



"CROTON CHRONICLE"



Croton Elementary

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"BPS's mission is to serve students with excellence as the standard."

(Boletín traducido al español y portugués en el sitio web de Croton)
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Parent Feedback for recent surveys



Survey Results for Parent and Family Engagement Plan (PFEP) - There were 32 surveys completed (including three Spanish and one Portuguese version). Input provided will be used when completing the 2023-2024 PFEP. **Here are a few things we heard back from YOU!**

To help families feel welcome and included, suggestions were made to be sure all families are represented and thought of when the scheduling of events and meetings occur, utilize ALL communication methods (email, text, phone, website, paper notices), and provide translators and translated documents for those needing them.

Suggestions for activities/trainings for families to help their children with reading and math included fun games (we hope you were able to attend our Math Night!) and offering tutoring support for families.

With respect to communication, many families felt that Croton is currently communicating well and they appreciate the texts and emails with information. Suggestions included more communication from teachers regarding student academic and behavior progress.

Suggested trainings for teachers and staff members in regard to communication included diversity training and training that provides support with communicating with families whose children have a medical diagnosis that affects the child's learning.

About half of the surveys returned showed an understanding of our Title I program and the other half showed that those families do not understand our Title I program. If you were unable to attend our Title I Annual Meeting where we explained all about what Title I means for our school, please visit Croton's website under the "Parents" section. You'll find a recording of the presentation that will help to explain many of the areas involved with Title I. If you still have questions about Title I, please feel free to contact the school.

Survey results for the Croton Compact - There were 29 surveys completed (including two Spanish and one Portuguese version). We also looked back at the 2022-2023 Title I Family-based Needs Assessment survey for input. Suggestions for our 2023-2024 Croton Compact included:

- ◆ For the **Student Responsibility** section, families feel that students should be Active Learners, complete homework, be respectful of self and school, and attend school regularly.
- ◆ For the **At Home** section, families feel that reading at home with children is important, families should monitor that homework is being completed, and open communication with teachers and the school should be maintained.
- ◆ For the **In the Classroom** section, most surveys showed a preference for providing feedback about student progress and utilizing small group instruction.
- ◆ For the **Communication** section, responses were similar to the responses in the PFEP surveys. Direct contact from teachers regarding student academic and behavior progress is preferred.



Important Dates

Tuesday, October 3rd

Individual School Picture Day



Wednesday, October 4th

Walk/Bike to School Day

Thursday, October 5th

Vision & Hearing Screening

Friday, October 6th

Early Release Day, 1:15 pm



Monday, October 9th - 13th

National School Lunch Week

Wednesday, October 11th

Domino's Night, 4:00 - 7:00 pm

Thursday, October 12th

~ End of First Nine Weeks

~ Galaxy Skate Night, 6:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, October 13th

Early Release Day, 1:15 pm



Monday, October 16th

Student Holiday, No School

Tuesday, October 17th

SAC Meeting, 3:00 p.m.

Thursday, October 19th

Report Cards Issued



Friday, October 20th

~ J.A. in a Day Visit

~ Early Release Day, 1:15 pm

Monday, October 23rd - 31st

Red Ribbon Week - Say NO to Drugs!

Friday, October 27th

Early Release Day, 1:15 pm



Monday, October 30th - November 3rd

Book Fair Week

Wednesday, October 4, 2023



Prizes for those who come in and sign-in on the South Side!



Eyes:

The helmet should sit low on your forehead—two fingers widths above your eyebrows.



Ears:

With the helmet buckled, the straps should meet just below the ears.



Chin:

When buckled, you should be able to fit no more than two fingers between the buckle and chin.



Scholastic Book Fair

October 30th - November 3rd, 2023

Students will be visiting the Book Fair during regular Media time. In addition to a wide variety of books, the Fair has posters, pencils, teacher, and parent resources, and many other items. Stop by during our Fall into Literacy Night Event on November 3rd (5:00 - 7:00 pm).

Classroom Wish List: Students can stop by the teacher classroom wish list display. A book would make a nice gift for your child's classroom.

Online Fair: Please visit <https://bookfairs.scholastic.com/bf/crotoelementaryschool1>

Croton Families,



Here are the results of our first progress monitoring of the Florida Assessment of Student Thinking (FAST). As you can see, we are close in all categories when compared to the district and state. We know we are better and can do better! Teachers will analyze the results of the FAST as they plan instruction for students.

	Reading	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Levels 3-5
3rd Grade	State	52%	25%	16%	6%	1%	23%
	District	48%	27%	17%	7%	1%	25%
	Croton	50%	30%	11%	6%	3%	20%
4th Grade	State	45%	22%	19%	11%	3%	33%
	District	37%	25%	21%	14%	4%	39%
	Croton	43%	34%	7%	13%	3%	23%
5th Grade	State	38%	26%	21%	12%	3%	36%
	District	33%	27%	22%	13%	5%	40%
	Croton	34%	27%	30%	9%	0	39%
6th Grade	State	34%	25%	20%	16%	5%	41%
	District	26%	26%	22%	19%	7%	48%
	Croton	22%	37%	22%	17%	2%	41%

	Math	Level 1	Level 2	Level 3	Level 4	Level 5	Levels 3-5
3rd Grade	State	70%	20%	9%	1%	0	10%
	District	66%	23%	9%	1%	0	10%
	Croton	61%	34%	4%	0	0	4%
4th Grade	State	71%	17%	9%	2%	1%	12%
	District	66%	21%	10%	3%	1%	14%
	Croton	64%	26%	7%	2%	2%	11%
5th Grade	State	63%	20%	11%	4%	1%	16%
	District	60%	22%	11%	6%	1%	18%
	Croton	64%	23%	9%	3%	0	12%
6th Grade	State	46%	29%	19%	6%	1%	26%
	District	40%	31%	21%	8%	1%	30%
	Croton	46%	37%	15%	2%	0	17%



Thursday
October 12, 2023
6:00 - 8:00 p.m.



Join us for some Roller Skating fun at Galaxy Skateway
1488 Aurora Rd. Melbourne, FL

Thank you!



Thomas Kight with Heart Roofing, and former Croton Student, donated a water bottle to every student attending Croton! Be on the lookout for your child's amazing new water bottle!



Thank you to everyone who came out and supported Croton's Spirit Nights at Jersey Mike's, Domino's, and Crumbl Cookies. We had amazing turn outs.



Way to go Croton Cardinals!



You can help replenish our school store!

Please visit the link below to be taken to our Amazon Wish List! The list includes items we need to help replenish our school store. The items you order will then be shipped automatically to our school. This is an easy way to help our school! Simply view and purchase with your Amazon account and the items come straight to us. There is no obligation to participate in this program. Please feel free to share the link with friends and family who might be interested in donating. We are out of the following items: **mini notebooks, cap erasers, animal erasers, bracelets, pencil pouches, folders, and sharpeners.**

Our students love buying school supplies with their CARE tickets. Thank you so much for supporting PBIS at Croton!

<https://tinyurl.com/mryfrjum>



Croton Elementary is creating online student art galleries so parents and families can see their student's artwork as it is created throughout the year!

Croton's art gallery is located at: <https://www.artsonia.com/schools/school.asp?id=28770>. If you submitted your email at registration, you should have already received an email from Artsonia containing a link for you to create a parent account. Please create your account at your earliest convenience so you can view your child's artistic creations when they are posted to the gallery. If you have any questions or would like help with creating an account, please contact Mr. Hitchcock through his email address: hitchcock.chad@brevardschools.org.

National School Lunch Week
School Lunch: # NSLW23
October 9 - 13, 2023



The National School Lunch Program (NSLP) serves nearly **30 million** children every school day. President John F. Kennedy created National School Lunch Week (NSLW) in 1962 to promote the importance of a healthy school lunch in a child's life and the impact it has inside and outside of the classroom.

School lunches offer students fruits and vegetables, whole grains and milk, and meet federal nutrition standards limiting fat, calories and sodium. Encourage healthy eating and an active lifestyle at home for yourself and your child (actions speak louder than words!)

Sign up for lunch with your student on Fridays, and enjoy a special adult entrée for only \$3.10!

Be on the look out Next Month! Cardinal Chorus Performance at Wickham Park on **November 4th** at 11:00 am at The Festival of Trees!