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FROM ADMINISTRATION

Hello Bearcat Families,

My name is Maurisa Applegate, Assistant Principal. This is my 3rd year at CRMS and my 20th in education. We had a great 1st quarter, and I am looking forward to the rest of the year. This year, we are continuing to follow the Big 3 and are focusing on academic growth as well.

One area that can impact student learning is attendance. Even as students grow older and more independent, families are essential in making sure students are successful in school and are in school every day. Did you know that missing just 2 days a month can impact your child's academics? Information is key. Log into Skyward to check your child's attendance and grades. If your child is absent, contact your child's teachers to get make up work. You can email teachers directly through Skyward.

Encourage your child to do what is right, do your best, and treat others the way you want to be treated.

Thank you,

Maurisa Applegate

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<http://crm.citruschools.org>

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GUIDANCE NEWS

Did you know the human brain is a lot like a muscle? When we learn, our brains will develop. The feeling of something being hard or challenging is a sign that your brain is growing.

Thomas Edison, the inventor of the lightbulb, was once quoted as saying "I have not failed. I've just found 10,000 ways that won't work." Students with a growth mindset believe they can develop their intelligence, talents and abilities through hard work, effort, and perseverance. Instead of giving up or saying, "I'm not good at this," they tell themselves, "I'm not good at this yet" and continue to progress through hard work, grit, and determination. As adults we can encourage a positive mindset by recognizing and praising the progress, hard work, effort, persistence, and ability to learn from mistakes. We can also be mindful of the messages we send to our kids with our words and actions.

Title I

Providing Equity For all Children

What is Title I?

The federal government provides funds for school districts each year. The school district determines what schools qualify for Title I funds based upon the percentage of students that qualify for the free and reduced meal program. All Citrus County Elementary and Middle Schools, and Renaissance are Title I schools.

Title I Funding

Title I can provide funds for

- Additional resource teachers
- Paraprofessionals to work with targeted intervention and enrichment students
- Additional supplemental curriculum programs
- Instructional activities
- Professional development for staff
- Technology

What is the purpose?

The purpose of Title I is to provide all children significant opportunity to receive a fair, equitable and high-quality education. The main focus is to close educational achievement gaps.

Requirements for Title I

Parent input is vital to the success of Citrus County schools. Parents have the opportunity to provide feedback through:

- School Advisory Committee (SAC)
- School Improvement Plan (SIP)
- Parent Family Engagement Plan (PFEP)
- Parent-Teacher Conferences
- School-Wide Surveys
- Annual Meetings

Parent Family Engagement

One percent of the overall Title I budget is allocated to the schools for parent involvement activities. Some examples of how these funds can be spent are:

- Title I Family Nights
- Reading materials
- Educational-based projects
- Technologies

Parents can participate in the School Advisory Council (SAC) and help develop strategies for the School Improvement Plan.

Studies have shown that students who have parents engaged in their education are more likely to have

- Higher grades and test scores
- Better student behavior
- Enhanced social skills



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ESE DEPARTMENT

Hi Parents/Guardians!

It is hard to believe we have almost reached the holiday season! Despite the pandemic and remote learning last spring, our students have continued to work hard and make progress! I want to encourage you to reach out to your child's teachers for questions or concerns. Although we do not have conferences in person, they are still being scheduled. We meet via telephone or ZOOM (video). Feel free to reach out to me via email or by calling, and I will be glad to set a meeting up with your child's teacher.

I wanted to share a couple of tips that help our students be successful.

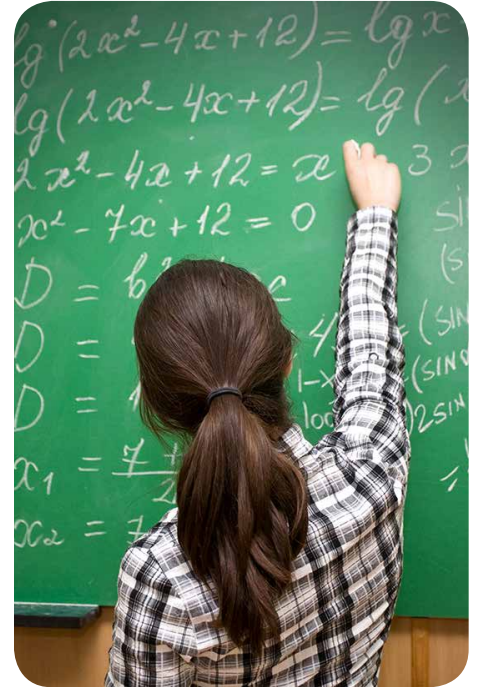
- Read with your child. Just because they are in middle school, doesn't mean they won't enjoy or benefit from reading with them. Pick something they enjoy, and read together.
- Practice multiplication tables with them. Memorized tables helps them be more successful in math.
- Start preparing them for the FSA in the spring. As they become more comfortable with the test, they will perform better. Go to the FSA portal website for more resources. <https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.html/>.
- Even if your child says they do not have homework, have them review what they did in class that day. Better yet, have them teach you a skill they learned. If they can teach it to you, they are proficient in that skill.

Again, please feel free to reach out to me with any questions or concerns.

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RED RIBBON WEEK

Red Ribbon Week 2020 was a SUCCESS! The week was a chance to bring a little fun into the 2020 school year, while sending the a message with the theme **Be Happy, be brave, be DRUG FREE!** The Student Government Association planned a week full of activities and competitions to help highlight that message. Doors around campus were decorated with the dual loop red ribbons, and drug free messages. Students were engaged in poster making and essay writing competitions, and both staff and students alike enjoyed dressing up for the thematic days. Scan the QR Code to enjoy a video of the week created by Student Journalist, Addison Raiford.

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Boys Basketball and Girls Tennis will start tryouts on February 4th, 2021. All students must have an up to date physical on file in Student Services. Student athletes cannot participate until they have watched all mandatory videos and turned in a completed physical packet with health insurance. If your student would like to participate and does not have a physical on file, physical packets can be picked up in Student Services or in the Front Office.

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Schedules for all winter sports:

BOYS TENNIS

NOVEMBER 2 - PRACTICE BEGINS

	Opponent	Location	Time
November 16	LMS	CRMS	3:00
December 2	IMS	IMS	3:00
December 3	LMS	LMS	3:00
December 7	CSMS	CRMS	3:00
December 9	Villages	Villages	3:00
December 10	CSMS	CSMS	3:00
December 14	IMS	CRMS	3:00
December 17	County Champ	LHS	11:00

GIRLS TENNIS

FEBRUARY 4 - PRACTICE BEGINS

	Opponent	Location	Time
February 22	LMS	CRMS	3:00
February 25	Open		
March 1	IMS	IMS	3:00
March 2	Villages	CRMS	3:00
March 4	LMS	LMS	3:00
March 8	CSMS	CRMS	3:00
March 11	Villages	Villages	3:00
March 15	CSMS	CSMS	3:00
March 18	IMS	CRMS	3:00
March 22	County Champ	LHS	11:00



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	Opponent	Location	Time
November 16	CSMS	CRMS	3:00
November 19	IMS	CRMS	3:00
December 7	LMS	LMS	3:00
December 14	South Sumter	SSMS	4:00
December 17	LMS	CRMS	3:00
January 7	IMS	IMS	3:00
January 11	CSMS	CSMS	3:00
January 14	Villages	CRMS	3:00
January 19	County Champ	LMS	3:00, 4:00
January 21	County Champ	LMS	3:30
BOYS BASKETBALL			
FEBRUARY 4 - PRACTICE BEGINS			
	Opponent	Location	Time
February 22	CSMS	CRMS	3:00
February 24	IMS	CRMS	3:00
February 25	Wildwood	CRMS	3:00
March 1	LMS	LMS	3:00
March 3	Villages	CRMS	3:00
March 8	South Sumter	SSMS	4:00
March 11	LMS	CRMS	3:00
March 15	IMS	IMS	3:00
March 17	CSMS	CSMS	3:00
March 22	County Champ	CSMS	3:00, 4:00
March 24	County Champ	CSMS	3:30



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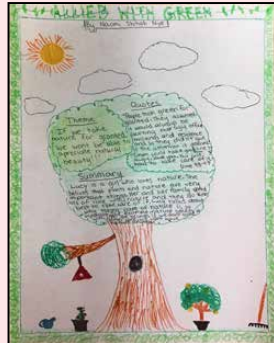


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