



# “CROTON CHRONICLE”



## Croton Elementary

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**“BPS’s mission is to serve students with excellence as the standard.”**

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During this holiday season we want to express our gratitude to the Croton community for their continued support and involvement with the various events at the school. This past semester has been filled with many exciting activities, the success of which is the result of the hard work and dedication of staff, parents, and students. Thank you for all you do to support Croton!

Best wishes for a safe and restful winter break.

### Important Dates

**Friday, December 2<sup>nd</sup>**

\* Regular Release Day, 2:30 pm

**Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**

Winter Wonderland Holiday Gift Shoppe

**Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup>**

Early Release, 1:15 pm

**Friday, December 16<sup>th</sup>**

Early Release, 1:15 pm

**Monday - Wednesday, December 19<sup>th</sup> - 21<sup>st</sup>**

Early Release, 1:15 pm

**Thursday, December 22<sup>nd</sup> - January 4<sup>th</sup>**

Winter Vacation, No School

**Thursday, January 5<sup>th</sup>**

Students Return

\* Change from Calendar



### Calendar Reminders!



Please remember Monday, Tuesday, and Wednesday *December 19<sup>th</sup> through December 21<sup>st</sup>* are **Early Release days**.

Winter vacation for students will begin on Thursday, December 22, 2022 and students will return to school on Thursday, January 5, 2023.

### Keep Reading!



Regular reading is a great exercise for your brain. One of the greatest benefits of reading daily is that your brain becomes super powerful. An amazing fact about our brain is that it can retain a great amount of information, and with every new memory, your brain creates new brain pathways or synapses. Moreover, it strengthens your existing memory and helps to recall short-term memory! Please keep reading over the holiday break.

### Dress Code Reminders



We are asking for your assistance in ensuring students wear sneakers everyday to school. Shoes like flip flops, slides, and crocs are a safety concern.

Also, we ask students that hats and hoods on hoodies be removed when indoors. Thank you for your assistance in ensuring safety for all students as they continue to wear appropriate clothing and footwear to school.



**Please inform the school office and clinic when any changes in home, cell, or work phone numbers occur during the school year.**



**It's important to keep the lines of communication open! You can also add more emergency contacts in the front office.**

**Music News**

*Cardinal Chorus - Kiwanis Winter Celebration  
Monday, December 5<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 pm at Eau Gallie High School*

*Intermediate Strings - Feeder Chain Concert  
Friday, December 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm at Eau Gallie High School*

*Beginning & Intermediate Strings and Cardinal Chorus  
Winter Concert Wednesday, December 14<sup>th</sup> at 6:00 pm at Croton*



**No Smoking Zone**

There is no smoking on school grounds. This includes the car loop and parking lots. Please be mindful of where you throw your cigarette butts, they create litter in the streets. Thank you for keeping our students healthy!



**Winter Wonderland Holiday Gift Shoppe  
December 5<sup>th</sup> - 9<sup>th</sup>**



The PTO is sponsoring a Holiday Shoppe that is open to all students during the school day. Gift items range in price from \$.25 to \$10.00. Students will have help wrapping their gifts to bring home. More information will be coming home soon.

**Thank you Marie's Sweet Treats  
and Indialantic Coffee for  
supporting Croton! We love our  
Partners in Education!**



**Is it Bullying?**

- When someone says or does something unintentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **RUDE**.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they do it once, that's **MEAN**.
- When someone says or does something intentionally hurtful and they keep doing it even when you tell them to stop or show them that you're upset, that's **BULLYING**.

CONFLICT	RUDE	MEAN	BULLYING
Occasional	Occasional	Once or Twice	Is REPEATED
Not planned; in the heat of the moment	Spontaneous; unintentional	Intentional	Is planned and done on purpose
All parties are upset	Can cause hurt feelings; upset	Can hurt others deeply	The target of the bullying is upset
All parties want to work things out	Based in thoughtlessness, poor manners	Based in anger; impulsive cruelty	The bully is trying to gain control over the target
All parties will accept responsibility	Rude person accepts responsibility	Behavior often regretted;	The bully blames the target
An effort is made by all parties to solve the problem			The target wants to stop the bully's behavior; the bully does not
Can be resolved through mediation	Social skill building could be of benefit	Needs to be addressed/ should NOT be ignored	CANNOT be resolved through mediation

Source: Jennifer Astles, DASA Newsletter, January 2014, TST BOCES



Parents, please note our FOCUS attendance system sends automatic emails regarding absences once a student has more than five unexcused absences in a semester. We will excuse an absence if your child is sent home from the school clinic. Otherwise, if your child is sick, please send a note from the doctor at your earliest convenience so that we can mark the system appropriately and excuse the absence. This will prevent these automatic emails. Thank you for your patience and understanding.

