for First Grade! The children have matured so much since the beginning of the school year! We are seeing such growth in skills and independence!

Currently, in reading we are learning about technology at school and home. We discuss how technology helps make our lives easier and talk about how things were done differently "long ago" versus how they are done today. For example, transportation long ago relied on foot-power or travelling by horse and today we have cars, planes, trains, etc. Similarly, long ago people wrote with ink and quills, charcoal, and other materials. Today we have everything from pencils and pens to computer technology to help us write!

In phonics we are working on mastering letter sounds and how they blend to make words. You can help practice at home by breaking words into individual sounds and having them tell you the word (r-uh-n= run!)

During our math block we have been working on addition and subtraction with numbers up to 10. We will be moving into numbers 11-20 shortly. You can help your child develop their numeracy skills by having them count anything and everything! Cars, Cheerios, M&Ms, Legos, anything that has multiple pieces can be counted! We are also learning to WRITE the numbers, and this would be a great thing to practice at home!

On Wednesday February 8th we will be celebrating the 100th Day of School! We will be having fun with all things 100! 100 piece snacks, what 100 pieces are and students may dress up as if they are 100 years old

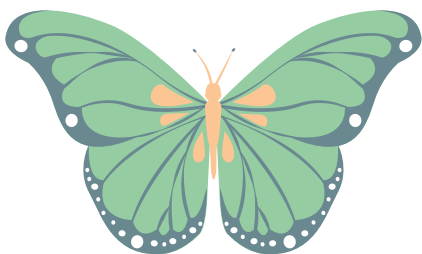
We are looking forward to an exciting second half of the school year! The best is yet to come!

The 1st Grade Avengers

Happy New Year from First Grade!! We're excited to have two field trips planned for the second half of the school year. This month we're visiting Broward Center for the Performing Arts to see the "Lady Bug Action Hero" and in March we're visiting the Museum of Discovery and Science. We're in need of chaperones for the MODS field trip, please reach out to a first grade teacher or the office for more information to volunteer.

In ELA, we're focusing on Technology in the Workplace and how technology helps us in our every day lives.

In Math, we're focusing on Place Value and how numbers can be grouped in different ways. Please continue to assist your child with their homework and practice reading daily for at least 15 minutes.



Classroom News Alert

The Guardians of 2nd Grade

The end of the year is quickly approaching, and second grade has been working extremely hard!

In reading, we are learning about Point of view. The students are exploring stories told from different characters' points of view. The students are also learning about Author's Purpose.

In math, we are focusing on addition subtraction, and fractions. The students are learning different strategies to help solve these types of equations. Please help and encourage your child to PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE his/her addition and subtraction facts. The students can also practice building their fact fluency on a new math program called Reflex math.

In Writing, the students have been utilizing the writing process steps and focusing on the 6-traits of writing. We are currently working on expository writing.

In Science, we have become scientists investigating various scientific concepts. We are currently learning about the conservation of matter, properties of matter (solids, liquids, and gases and how they change), and temperature and its effects on physical properties.

In Social Studies, we are learning about consumers and producers.

Homework! Homework! The students are given homework daily, please make sure it is completed. Homework is a reflection of what we are doing in class, so it is very important for it to be complete

Upcoming Field Trips:

On January 25, 2023, the Second grade will be visiting the Broward Center for Performing Arts to see a play called "Lady Bug Hero". We are excited for our students to experience a live play.

On March 10, 2023, the Second grade will be visiting the Museum of Discovery and Science. We are in need of chaperones for this trip. If you would like to be a chaperone, please go to browardschools.com/volunteerapplication and complete the application as soon as possible.

The Second-grade team thanks you for all that you do!

The Extraordinary League of 3rd Grade

Reading: The focus of our lessons throughout January will be Non-Fiction reading. In our study of nonfiction text, your child will be learning about text features, supporting details, charts, text structure, table of contents and words in context. We will also continue to work on identifying the problem and solution, making predictions, and retelling the story. As we are learning new reading skills, the children should be practicing at home through independent reading. Please continue to read every day with your child at home. Every bit of reading makes a difference.

Math: The focus of our lessons are adding and subtracting multi-digit whole numbers. Students are also working on solving multiplication and division problems.

State testing is in May, and we are dedicating instructional time to familiarize the students with the format and content of the test. We want to make sure our Third Graders have all the necessary tools when taking these challenging exams. Please know that the Third-Grade team understands the pressure your child may be feeling with so much work placed upon them. If you should have any concerns or questions, please know that we are here to help your child in any way we can.

Thank you for your continued support!

The Fantastic 4th Grade

Happy New Year! We hope you all had a great holiday season. We are extremely excited about all the progress your children have been making. On February 23rd, we will be having a virtual field trip about the Everglades!

The Incredible 5th Grade

Happy New Year! We are so excited to start a new year full of new possibilities! In 5th Grade we started the year reviewing classroom rules and expectations. Respecting our classmates, our classroom, and the teacher is top priority. Parents, continue to hold high expectations for academics for your child and assist with homework, when needed. Thank you parents for your continued support!

February 1st Solar System projects are due! Students, please make sure to follow the rubric to get the best possible grade.

Thank you,