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For the Parents, Staff, and Community of Crystal River Middle School



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ADMINISTRATION

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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Hello Bearcats,

We are in the homestretch of the 2019-2020 school year. We are proud of our accomplishments thus far, but still have much work to do. This school year, based on discipline referrals, we have seen behavior improve by almost 20%. The data for English, Math and Civics is moving in a positive trend. We have implemented a Social Skills program that is obviously paying dividends. Students are using better manners and are much friendlier to each other. We are striving to continue the positivity at Crystal River Middle School.

As we move into March, we begin a variety of tests, in which students get the opportunity to demonstrate their growth and achievement. We are confident in our students and their abilities. We will send out reminders about testing dates and we ask that you help your child get plenty of rest and encourage them to do their best.

As we close this school year, we will simultaneously begin preparation for the 2020-2021 school year. If you have suggestions for feedback for next school year, please feel free to email or call me. We want the next school year to be an even better learning experience than the current one.

Sincerely,
David Roland

Check out the CRMS
Website

<http://crm.citruschools>

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ESE SURVEY

It is that time again to share your thoughts about your child's ESE services. Letters were sent home with your student with the choice to fill out the paper based survey or the survey online. If you did not receive it, please go to this website and share your thoughts at www.esesurvey.com. We value your opinion!

Once the survey is completed, please send a note addressed to Suzanne Hickman, as I plan to reward those students with an ice cream sundae for having the survey filled out. If you have any questions, please call 352-795-2116 or email me at hickmans@citrus.k12.fl.us.

ESEA/SPAR REPORTS


School Public Accountability Reports (covering Elementary and Secondary Education Act Requirements for State and LEA Annual Report Cards) are no longer available in printed form. These reports can be viewed online at: http://doewebprd.doe.state.fl.us/eds/nclb spar/year1415/nclb1415.cfm?dist_schl=9_83

You can also access this information via the Citrus County Schools website, http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/research_&_accountability/default.htm


If you would like to receive a paper copy of this information, please contact our school at 795-2116 ext. 5201. We will gladly print a copy for you.

CLINIC MEDICATIONS END OF YEAR NOTICE

All student medications in the clinic need to be picked up by a parent or guardian no later than the end of the school day on the last day of school (Friday, May 29, 2020). After this date/time, all remaining medications will be transported to District Student Services in the Lecanto Complex. Student medications will be disposed of if they are not picked up from District Student Services in Lecanto.



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TEACHERS WORKING OUT OF FIELD

Crystal River Middle School is proud that all 59 teachers and administrators that work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. We appreciate the following teachers who have volunteered to teach a subject outside of their primary certification and are currently taking classes to obtain certification in the area they are teaching out-of-field.

TEACHER:	COURSE/CLASS:
Gina Widener	Reading
Lanna Wentworth	Guidance
Waunee Endsley	Gifted
Kim Cook	ELA
Pedro Williams	ESE
Amanda Brown	ESOL

Each of these teachers have both experience and coursework in the area they are teaching. They are excellent teachers and we appreciate the extra effort they are putting forth on behalf of our students.

LONG TERM SUBSTITUTES

The following substitute teachers are in long term roles. We appreciate their dedication and professionalism.

Aimee Owens	ELA
Danielle Ligsay	ESE
Amanda Tiainen	ESE

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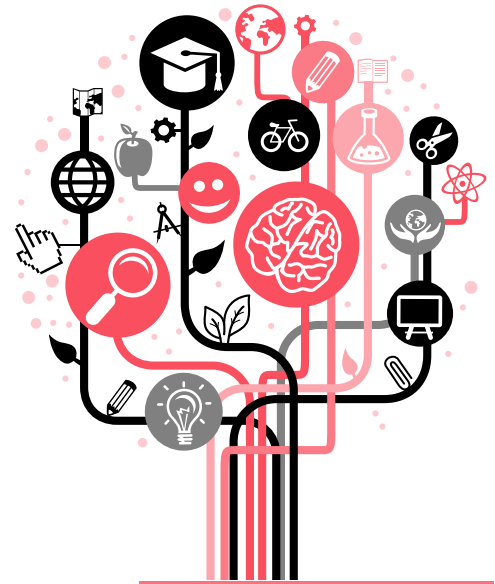
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TITLE I PARENT INFORMATION

You can be part of your child's educational experience by teaching and reinforcing the skills your child needs and enhancing those taught in the classroom. Using the following checklists, you can help your child be a successful student from preschool through high school.

- Physical needs are met with a healthy diet, enough sleep and rest, exercise and good medical care
- Social and emotional needs are met
- Confidence, independence and cooperation skills are built
- Discipline is appropriate and consistent
- Play is stimulating
- Questions are answered
- Child has books to read, and your child is read to every day
- Day is filled with different learning activities

If you have any questions concerning Title I please call: Rene' Johnson (Title I Coordinator) at 352-726-1931 Ext. 2412

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Event	Date	Start Time	End Time	Location
All County Chorus	3/19/2020			
Spring Break	3/23/2020			
Track Meet @ LMS	4/1/2020	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	LHS
Writing Test 8th	4/1/2020			
Writing Test 6th	4/2/2020			
Writing Test 7th	4/3/2020			
Academic Achievers	4/7/2020	6:00 PM	7:00 PM	
Track Meet @ Wildwood	4/8/2020	3:15 PM	6:15 PM	WWHS
Good Friday	4/10/2020			
Track Meet @ IMS	4/15/2020	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	CHS
6th grade orientation	4/16/2020			
6th grade parent night	4/16/2020	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	
Mid Term Ends	4/17/2020			
Math Field Day	4/18/2020	7:00 AM	10:30 AM	
County Track Championship	4/21/2020	3:00 PM	6:00 PM	CRHS
Early Dismissal	4/22/2020			
Spring Band Concert	4/23/2020	6:00 PM	7:30 PM	
Student Government Meeting	4/23/2020	2:30 PM	3:00 PM	
SAEC Meeting	4/23/2020	3:00 PM	4:00 PM	
Mid Term Ends	4/24/2020			
Conference Track Championship	4/29/2020	4:00 PM	7:00 PM	SSHS
8th Grade Reward Trip	5/1/2020			
6th grade Reading FSA	5/4/2020			
6th Grade Reading FSA	5/5/2020			
7th Grade Math FSA	5/5/2020			
7th Grade Math FSA	5/6/2020			
6th Grade Math FSA	5/6/2020			
6th Grade Math FSA	5/7/2020			
8th Grade Reading FSA	5/7/2020			
7th Grade End of Year Trip	5/8/2020			
8th Grade Dance	5/8/2020	6:00 PM	8:00 PM	
7th Grade Reading FSA	5/12/2020			
6th Grade Reward Trip	5/13/2020			
7th Grade Reading FSA	5/13/2020			
8th Grade Science FCAT	5/13/2020			
8th Grade Math FSA	5/14/2020			
8th Grade Math FSA	5/15/2020			
Alg. & Geometry EOC	5/18/2020			
Alg. & Geometry EOC	5/19/2020			
7th Grade Civics Test	5/20/2020			
Memorial Day Holiday	5/25/2020			
iPad Collection- All Grades	5/26/2020			
Unit Test Schedule	5/27/2020			
Unit test Schedule	5/28/2020			
Yearbook signing and staff/ student game	5/29/2020			
Early Dismissal- last day for students	5/29/2020	7:50 AM	11:20 AM	

DEPARTMENT NEWS

ELA

Our ELA department is currently providing many opportunities for our students to perfect their essay writing as our FSA test approaches. 6th-8th grade will be tested April 1st-3rd. Students are encouraged to study writing techniques, Cornell notes, and resources provided by their teachers in order to prepare for the test. In addition, our teachers are spending a great deal of time assessing student progress on reading standards as well. As a department we meet monthly to analyze data and develop lesson plans and activities that will better prepare our students for the FSA reading test in May. Our online textbook provides Level-Up Tutorials to support reinforcement and review for all of our ELA standards being tested on FSA. Please encourage your child to access these tutorials in the weeks leading to our May assessment. As always, thank you for supporting our ELA teachers and your child in providing the best opportunity for success.

TEST TAKING STRATEGIES

The FSA testing will begin April 1st for writing and in May for all other subject areas. Here are some test taking strategies that can help your student.

- Learn how to answer each kind of question. Standardized tests may have many types of questions, including, but not limited to: multiple-choice, gridded-response, short-answer, drag-and-drop, equation-response, multi-select and extended response.
- Plan to take about 5 minutes for each short-answer question and 10-15 minutes for each long-answer question.
- Read each question carefully and think about the answer before you choose your answer.
- Answer questions you are sure about first. If a question seems too hard, skip it and go back to that question later.
- There is no penalty for guessing or for wrong answers. Therefore, it is best to try to answer all questions, even if you are not sure of the correct answer.
- Think positively. Some questions may seem hard, but you may be able to figure out how to answer if you read the questions carefully.
- Relax. Some people get nervous when taking a test. Just do your best.

Source: <http://www.bayschools.com/sms/FSAEOCFocus/StandardizedTestTakingStrategies.aspx>

Additional resources can be found at the FSA Portal: <https://fsassessments.org/users/students-and-families.shtml>



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PAY ATTENTION TO ATTENDANCE

School starts at 7:50 AM! Which means students need to be in their first class at 7:50 AM when the bell rings! Attending school is extremely important for children's social, emotional and educational development. Children who miss a lot of time at school can suffer in the long run from significant gaps in their learning. We need your support to ensure your child's education is not affected. Send children to school every day, all day to get the most out of their education.

How can you help?

- Encourage your child to get enough sleep to ensure that he/she is able to get up in the morning
- Leave home with plenty of time to get to school.
- Try to schedule appointments before or after school hours
- Don't let your child stay home unless truly sick.

It is the responsibility of the parent or guardian to provide a written note within two (2) days of the student(s) returning to school. After 10 days of excused or unexcused absences, medical notes by a physician will be required for subsequent absences. If no medical documentation is provided, further absences are considered unexcused.