

DR. W. J. CREEL



Dates to Remember:

- Jan. 16 Martin L. King Jr. Day Holiday for All
- Jan. 17 Zoo School Begins for Mr. Smith, Mrs. Tawfik and Mr. McArdle's Classes
Report Cards Issued
- Jan. 20 Fundraiser Pizza Party
- Jan. 23 Million Minute Marathon Literacy Week Celebration!
- Jan. 24 School Board Meeting 5:30pm in Viera
- Jan. 27 School Advisory Committee Meeting (SAC) 8:15am
- Feb. 7 Skate Night 6-8pm
5th Grade field trip to BSO Concert
- Feb. 13-17 Domino's Pizza Week (Free Coupon Fundraiser)
- Feb. 14 School Board Meeting 5:30pm in Viera
- Feb. 16 Interim Reports Issued



Something to Think About

"Though no one can go back and make a brand-new start, anyone can start from now and make a brand-new ending."

Carl Bard

Dr. W. J. Creel Chronicle

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From the Principal's Pen



Happy New Year !

As you strive to make new resolutions and improvements in your life this new year, remember to include your children in your efforts. For your child to gain the greatest benefit from his/her education, good attendance and parent involvement is necessary. Students missing school or arriving late:

- Miss part of their academic instructional time.
- Require special attention and take time that could be used on instruction.
- Develop behavior patterns that are undesirable in school and later in work.
- May receive social pressure by peers that can lower their self-esteem.

Tips for Parents

- Reinforce the value and importance of good attendance and being on time and adjust your morning schedule to be at school by 7:45am.
- Stay involved by talking about the school day, reading school notes, reviewing school-work and homework and providing praise and encouragement.
- Encourage and help your child prepare for school each evening. Packing backpacks, preparing lunch and selecting clothes the night before can reduce morning stress.
- Designate an appropriate bedtime for your child and stick to it. It is recommended for elementary age children to get 10 hours of sleep every night in order to learn and grow.

After School Support Program (ASP)

The after school academic support class is continuing to be held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm-3:30pm. If your child was signed up to attend please make sure they stay after school on those days. During this time of economic hardship we are glad we can provide extra academic support to students who need it most but regular attendance is necessary for progress to be made. Thank you for your help!

Celebrate Literacy Week! Florida

To celebrate literacy and promote reading, Dr. W. J. Creel School will be participating in the Million Minute Marathon beginning on Monday, January 23rd. During the school day, students will read a book of their choosing for 20 minutes. Teachers will record the number of students and submit the data. The goal is to read 10 million minutes statewide. We can do it! Reading every day is the single most important thing children can do to increase success in school and improve academics and plus it is fun to do! Celebrate literacy at home by reading to or with your child every day!

Volunteers Needed

Do you have 30 minutes to read once a week to a classroom of students? Rolling Readers Space Coast is seeking volunteers for Dr. W. J. Creel School. Call 254-9976 for more information.



School Supplies

To start off the new year right, students need to have their school supplies replenished such as paper, pencils, crayons and glue.

Holiday Food Baskets

Thank you to all the students, families, staff and community organizations who donated food and money for our holiday food baskets. **ONE HUNDRED AND TWENTY SEVEN** Dr. W. J. Creel families were provided food and/or holiday gifts in December. The spirit of giving at Dr. W. J. Creel School truly made an impact on many of our families' holiday this year. Thank You!

Home Reading Bags

The Home Reading Book Bag program has just begun with great books for you and your child to read together. A bag with two books are coming home twice a week for K-2 and once a week for 3rd grade. We are thrilled to be able to provide such a wonderful program for your family. Please help your child care for the materials so they are not lost or damaged and to return them to school so they can get a new bag of books to read! Thank you and keep reading!

Free Dental Screening

Free dental screenings are being provided on February 6th, 7th, 8th and 9th for children who are uninsured, disadvantaged, do not qualify for Medicaid, are not currently under the care of a dentist, have dental needs and are between the ages of 3-18. **Call Kandace at the Brevard County Dental Society at 321-636-1820 or email bcdssecretary@msn.com for more details or to schedule an appointment (an appointment must be made to be seen).**

Vaccinations

All 6th grade students **MUST** have a tetanus booster and a chicken pox vaccination before registering for 7th grade. It is recommended you receive those vaccinations now and give the documentation to the office so it will be in your child's records before leaving Dr. W. J. Creel School.

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, rulers, pencil grippers, pencil top-pers, and spiral notebooks. They are available for purchase with cash.

Geography Bowl

Three students participated in the district's Geography Bowl in December. **Cassidy**, a 6th grader made it through the first round. **Stephen**, a 5th grader made it to the 13th place in the 3rd round and **Amanda**, a 4th grader made it to 8th place in the third round. Congratulations to these students for representing our school! A special thank you to Mr. McArdle for helping these students prepare for this event!

Lost and Found

The lost and found is overflowing with jackets and coats. If you have lost a jacket please come to the office and claim it. Also, please put your child's name on all jackets, coats and lunchboxes. They will be more likely to be returned to your child that way.

West Shore Enrollment

West Shore Jr./Sr. High School is currently accepting applications for the 2012-2013 school year. **Applications must be turned in before 4:00pm on February 3rd** in order to be considered. They will be hosting parent and student informational meetings regarding the application process. **The informational meetings will be held on Tuesday, January 17th and Wednesday, January 18th at 6:30pm in the West Shore Gymnasium.** The school will host tours January 25th through January 27th at 8:55am or 1:45pm daily. For more information please visit www.edline.net/pages/West_Shore_JSH or call 321-242-4730.

Honored Authors

Congratulations to the honored authors who wrote, edited and published their work at Dr. W. J. Creel's Eagle Press!

October

Olivia-2nd Grade Mr. Ledford
Tyler-2nd Grade Mrs. McArdle
Juliana-3rd Grade Mr. Langlie
Margot-4th Mrs. Deppen

Honored Author of the Month
Camryn-2nd Grade Mrs. McArdle

November

Amanda-3rd Grade Mr. Langlie
Owen-2nd Grade Mrs. McArdle
Clint-3rd Grade Mr. Langlie
Christian-1st Grade Mrs. Haskins

Honored Author of the Month
Melinda-1st Grade Mrs. Gooch

Zoo School

Dr. W. J. Creel School 5th grade students will participate in Zoo school at the Brevard Zoo. Students will have hands on encounters with animals, paddle in kayaks through the wetlands-all while studying core subjects in the zoriculum. Students study habitats, food chains, biomes, graphing, data collection, the Everglades and more. Data has shown students show significant increases in test scores, attendance and behavior when participating in this program. Mr. Smith, Mrs. Tawfik and Mr. McArdle's class will participate starting Tuesday, January 17th and Mrs. Carbee, Mr. Meyer and Mrs. Strahle's class will participate starting Tuesday, February 21st.

Student Survey

All Brevard Public School students in grades 3-6 will participate in an anonymous computer-based survey during the month of January. The survey questions were developed by Brevard County educators and focus on curriculum, instruction, bullying and school safety. The survey is completely anonymous and there is no personally identifiable information in the survey. If you have questions or wish to see a copy of the survey please call 259-3233. The results of this survey will help us to better serve all Brevard Public School students.

Guidance Resource

Being a parent is part natural and part learned. Raising children is a joyful but stressful experience. Our guidance counselor, Mrs. Stinson-Wasser, is here to offer support and provide resources to both children and their families. Please feel free to call her at 259-3233 or email her at stinson.resi@brevardschools.org.

FCAT Resource

Parents are encouraged to visit the web resource-*Success Measures* online at <http://www.fldoe.org/successmeasures/>. Parents can access in-depth information about the Florida Next Generation Sunshine State Standards and all of Florida's student assessments.

Box Tops for Education

Dr. W. J. Creel School is collecting box tops to earn money for the school. The money can be used for a variety of things that will benefit the children at Dr. W. J. Creel School. Box tops are on many food item packages. Take time to clip your box tops and send them in!

We are also collecting pop tops from aluminum cans to benefit the Ronald McDonald House Charities. Take time to help provide for a family in need.

Parent Resources

The Florida Partnership for Family Involvement in Education and the Family Network on Disabilities of Florida, Inc. are two resources that have Parent Information and Resource Centers available to families. You can locate these resources through the phone numbers and website links below.

www.partnershipcenter.usf.edu
or call 813-974-5458
www.fndfl.org
or call 800-825-5736

FCAT Computer Game

FCAT Explorer is a FREE website designed by the state to provide practice on the skills (Next Generation Sunshine State Standards) required for the FCAT 2.0 (Florida Comprehensive Assessment Test). The website is designed to be educational and entertaining. It includes colorful characters and positive feedback as your child progresses through the program. Your child should already have their password and if not they are available through their teacher or by calling 259-3233. This is a great way to support your child's educational growth at home.

www.factexplorer.com

Bicycles

If your child rides a bicycle to school please provide them with a lock and remind them to lock their bike every day. Bicycles left unlocked are at risk for theft.

Volunteers Needed

If you are interested in being a **Student Mentor** please contact Mrs. Stinson-Wasser by calling 259-3233 or send an email to stinson.resi@brevardschools.org.



Past copies of the school newsletter are available for viewing at <http://creel.brevard.k12.fl.us>

Absentee Information

Please contact Mrs. Stinson-Wasser, School Counselor at 259-3233 with any questions regarding absentee policies or procedures.



December 1, 2011

Dear Parent or Guardian:

The Brevard County Dental Society is participating in the American Dental Association's annual event for improving access to care for children. The screenings for this event will take place on the following dates:

Monday, 02/06/2012, 8am – 5pm at Melbourne Health Department
Tuesday, 02/07/2012, 8am – 5pm at Titusville Health Department
Wednesday, 02/08/2012, 8am – 5pm at Rockledge Health Department
Thursday, 02/09/2012, 8am – 5pm at Rockledge Health Department

THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR EXAMINATION & TREATMENT!

Your child may qualify if the following apply:

- You are available to bring your child for treatment
- Your family is financially disadvantaged
- Your child **does not** have dental insurance
- Your child **is** currently having tooth pain
- Your child **is not** currently under the care of a dentist
- Your child has dental needs not currently being treated
- Your child **does not** qualify for Medicaid coverage
- Your child is 3-18 years old

YOU MUST SCHEDULE AN APPOINTMENT TO BE SEEN; NO WALK-INS

Please contact Kandace at the Brevard County Dental Society at 636 -1820 or bcdssecretary@msn.com for more details and to schedule. We will do our best to accommodate your child's immediate needs during this event. Parents, please do not expect continuous ongoing care.

We would love to help improve your child's dental health!

Sundeep Rawal, DMD

Project Dentists Care Coordinator, Brevard County Dental Society