



“CROTON CHRONICLE”



Croton Elementary

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

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Tardy & Absent Students



If a student is not in school, then we cannot teach the student. One of the biggest issues at Croton is the attendance, early check-out, and tardy rates of our students. The change to our clocks (March 10th) is an excellent opportunity to be reminded about the importance of arriving to school every day on time. There are many research studies on **attendance** (including timeliness) as an **indicator of school success**. Students may arrive on campus at 7:30 a.m. and head to the cafeteria for a well-balanced **breakfast**. Children need breakfast to help with their developing brains and growing bodies. Interestingly, studies show that children who skip breakfast are tardy and absent from school more often than children who eat breakfast on a regular basis.

Please see the chart below which shows Croton’s average daily attendance. We are always striving for a 100% attendance rate!

Grade	August	September	October	November	December	January	February	Overall
First	95.91%	94.52%	94.27%	90.67%	90.60%	90.84%	92.50%	92.81%
Second	95.08%	95.62%	93.91%	92.65%	89.14%	94.84%	93.45%	93.59%
Third	95.62%	94.67%	95.03%	94.06%	90.19%	91.64%	92.63%	93.42%
Fourth	93.14%	94.28%	94.81%	94.11%	91.31%	93.35%	92.58%	93.43%
Fifth	94.96%	95.75%	94.42%	94.11%	92.02%	94.01%	93.96%	94.21%
Sixth	94.01%	96.23%	94.54%	92.43%	92.99%	91.45%	92.62%	93.51%



- Friday, March 1st**
Early Release, 1:15 pm
- March 4th - 8th**
National School Breakfast Week
- Thursday, March 7th**
Jersey Mike’s Night,
4:00 - 8:00 pm
- Friday, March 8th**
Early Release, 1:15 pm
- Sunday, March 10th**
Daylight Savings Time
- Tuesday, March 12th**
Spring Photo Day
- Wednesday, March 13th**
~End of Third Nine Weeks
~ Field Day
8:10 - 10:45 am, 3rd & 4th
11:15 - 2:00 pm, 5th & 6th
- Thursday, March 14th**
Field Day
8:10 - 10:45 am, 1st & 2nd
- Friday, March 15th**
No School, Teacher Workday
- Tuesday, March 19th**
SAC Meeting, 3:00 pm
- Wednesday, March 20th**
Report Cards Issued on FOCUS
- Friday, March 22nd**
Early Release, 1:15 pm
- March 25th - March 29th**
Spring Break

i-Ready Diagnostic Performance Medians

Students in grades 3rd - 6th took the second i-Ready diagnostic at the beginning of December. We have a lot of growth to celebrate! Please be sure to take some time to review your child’s scores with them from Diagnostic 1 to Diagnostic 2. Provide encouraging words and support for meeting goals as students in grades 4th - 6th will take their next diagnostic beginning March 11th.

Subject	Grade	Performance: Median %	Growth: Median % of Typical Growth Achieved
Reading	K	58	47%
Reading	1	51	39%
Reading	2	52	55%
Reading	3	57	119%
Reading	4	55	55%
Reading	5	68	131%
Reading	6	51	0%

Subject	Grade	Performance: Median %	Growth: Median % of Typical Growth Achieved
Math	K	53	42%
Math	1	47	46%
Math	2	53	48%
Math	3	48	62%
Math	4	43	41%
Math	5	41	61%
Math	6	55	85%

**KINDERGARTEN
REGISTRATION**

March 18th - 22nd



Science Fair Winners



Physics and Astronomy:

- 1st - Lynnore Murphy: Will stainless steel or double wall insulated cups keep water colder?
- 2nd - Sofia Saura: Can a potato be used to make electricity?
- 3rd - Dexter Collins: How does the amount of corn starch affect viscosity of water?

Plant Sciences:

- 1st - Isaac Evey: What type of light makes a Venus fly trap grow best?
- 2nd - Reef Millich: Can heating strawberries prevent them from decaying?
- 3rd - Abigail and Henry Engel: Will the amount of water affect plant growth?

Animal Sciences:

- 1st - Jocylene Wilson: What is a chicken's favorite food?
- 2nd - Arebella Leathers: What type of dog food do dogs prefer?

Mathematics:

- 1st - Sophia Dubray: What is the probability of picking the same color of candy from three bags?
- 2nd - Jayda Cline: What is the probability of picking out a blue jolly rancher?

Computer Sciences:

- 1st - Soren Budnik- Do you think facial recognition always works?

Earth & Environmental Sciences:

- 1st - Braxtyn Hoyle: What materials filter water the best?
- 2nd - Summer Scholl: How does solar radiation affect Earth's surfaces?
- 3rd - Ava Dean: What will compost first?

Engineering and Mechanics:

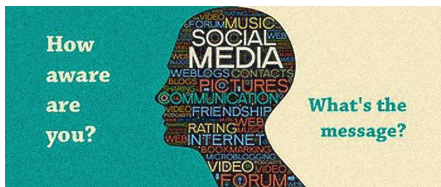
- 1st - Chase Griffin: How do you need to build a ramp to have a marble complete a loop the loop?
- 2nd - Cameron Hickey: Does the mass of a train effect the weight significantly?
- 3rd - Maliyah Cannon: How far can an object move with a magnet motor? Can you make self-propelled energy?

Chemistry:

- 1st - Samantha Nimmo: Which type of tea bag diffuses the quickest?
- 2nd - Gavin Curry: In what temperature do laundry pods dissolve best?
- 3rd - Layla Brower: How much sugar helps candy crystals grow the fastest?

Human Behavioral Sciences:

- 1st - Ramona Gievet: Does the type of music affect how quickly you can solve multiplication problems?
- 2nd - Carleigh Hamaduk: Can the food you eat affect your blood pressure/heart rate?
- 3rd - Faith Lucas: How do using electronics in the dark affect how we see?



Monitoring of Social Media

Parental awareness and monitoring of social media has become essential to prevent risky behaviors and protect children's health. It's important to set limits and have rules regarding when and where media can be used and be vigilant about Internet safety.

Monitoring of Video Games

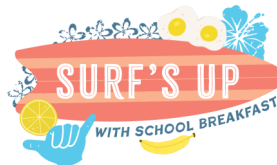
Violent video games can increase a child's aggressive thoughts and behaviors. Invest in video games that are **rated for their age** and develop their social-emotional skills. Help your child develop self-control by allowing only limited amounts of gameplay.

Impact on Sleep

Screen time may have a harmful impact on your child's sleep habits. Even calm videos can disrupt a child's sleep. Make bedrooms device-free zones and keep off screens at least 30 to 60 minutes before bedtime. You can help your children fall asleep by sticking to a healthy bedtime routine like:

- Take a bath and brush teeth
- Snuggle up and relax under a blanket
- Read books together

National School Breakfast Week



Save time on busy weekday mornings, choose school breakfast. **March 4th – 8th, 2024 is National School**

Breakfast Week. Our district is celebrating the school breakfast program with the "Surfs Up with School Breakfast" campaign. Brevard County has a 'no cost' breakfast program every day, and encourages students to eat breakfast every morning.

Field Days

Wednesday, March 13th

3rd & 4th 8:10 – 10:45 a.m.

5th & 6th 11:15 – 2:00 p.m.

Thursday, March 14th

1st & 2nd 8:10 – 10:45 a.m.

