



OCTOBER 2022 KOALA-TY NEWSLETTER



MR. DONALD E. LEE, PRINCIPAL

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Greetings Parents,

As we close on the first quarter of the school year, I just want to give you a few updates and reminders of events that will be taking place at Cresthaven for the month of October. Please be reminded that the end of the first quarter will be on October 20th, with report cards being available on November 10th. You will be able to access your child's report card via Virtual Counselor at: www.browardschools.com/virtualcounselor

PTA Sponsored events:

- Annual Spaghetti Dinner Night
- Trunk or Treat

Though we are off to a great start tardiness and truancy remains a concern within the District. Unlike the past two years, we will be using the Broward Truancy Intervention Program (BTIP) to ensure that students are in classes and on time every day. Over the course of the past two years, we have lost over 3 million minutes of instructional time. Though Cresthaven improved to a "B" rated school, just imagine if we never lost the minutes to tardiness and absences. Here at Cresthaven we pride ourselves of being the "Home of Koala-ty" education, we have amazing educators that are ready to make a positive impact, but if your child is not in school consistently... We can't make the impact your child deserves.

Thank you for your continued support and cooperation.

Sincerely,
Donald E. Lee
Proud Principal of Cresthaven Elementary



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
- 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

ATTENDANCE: Absences should be reported by parents within two school days of the absence. To report an absence please contact 754-322-6002. When reporting, the following is required:

1. Student's first and last name
2. Grade level
3. Date(s) of absence
4. Reason for absence
5. Parent's name and contact information.

IMPORTANT DATES

- Oct. 10-14th- FTE Survey Week
- Oct. 12th- PTA Spaghetti Dinner Night
6-7:30pm
- Oct. 19th- Pompano Beach Fire Rescue Presentation
(Grades 1st & 2nd)
- Oct. 20th- Early Release Day
(Dismissal at 11:50am)
- Oct. 21st- No School(Employee Planning)
- Oct. 24th- Beginning of 2nd Quarter
- Oct. 25th- Picture Day Make-up
- Oct. 24th-28th Red Ribbon Week
- Oct. 26th-Trunk or Treat
5:30-7:30pm
- Oct. 31- Storybook Character Parade
8:15am
- Nov. 3rd- SAC meeting
5:30pm
- ESOL Family Game Night- 6:00pm-7:30pm

FRIENDLY REMINDERS

BIRTHDAYS: Only store bought cupcakes and juice boxes will be accepted before 10AM. Cupcakes will be passed out during your child's scheduled lunch. No party favors or balloons.

LUNCH: Student are not allowed to receive food deliveries from food delivery services (i.e. DoorDash, Uber Eats, etc). Also, Parents are not allowed to interrupt instruction time to deliver outside food during the school day. Cresthaven provides a nutritious and delicious free breakfast and lunch to all students. But students are free to bring their own lunchbox if they would like.

FTE SURVEY WEEK

Cresthaven Families:

Regular student attendance is important for student learning and progress throughout the school year. The state's financial support for schools is also directly linked to student attendance. Absenteeism hurts our students and hurts our schools. When students are absent they miss out on learning opportunities, can fall behind academically and our schools lose funding. To ensure our attendance records are counted for maximum state funding this school year, please ensure your child attends school each day **October 10 - 14, 2022**. If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact us at 754-322-6000.

SCHOOL SAFETY

Student Pick-Up: Students will only be released to parents/guardians and persons listed on the emergency contact card (orange form).

The **safety** and security of our students, staff, and visitors are our #1 priority, if you...

Know Something

See Something

Hear Something

SAY SOMETHING!!

Please make a report instantly by calling 911 or using the following APPS below:

Alyssa's Alert

SaferWatch

FortifytFL



All visitors **MUST** report to the Front Office and present an official I.D. **NO EXCEPTIONS!**

SUPPORT YOUR SCHOOL

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL (SAC)

The School Advisory Council is a group composed of administrators, teachers, partners, community members, business partners, and other staff members. Each year the SAC team generates several school-wide objectives for the following year. These objectives are the foundation of our school improvement plan. The school improvement plan outlines our objectives along with the actions being implemented throughout the school year. The SAC committee meets monthly in the media center. These meetings are open to the public and we welcome and encourage all to participate. If you are interested in participating in our SAC meetings, please contact, Ms. Bradshaw, SAC Secretary at Katrina.bradshaw@browardschools.com. Please join us for our next SAC Meeting **November 3rd** at 5:30PM.

PARENT TEACHER ASSOCIATION (PTA)

Dear Parents,

We would like to apologize for the delay of all who ordered Cresthaven Shirts. Unfortunately, there is a manufacturing issue and we are working tirelessly to get this issue resolved. However, if you would like to receive a refund. Please reach out to us via email @ cresthaven.elem.pta@gmail.com and we would be happy to fulfill your request. We appreciate your patience in this matter. Also, we need your support. Please considering joining our PTA. We are currently looking for the following: **Vice President, Secretary, Decoration and Volunteer Committee** members. Please see below for upcoming events we'll need help with and to checkout our PTA Member Store:

- Spaghetti Dinner Night - October 12th @ 6:00pm (Only \$10 and you can enjoy a night of fun and join PTA at the same time!)
- Candy Bar Fundraiser-Nov 1st-15th
- Trunk or Treat - October 26th @ 5:30pm

<https://cresthavenelementarypta.memberhub.store>

Sincerely,

PTA

VOLUNTEERS

Dear Parents/Guardians:

Our students are our most important resources. We share a common purpose- educating children. Many children need individualized attention. You have had varied experiences and skills which can help our children grow. **YOU** can help the teachers in ways that will allow them to provide more personal help to our children. If you are interested in serving as a volunteer, we will be delighted to hear from you. We have listed below a number of ways volunteers can help our students.

- Chaperone Field trips
- Work special events
- Work alongside teachers in the classroom
- Work in the media center
- Reading to students during literacy events
- Prepare bulletin Boards
- Help with book fairs
- Demonstrate gardening skills
- Tell stories with puppets or drawings
- Practice vocabulary with non-English speaking students
- Discuss Careers or hobbies
- Play a musical instrument
- Set up science experiments
- Gather resource materials
- Help with arts and crafts
- Help arrange assembly programs
- Share information about local history
- Listen to a child- be a mentor
- Assist with sing - alongs

If you have a special ability or interest that is not listed, please feel free to contact Ms. Solomon our Volunteer Coordinator at 754-322-6011 and express your interest! We would love to hear from you.

**PLEASE SUBMIT YOUR APPLICATION TO VOLUNTEER AT BROWARDSCHOOLS.COM/GETINVOLVED.
A NEW APPLICATION MUST BE SUBMITTED EVERY YEAR.**

Thank you for all you do and we look forward to hearing from you.

Sincerely,

Mr. Donald E. Lee, Principal

CLASSROOM NEWS ALERT

THE PRESCHOOL HEROES

In Head Start, during October the area of study is balls. The students are learning about the several types of balls and how we can use them. For example, balls can be toys, but they also can be part of a tool, things that roll and help move objects with ease.

In the AM/PM classroom and the Specialized classroom, this month's theme is: All About Me. In Literacy the letters the students are learning in AM/PM are P, H, M, A.

In Specialized Pre-K the letters the students are working on letters H and M. In Math students are learning 1:1 correspondence which helps them learn that numbers hold value. We are also busy having fun completing Fall Festivities.

In the Intensive Pre-K Classes, the area of study is based on the unit, The Changing Tree. This unit instructs the students about the different seasons, the clothes worn in each season and the passage of time. In Literacy the students are learning the letters O, C, D, and N.

THE KINDERGARTEN SUPERHEROES CREW

Our Kindergarten Superheroes are working on their learning superpowers! We have been busy reviewing letter names, letter sounds, and have begun learning high frequency words such as: I, we, can, like, the, and see! Please help your child learn to recognize and read these by pointing them out as you read nightly! In Math, we are working on reading and writing numbers 6 through 10, making groups of objects represented by these numbers and identifying groups that are more than, less than or equal to a given number. You can help your child with number sense by having them count all the things! Some good items to count...cereal, M&Ms, crackers, toy cars, marbles; pretty much anything around the house! Parents, please begin going online to Clever using your child's student number and password. If you need the information again, contact your child's teacher.

Don't forget to join us for Trunk or Treat on October 26th! The K-Team will be there to share the fun!

On November 7th we will be taking our first field trip! We will be visiting Butterfly World! Students may bring a bag lunch or order a bag lunch from the cafeteria. Permission slips and additional information will be coming home soon!

THE 1ST GRADE AVENGERS

We hope you are enjoying the beginning of the Fall Season. A HUGE thank you to all parents who attended Open House. It was a pleasure to see so many of you and we look forward to an amazing year.

Reading at home will make a HUGE difference in your child's school success! Make reading part of your child's everyday routine. Choose books that match your child's interests on Scholastic's Literacy Pro or a guided level reading book from their class. We are currently focusing on the Story Elements. Here's how you can practice these elements at home:

- Before reading, make predictions. What is the story going to be about?
- Talk about new words and meaning.
- Make connections to their life, other books, movies, or their favorite TV shows.
- Talk comment and ask questions about characters and settings as they read the book. How does the characters feel? Where is the character in the beginning, middle and end of the story? What is the character's problem and what's their solution?



CLASSROOM NEWS ALERT

THE GUARDIANS OF 2ND GRADE

Thank you, families, for a fantastic start to the school year! We are so impressed with the responsibility, enthusiasm, and stamina your children have demonstrated so far this school year. We know that your love and support have made this possible and we applaud you! Please continue to have the students read for at least 15-20 minutes each night and make sure they are completing their daily homework.

ELA: What are we learning?

- Readers follow characters, developing ideas about how and why characters grow and change throughout a book.
- Readers interpret messages or lessons that authors convey and discuss what they think about those messages.

Math: What are we learning?

- Mathematicians estimate sums and differences.
- Mathematicians determine sums and differences, using various methods.
- Mathematicians create and solve single-step and two-step practical problems involving addition and subtraction.
- Mathematicians demonstrate an understanding of rounding numbers to help find the sum.

Science: What are we learning?

- Students will use maps and globes of the world and the United States to include: a) the seven continents and five oceans b) the equator, Prime Meridian, and four hemispheres c) major rivers, mountain ranges, lakes, and other physical features in the United States.

Social Studies: What are we learning?

- Students will describe and evaluate how the contributions of selected individuals changed the lives of Americans.

THE EXTRAORDINARY LEAGUE OF 3RD GRADE

This month we are still concentrating on Multiplication. Please make sure your child studies their facts. We will begin Division which is an extension of multiplication. In reading we are working on our strategies to answer questions.

We are also in the process of continuing our conferences. Please make sure that you ask any questions involving your child's progress.

As the month continues, please read all flyers. There will be ESOL nights, Spaghetti Dinner, and of course our Trunk or Treat!!

THE FANTASTIC 4TH GRADE

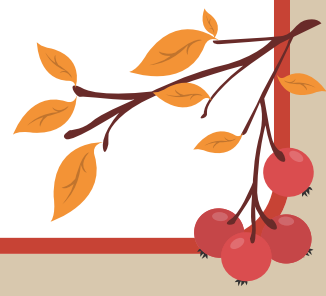
Fourth grade would like to wish everyone a happy fall! We are seeing so much growth in our students already! Some important updates for this month:

We are transitioning in reading from fiction passages and reading skills to nonfiction. Some important skills students will need to learn and practice are identifying text structure, identifying central idea, and identifying and explaining text features. In math, we will be learning to multiply two whole numbers, up to three digits by up to two digits. If you have any questions about anything, please reach out to your child's teacher.

THE INCREDIBLE 5TH GRADE

Get excited! Our 5th Graders will be going to JA Biztown on Friday, October 28th. This program encompasses important elements of community and economy, work readiness, financial literacy, and business management.

This opportunity allows students to apply what they have learned in the classroom in a realistic setting. Each student will assume a job, produce and/or sell products, receive a paycheck, work in business teams, repay business loans, go shopping, and manage a personal bank account.



OUT OF FIELD PARENT NOTIFICATION

Dear Parent (s)/ Guardian(s):

Our Professional teachers are continuously working on professional development to develop their teaching skills and to increase their levels of content expertise.

We are recognizing teachers at Cresthaven Elementary who are expanding their expertise beyond their current certification by pursuing college coursework and/or training sessions to become certified or endorsed in another/other subject(s).

In order to remain in this/these assignment(s), the teacher(s) will successfully complete required training within 12 months of the assignment or, if teaching the primary English or Reading class to identified limited English proficient students, in accordance with the Multicultural Education Training Advocacy (META) timeline.

These teacher are:

LAST NAME	FIRST NAME	CURRENT CERTIFICATION	OUT-OF-FIELD FOR
BRADSHAW	KATRENA	PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3 ESE GRADES K	ESOL CATEGORY 1
BUCSA	LAVINIA	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6 READING RNDORSEMENT	ESOL CATEGORY 1
COLOMA	KIARA	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
HOWARD	KRISTINA	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
JOSEPH	ASTRIDE	SPEC EXPERT PER INST PRE	ESOL CATEGORY 1
LEWIS	JANICE	PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3	ESOL CATEGORY 1
MORAN	LILLIAN	ELEMENTARY ELEM K-6	ESOL CATEGORY 1
PRIEVO	MELINDA	SPEC EXPERT PER INST PRE	ESOL CATEGORY 1
SALTERS	SHUWANNA	SPEC EXPERT PER INST PRE	ESOL CATEGORY 1
VALLE	PETRA	MID GR SCI GRADES 5-9	ESOL CATEGORY 1 ELEMENTARY EDUCATION
WARD	CARLISA	PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3 PREK-PRIMARY AGE 3 GR 3	ESOL CATEGORY 1