

DR. W. J. CREEL



### Dates to Remember:

- Oct. 1 Parenting In Today's World  
FREE Parent Workshop  
8am-12pm in Viera
- Oct. 3-7 Domino's Pizza Week
- Oct. 3-4 4th Grade Lagoon Quest
- Oct. 4 Skate Night 6-8pm  
Galaxy Skateway
- Oct. 5 Walk to School Day
- Oct. 7 **Student Holiday**  
**Inservice Day for Teachers**
- Oct. 11 School Board Meeting  
5:30pm in Viera
- Oct. 17 Vision and Hearing Screening
- Oct. 19 Individual Student Pictures
- Oct. 20 Lights On Afterchool Day  
Supporting Before and After School  
Childcare Programs
- Oct. 25 **Report Cards Issued**  
School Board Meeting  
5:30pm in Viera
- Oct. 28 School Advisory Committee  
Meeting (SAC) 8:15am



### Something to Think About...

"Life is like riding a bicycle, to keep your balance you must keep moving."

Albert Einstein

# Dr. W. J. Creel Chronicle

SEPTEMBER 30, 2011 KATHRYN A. EWARD, PRINCIPAL



## From the Principal's Pen

We are pleased to welcome two new teachers in kindergarten, Mrs. Brotherton and Miss Kennon. This change allowed us to reduce class size numbers for kindergarten. Children frequently do not want to change classes after the start of the year. Generally, students adjust well after several days in the new class. With a new class, students are placed at his or her own level for small group academic instruction

A whole hearted Thank You to all the students, families and employees who participated in the FOOD 4 THOUGHT food drive. What a great feeling to know we have provided food and necessities for families in our own community with your help!

Thank you for your support with our fall fundraiser. During times of economic stress it is important to continue to provide the best education possible and support a bright future for every child. Money earned through fundraisers help support that goal! Thank You!

Next week is our **Domino's Pizza Fall Fundraiser Week**. Every child will bring home a coupon for a FREE Medium, one topping pizza available for carry out at our local Domino's on Aurora Road. All we ask is that you give a donation of at least a dollar (we hope for more) in the Dr. W. J. Creel School jar.

Thank you for your support with the traffic procedures before and after school. Student arrival and dismissal has gone smoother with your cooperation and patience. If your child is a car rider please request a car window tag for your car from your youngest child's teacher. Also, please make sure students arrive no earlier than 7:30am (children walking to school included) as there is no supervision until 7:30am. Student safety is our number one concern.

**Report cards will be coming home on Tuesday, October 25th.** I encourage you to continue to check your child's backpack and planner every day, support your child with homework and daily reading at home, and continue to communicate with the teacher regularly to ensure your child is progressing. **Formal Parent/Teacher conferences will be held on Wednesday, November 2nd** but you can request a conference with your child's teacher any time! When parents and teachers work together, the child is the winner!

Thank you for sharing your children with us!



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## Free Parent Workshop



All parents are invited to attend a **FREE** parenting workshop on Saturday, October 1st from 8:00am-12:00pm at the Brevard County School Board in Viera! View the flyer on the back of this newsletter.

## Volunteers Needed

The focus of the School Advisory Committee (SAC) 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.

## School Store

School supplies are available for purchase at the front of the school from 7:30am-7:50am daily. The supplies that are available are: notebook paper, pencils, pencil grippers, pencil toppers, and spiral notebooks. They are available for purchase with cash and cost \$1.00 or less for each item.

## Emergency Contact Info

Please notify the office when you have a phone number change. We must have a **local** (not long distance) phone number where you can be contacted in case of an emergency.



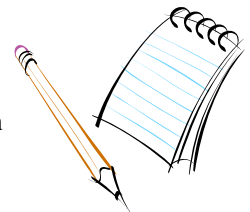
## Edline-Tool for Parents

Have you tried Edline? This handy program allows you to stay informed with what is going on in your child's classroom, communicate with the teacher, see homework assignments and even see their grades! All parents have an access code available to them. We encourage you to come by the office to pick up your access code which can be used from any computer with an internet connection. Codes will be released to parents listed on the registration form using a picture I.D. for verification. The office is open from 7:30am until 4pm. We encourage all parents to get their code and activate their account now!



## Eagle Press

Dr. W. J. Creel's own publishing company, Eagle Press, is open for business! Student's can write stories and have them published in a hard cover format. It provides an opportunity for student's to have their work recognized in a professional format as well as provides parents with an irreplaceable keepsake. The first book published is free for every student and additional books are published for only \$1.00 a book. This wonderful program is supported by parent volunteers. The press is open every Wednesday from 9am-11am. Volunteers are needed to come any Wednesday to help!



### Parent Tip

Save time - prepay for lunches online at [MealPayPlus.com](http://MealPayPlus.com).



## Homework Tip

### Help your child with time management.

Establish a set time and place each day for doing homework. Don't let your child leave homework until just before bedtime. Provide a quiet location stocked with needed supplies such as paper, pencils, crayons, glue and scissors.



## Upcoming Fall Book Fair

The Fall Book Fair will be held on Monday, November 14th - Friday, November 18th. Accepted payment is by cash, check or credit card. We encourage you to come visit the book fair. **Volunteers are needed to assist students and stock shelves.** If you are interested in volunteering please call 259-3233 and ask for Mrs. Saam.

## Join Us for Lunch

We welcome parents to come eat lunch with their child. We encourage you to purchase lunch in our cafeteria. Adult lunches can be purchased for \$3.00 each and that includes a drink and dessert! **Outside food is discouraged.** Please make sure to check in through the office to receive your badge before going to the cafeteria. We look forward to seeing you in our Dr. W. J. Creel Restaurant!

## Walk to School Day

Celebrate National Walk to School Day with us on **Wednesday, October 5th** by walking or riding a bike to school! Some reasons to support walking or biking to school are to enhance the health of kids, to improve air quality and the environment and to create safer routes for walking and bicycling! So join us and your child in celebrating National Walk to School Day!

## Rolling Readers

The Rolling Readers USA needs volunteers to read once a week to a classroom at Dr. W. J. Creel School. For more information go to [rollingreadersspacecoast.com](http://rollingreadersspacecoast.com) or call 254-9976.

## P.A.R.E.N.T. Newsletter

Brevard Public Schools has an electronic parent newsletter that addresses topics that concern parents, and provides tips and resources. This newsletter is available the 15th of each month. Parents may subscribe to the publication at [districtcommunications.brevardschools.org](http://districtcommunications.brevardschools.org) to receive an email notification each month or to view the newsletter.

## F.A.I.R. Testing

Florida Assessments for Instruction in Reading (FAIR) is a series of reading tests given three times a year to grades K - 6. These tests measure proficiency in letter sounds, phonemic awareness and word reading for K-2 and providing an adaptive reading comprehension measure for 3-6. The results help identify students at risk for reading failure, determine their instructional needs, form ability groups, and intervene as early as kindergarten. If you would like to discuss FAIR results and learn more about your child's strengths and weaknesses please contact your child's teacher to set up a conference.

## What is my Child Learning?

The Next Generation Sunshine State Standards are broad statements that describe what a child should know and be able to do at every grade level. These standards cover seven content areas. The standards are divided into smaller units called "benchmarks," which outline the specific content, knowledge, and skills that students are expected to learn in school. Each student's performance on Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test (FCAT) Reading, Writing, Mathematics, and Science tests indicates his or her progress in reaching these benchmarks. The standards are available on the Brevard Public School's website at [www.brevard.k12.fl.us/portals/parents/](http://www.brevard.k12.fl.us/portals/parents/) under the heading Sunshine State Standards. Hard copies are available through the office for families without internet access.

## Florida KidCare

Families throughout the state are encouraged to apply for Florida KidCare. Florida KidCare, the state's low-cost health insurance program for children under age 19, is designed to provide low-cost healthcare benefits to families regardless of their income. Coverage includes doctor visits, check-ups and shots, prescriptions, vision and hearing screenings, dental care, emergency services, surgical care and more. Florida KidCare enrollment is open year-round and monthly premium depend on household size and income.

For more information or to apply for Florida KidCare, visit [www.floridakidcare.org](http://www.floridakidcare.org). Families can also call 1-888-540-5437 to receive an application by mail.

# 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](mailto:Gleason.Ginny@brevardschools.org)



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