



"CROTON CHRONICLE" Croton Elementary



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Croton's Mission is to Empower Every Student to Succeed

(Boletín traducido al español y portugués en el sitio web de Croton) (Boletim traduzido em espanhol e português no site da Croton)

Message from the Principal...



Your child's safety and academic performance are our top priorities at Croton Elementary. Together, we can help every child succeed and reach his or her fullest potential. We need your support! Please help us by getting your child to school on time and ready to learn. Academic time is important, so please arrange outside activities and appointments around the school day to eliminate missing crucial instructional time. The most valuable thing you can do to assist your child's growth is to play an active role in your child's education by keeping informed, monitoring school work, and communicating with your child's teacher. We look forward to a wonderful school year following our mission - Empower every student to succeed!



Roseann M. Bennett

SAC

News:



Have you ever wanted to serve on a committee to help your child's school improve? If so, please complete Croton's School Advisory Council Application that will be coming home soon. We will be in need of new members to participate in the growth of our wonderful school and students. Please contact Amanda Hitchcock, if you have any questions.

Phone 321-259-3818 or
email: Hitchcock.Amanda@brevardschools.org

Important Dates

Monday, September 2nd

Holiday - No School

Friday, September 6th

Early Release, 1:15 pm

Wednesday, September 11th

~ Wear Red, White & Blue

~ Interim Ends

Friday, September 13th

Early Release, 1:15 pm

Tuesday, September 17th

SAC Meeting; 3:00 pm

Wednesday, September 18th

Interims Issued via FOCUS

Thursday, September 19th

Jersey Mike's Night, 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, September 20th

~ Volunteer Orientation Breakfast

~ Early Release, 1:15 pm

Wednesday, September 25th

Family Night, Time TBD

Friday, September 27th

Early Release, 1:15 p.m.

Monday, September 30th

Math Parent Night, District Office

Early Release Days

EVERY FRIDAY

Dismissal is at 1:15 pm

Please No Check-outs after 12:45 pm



Croton Cardinals Café Corner

All students are able to eat a free breakfast at Croton Elementary. Students can join us between 7:30 and 7:50 for the free breakfast in the cafeteria.

School lunch is also **FREE** for all students this year. For more detailed information regarding school lunches please visit www.brevardschools.org and click "Menus". Additional a-la-cart items are available for purchase in the cafeteria. Payments may be pre-paid into your child's lunch account free of charge online at <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/>. You will need your child's student ID number to register.

We offer many types of party treats! They are great for birthdays, holidays and even just because. Some of the things we offer from the café are Cookie Cake \$10.00, Cupcakes \$12.00, Ice Cream Party \$24.00, and Rice Krispy Treats \$18.00 all for the entire class! We do ask for 24 hour notice, but exceptions may be made, please call 321-259-3818 ext. 41011 or email Romanoff.Michelle@brevardschools.org.

Important Safety Information

Please park in a parking space before coming into the front office. Pick up and Drop off is not permitted in the front parking lot/loop. Use the car loop on the South side of the school for arrival and dismissal.

When picking up your walkers, please do not park in Croton's parking lots or next door in the business parking lot.

The car loop gate opens at 2:20 Monday through Thursday, and 1:05 on Fridays. **Please do not pull ahead of other cars already lined up.**

At dismissal in the car loop students will be called by the youngest in the family. The older siblings need to listen for their names and go to their younger sibling's gate for pickup.



**Please remember no cell phone use,
or smoking while in the car loop.**





Please keep your phone numbers updated with the Front Office. It's important for us to have your most current phone number. Please NOTE: Changes to student transportation need to be made in writing.



Important Message from the Clinic

Parents, please remember when your child is not feeling well it is important to keep them at home.

Also, please avoid giving your child fever reducing medication in the morning. If sent home with a fever, students must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school.



Hello Parents!
Did you Know?

Croton's Title I Program has a Parent Resource Area! We have Reading and Math materials available for you to check out to use at home to help support your child(ren). If you are interested in getting materials, please contact your child's teacher who can get resources to you, or reach out to Mrs. Kuntz-Murphy at 321-259-3818 or Kuntz-murphy.alicia@brevardschools.org.



Brevard Public Schools uses the FOCUS Family Portal. FOCUS can be used to access your child's grades and report cards. You can access FOCUS from Croton's website by clicking Parents and Students and then word "FOCUS" in the dropdown.



Rainy Day Plans

Dismissal Procedures for Rainy Day /Severe Weather

Brevard County 30-30 Rule - If the time between seeing lightning and hearing thunder is thirty (30) seconds or less, the outdoor activity (including dismissal) shall be suspended immediately, and staff must wait thirty (30) minutes or more before allowing students to leave proper shelter.

If it is necessary to utilize **Severe Weather Procedures** as outlined in the Brevard County 30-30 Rule, an automated phone message will be sent to the phone number you list as your home phone, and ALL STUDENTS WILL REMAIN IN THE BUILDING.

Once the 30 minutes have passed, any walkers/bikers who have "ride home in a car" indicated as their rainy day plan will go to the car loop for pickup. All other walkers/bikers will be dismissed once the weather is clear enough for safe passage home. Car loop will proceed as normal.

Annual Asbestos Notification

Brevard Public Schools' records indicate that no asbestos removal activities have taken place at Croton Elementary School during the past year (July 1, 2023 to June 30, 2024).

Background Information:

The EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 required an asbestos inspection of each school facility nationwide. This inspection was completed in 1988. The scope of the survey included sampling building materials that might contain asbestos, assessing the condition of materials, performing laboratory analysis of each sample, and writing a comprehensive report called an *Asbestos Management Plan*.

PE Corner



Tips for a successful year in physical education class:



- Come dressed to play. This includes sneakers which are expected each day.
- Please bring a water bottle with plain water only
- If your child needs to be excused from PE, please send in a note. This includes any physical limitations.

Important Volunteer Information

All new BPS volunteers are required to be fingerprinted. Registered Volunteers are able to work in the classroom and around the school. They can also work one-on-one with students and attend field trips.



Using the Explorer web browser complete the Online Volunteer Application at :
<https://tinyurl.com/BPSVolunteerApplication>

After completing the online application, proceed to BPS/ Educational Services Facility – Office of District and School Security for Fingerprinting.

2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940

Fingerprinting available:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Cost - \$35.00 / Annual Renewal Fee \$8.00

**** The \$35 fee is being waived until 9/30/2024. Please take advantage of this amazing deal!**