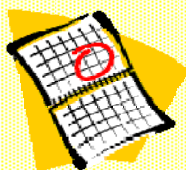


DR. W. J. CREEL



Dates to Remember:

- Sept. 1 **OPEN HOUSE**
- Sept. 5 **Labor Day/Holiday for All**
- Sept. 6 School Skate Night
Galaxy Skateway 6-8pm
- Sept. 7 Boy Scout Night
6:30-7:30pm
- Sept. 8 School Board Meeting
5:30pm Viera
- Sept. 12 **Student Holiday**
Teacher Inservice Day
- Sept. 13 School Board Meeting
5:30pm Viera
- Sept. 20 Interim Reports Issued
- Sept. 27 School Board Meeting
5:30pm Viera



Something to Think About...

Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.

Jim Rohn

Dr. W. J. Creel Chronicle

AUGUST 26, 2011

KATHRYN A. EDWARD, PRINCIPAL

From the Principal's Pen



We invite you to our annual
Open House on Thursday, September 1, 2011
(see page 2 for times).

Open House is a wonderful time for parents to learn about the school year. We encourage parents to come without their children, if possible. Teachers review with parents what is to be taught. Explanations are included about each subject. Further information is provided to let you know what is expected each day in school and how you can help your child at home. Individual parent conferences will be held at scheduled times or may be requested at any time. Open House night provides information for everyone, but is not set up for individual conferences.

We encourage parents to be involved and volunteer if they are able. If you are interested in volunteering, a security application needs to be filled out on the computer in the front office.

In order to begin the day efficiently, we ask that all parents remain outside the building during arrival and dismissal times. Encouraging independence is a wonderful gift to your child. If for any reason you need to come into the building, please sign in at the front office first.

To keep parents informed and involved we are using **Edline**, a web based informational tool providing information on your child's classroom. In order to access this information you will need an activation code. **We will be providing codes in the Media Center during Open House and continue to have them available in the front office ongoing.** You must be the legal guardian and provide a picture ID (driver's license) to receive the code. We encourage every parent to activate their account and use the power of technology to increase involvement and stay informed.

We currently serve free breakfast daily between 7:30am-7:50am. Breakfast time at home strengthens family bonds and is a great way to start your child's day. Due to the large number of students eating breakfast we have very limited seating for parents. We ask for your cooperation and assistance so that we can get students fed and to class on time. Every minute matters with regard to instruction and we want our students to be the BEST IN THE USA! Thanks for your help!

I look forward to seeing you at Open House!

School Advisory Committee (SAC)

The focus of the School Advisory Committee is on school improvement and student achievement. The committee meets the fourth Friday of every month in the morning. We currently have several openings available. If you are interested in becoming a member of this committee please call 259-3233 and ask for Mrs. Parliament.



Right To Request

Each parent of a student at Dr. W. J. Creel School has the right to request information about the professional qualifications of the student's teacher(s) and any paraprofessionals who serve the student. This information will be provided upon request.

**Open House
Thursday, September 1, 2011**

Open House is a time for parents to learn about the school year. We encourage parents to come without their children, if possible. Children brought to Open House must stay with their parent(s) at all times. Teachers review with parents what is to be taught. Explanations are included about each subject. Further information is provided to let you know what is expected each day in school and what is expected from home and for homework. Parents participate in the daily routines. The grade level behavioral plan will be discussed so that teachers and parents are on the same page.

As you know, we teach children in small groups - above grade level, on grade level, and with special needs instruction. Children are tested and carefully placed in each reading and mathematics group.

We look forward to seeing you there!

**Grades K, 1, 2, VPK, TK1, ESE, and GSP
Grades 3, 4, 5, and 6**

**6:00 p.m.
7:15 p.m.**

Dr. W. J. Creel Academic Support Program

Children who would benefit from extended instructional support in a small-group, after-school setting may be recommended to attend our Academic Support Program (ASP). This program is taught by the teachers at Dr. W. J. Creel School and will provide your child with quality instruction to increase their academic success. The Academic Support Program is the preferred program for children who need extended instructional support.

Free Tutoring

Supplemental Educational Services (SES) offers free tutoring for students receiving a free or reduced lunch only. This service is provided through private tutoring companies.

**Information will be available to families during
Open House on Thursday, September 1st in the Media Center.**

NEW Car Rider Cards

We are implementing a new "safer" dismissal process this year in the form of a sign. The signs are designed to be hung from your rear view mirror inside your car.

Simply, write your youngest child's name on the card in large letters with the teacher's name in parenthesis. Write the name of any other children in small letters along with their grade level on the lower right part of the card. See the sample at the bottom of the page. **Cards will be color coded by youngest child's grade level: Kindergarten-Yellow, First Grade-Red, Second Grade-Orange, Third Grade-Purple, Fourth Grade-Pink, and Fifth and Sixth Grade-White.**

The teachers will make certain that the child's name matches the sign. August will be spent getting this new system operational.

If your child is a car rider, please send a note to their teacher so he or she can supply the card. If you have multiple children please request a card from the teacher of your youngest child. Each family will only need one card.





Clinic Help

The clinic is currently in need of small and medium size shorts and underwear. Any donations will be appreciated!

FREE TUTORING

Dr. W. J. Creel is pleased to offer Supplemental Educational Services (SES) providing Free Tutoring for students in K-6 who qualify for free or reduced lunches. The service is provided through private tutoring companies. Applications have been mailed to qualified students. If you did not receive an application by mail they are available in the front office. **Applications will be accepted until September 2nd.**

Traffic Reminders

- Students should not arrive at school prior to 7:30am as no supervision is available. At the end of the school day, students should go directly home.
- Please pull your vehicle forward as far as possible to allow the maximum number of vehicles to load students. Students should not be dropped off at the sidewalk near the tree as it limits other vehicles behind you from pulling forward.
- **Parents who have a Kindergartener, TK1 or VPK student ONLY ,(NO OTHER SIBLINGS)** may pull forward and pick up their children from 2:00pm-2:30pm. **Parents of Kindergarten, TK1 or VPK students that have older siblings should wait in the car line for the 2:30pm dismissal.** All cars may pull forward at 2:30pm to pick up their children.
- **On Rainy days, please stay in your vehicle.** We will approach your car for the names of students and their child's teacher. **All cars should have a Car Rider Card (see page 2).** These can be requested from your **YOUNGEST** child's teacher. Your child will remain safe in the classroom during inclement weather until they are called for.

When everyone cooperates with the designated traffic pattern, the lines move very quickly and student safety can be ensured! Thanks for your help and cooperation!

Cafeteria News

Meal Program Applications are now available online at www.brevard.k12.fl.us with a 1-2 day approval time. Paper applications are still available in the front office. **Please note that a new form must be filled out each year per family.** Free and reduced lunch is available to anyone who qualifies. If you have not already done so, we encourage potentially eligible parents to complete this form. For any questions, please contact the front office at 259-3233.

Lunch Payments Prepayments for the week or month are accepted using www.mealpayplus.com, a personal check made out to Dr. W. J. Creel or cash. Prepayments must include the student's name on the

envelope and should be dropped off at school or delivered to the cafeteria in the morning. Mealpayplus.com allows you to view and fund your child's account from home using a debit or credit card. Your child's student number will be needed to sign up. Call the office at 259-3233 for this information.

Food Allergies In order for cafeteria substitutions to be made for students with allergies, parents must first get a doctor's note and turn it in to the school nurse.

Birthdays Ice Cream coupons or cupcakes may be purchased from the cafeteria for .50 each. Items must be ordered in advance by calling 242-6423.

Prepay for lunches online at www.mealpayplus.com

PARENTING IN



TODAY'S WORLD

Creating a Resilient Family

Keynote: Dr. Anthony Ferretti

WORKSHOP TOPICS:

- Choices for the young child.
- Fathering: Mission Possible!
- Advocating for my child's success in school.
- What your teen wants you to know.
- Strengthening families and raising responsible kids.
- Ages and Stages; what every parent needs to know.



& A FREE PARENTING BOOK GIVEN AT THE LAST SESSION!

Saturday, October 1, 2011

8:00 a.m. - 12:00 p.m.

Brevard County School Board, Viera

To register by September 26, 2011

please call: Ginny Gleason, (321) 633-1000, ext. 389

or e-mail: Gleason.Ginny@brevardschools.org



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