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



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ADMINISTRATION

David Roland..... Principal
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PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE

Dear Bearcat Families,

As I have stated many times, Crystal River Middle School is in the pursuit of excellence in all that we do. We have recently received a few accolades that provide evidence that we are moving in the right direction. Additionally, many things that were started at the beginning of the school year are taking shape.

Crystal River Middle School was awarded the County Science Fair Award for the 20-21 school year. All middle schools in the county compete through their entries in the competition and after a rigorous judging process, our school won first place. All our students and staff play a role in helping this happen. Our Science Department deserve a specific round of applause for their dedication. Our science department is comprised of Ms. Brooks, Mr. Epstein, Mrs. Honeggar, Mrs. Owens, Mrs. Potter, Mrs. Rall, and Mr. Stull, Mr. M. Williams. Ms. Brooks is the Science Fair Advisor and Ms. Rall is the department head. It has been over six year since CRMS has been recognized a county science champion. We are very proud of our students and science department.

The Tropicana Speech contest is an annual contest held between all middle schools in Citrus County. This year the top two winners are from Crystal River Middle School. First place

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was Gracie Brown and Second Place was Tommy Sparks. Congratulations to these two students as well as the teachers and parents that supported these students throughout this contest.

Our NJHS chapter, which previously has been inactive, is now reorganized and moving forward. Our NJHS sponsors are Ms. Liechty and Ms. Martin. Through their hard work and organization, we have inducted our class of 20-21. The leadership opportunities that NJHS provides are important for our students. Thank you to the parents and staff that have supported these efforts.

Our FFA program and Agriculture staff have acquired all the materials to complete a dedicated agriculture area on our campus. Ms. Owens the Agriculture teacher and FFA sponsor has spearheaded this new project. The area will be equipped with gardens, feed/tool shed, pig and steer paddocks, and chicken coop. This will be another leadership opportunity for students, as well as providing real-world, hands-on experiences to them.

We had English and Social Studies classes participate in an essay contest on American patriotism. Ms. Britton, Ms. Bauer, and Mr. Corpening all had students that were recognized for their outstanding essays about patriotism. Brian Polania from Mrs. Bauer's class won third place in the entire county.

This month we recognized honor roll students. The list is comprised of students with all A's and A's and B's. We had over 230 students recognized. Over 30% of our brick and mortar students are excelling academically.

And finally, I want to acknowledge that we are still the reigning Fred Rozelle Sportsmanship award winner, out of all middle schools in the entire State of Florida. It is such a major accomplishment I wanted highlight our title one more time. This award was given based sportsmanship displayed by our athletic teams as well as programs on our campus. The "Big Three" is a major factor in this success. If you don't know the "Big Three", please ask your student.

Thank you to all the Bearcat Families and friends of Bearcats for making the first half of the year a success. We are going to continue to strive for excellence and we can't do it without you.



Sincerely,
David Roland, *Principal*

NJHS

NJHS Introduction
Video & Members



Andraya Kemp

Landen Lemanowicz

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Colten Cooper

Braelen Griner

Ava Dumelle

Addison Raiford

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Daniel McKay

Wylie Sonas

Kaiden Kendrick

Mazen McCarthy

Luke Fuller

Alexis Crooks

Samuel Pennington

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Tyler Holmes

Connor Spiddle

Alyssa Durning

William Espinal

Malayah Johnson

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Ava Newton

Caden LaForge

Carter Cox

Khylla Couch

Madison Smith

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Braden Murphy

Kyle Bennett

Gracie Brown

Chloey Thomas

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ESE DEPARTMENT

Hello Bearcat Families,

My name is Michael Mullen, the new ESE Staffing Specialist here at Crystal River Middle School. This is my first year as a Bearcat, but I have been in the education field for eight years. I was previously at Citrus Springs Elementary as the inclusion ESE teacher in grades third-fifth. I am very excited to be here and to work hard to better support the needs of all our Bearcats.

I have my bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida in Elementary Education, and recently finished my master's degree from American College of Education in Education Leadership. I love to run races and collect medals. When I am not working at school, you can find me either camping, hiking, or spending the day at Disney. I like to think my philosophy on education reflects one of my favorite quotes "Young people need a mentor, not a critic." I look forward to working with our Bearcat families to make CRMS the best middle school in the state!

Thank you,

Michael Mullen, *ESE Staffing Specialist*

Hello Parents/Guardians!

How is it already past the halfway mark of the school year? Our students are still working hard to make progress and prepare themselves for the upcoming state assessments. Please continue to reach out to your student's teachers if you have questions or concerns about your child's grades. Now is the time to address any academic issues as the Florida Standards Assessment (FSA) is approaching very quickly. Remember that because of CDC guidelines due to Covid-19, we cannot have meetings in person on the school campus, but we can set up ZOOM meetings and phone conferences.

I wanted to share some tips for easing stress during FSA testing time:

- Remind your student to just try and do their best, this is an assessment to see what they know, not a test to punish them.
- The week if the FSA, make sure your student gets a good night sleep and eats breakfast.
- If your student is not feeling good the morning of the assessment, remember there is make up days for the test.
- Give your child words of encouragement on the morning of the FSA, you would be amazed at how a few simple words can change everything.

If anyone has any questions regarding your child's Individual Education Plan (IEP) please reach out to me.

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RAK WEEK

CRMS Celebrates National Random Acts of Kindness Week February 16th - 20th

Each year, Crystal River Middle School continues the tradition of celebrating kindness because we know everyone can benefit from more kindness in their lives. Even the smallest act of kindness can be life changing. Scientific evidence has proven that kindness changes the brain, impacts the heart and immune system, and may even be an antidote to depression.



This year, our Random Acts of Kindness club chose to promote kindness week with a school-wide challenge, inspiring all students to be kind to staff, each other, and our campus. The goal is to promote a more positive community and school climate. The challenge included small tasks that each student could complete on campus, such as: holding the door open for others, writing positive messages on social media and to staff and peers, help keep the campus clean, and give compliments.

TEACHERS WORKING OUT OF FIELD

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.

<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Course/Class</u>
Dawn Stewart	ESE
Mike Williams	Gifted
Jessie Garritano	ESOL
Barbara Dehoff	Reading
Meryl Reynolds	ESE
Kelly Brady	ELA

Each of these teachers has 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 a long term role. We appreciate their dedication and professionalism.

<u>Substitute Teacher</u>	<u>Course</u>
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1ST PLACE
Gracie Brown



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TITLE I

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- 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 1 please call: Rene' Johnson, *Title 1 Coordinator* at 352-726-1931 ext. 2412.



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SPORTS

SPRING SPORTS SCHEDULES

TRACK	Location	Time
<i>March 8</i>	<i>Practice Begins</i>	
April 12	CRHS	3:00
April 19	CHS	3:00
April 26	SSHS	4:00
May 3	LHS	3:00



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BOYS BASKETBALL	Opponent	Location	Time
March 11	LMS	CRMS	3:00
March 15	IMS	IMS	3:00
March 17	CSMS	CSMS	3:00
March 18	South Sumter	CRMS	3:00
March 22	County Champ	CSMS	3:00, 4:00
March 24	County Champ	CSMS	3:30

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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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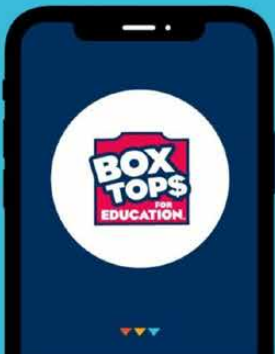
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