

DR. W. J. CREEL



Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 1 Skate Night 6-8pm
Galaxy Skateway
- Nov. 2 Parent Conferences
6:30-8:30pm
- Nov. 9 District Writing
Assessment K-6
- Nov. 11 Veteran's Day
Holiday for All
- Nov. 14-18 Book Fair Week
- Nov. 18 School Advisory Committee
Meeting (SAC)
- Nov. 15 Picture Retakes
- Nov. 22 School Board Meeting
5:30pm in Viera
- Nov. 23-25 Thanksgiving Holidays
Holiday for All
- Nov. 29 Interim Reports Issued



Something to Think About...

"Imagination will often carry us to worlds that never were. But without it we go nowhere."

Carl Sagan

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From the Principal's Pen



Parent/Teacher Conferences are scheduled on, Wednesday, November 2nd from 6:30pm-8:30pm. I encourage EVERY parent to schedule a conference-whether you see all A's or your child has a concern. Teachers and parents working together create success for the child. Please contact the teacher or the school office at 259-3233 to request a conference. When teacher slots are filled, they are happy to accommodate on a different day.

Daylight savings time ends on Sunday, November 6th. Remember to turn your clocks back one hour.

We are grateful to have the funds to provide an **Academic Support Program (ASP)** to select children in 2nd-6th grades in reading, math and science based on need. This program has begun. If you turned in a permission slip please have your child stay after school on those days. If you received an invitation please make arrangements for your child to attend and send back the permission form. Reading and Math instruction is on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 2:30pm-3:30pm and Science instruction is on Mondays (grades 5-6 only) from 2:30pm-3:30pm..

Halloween is on Monday, October 31st this year. Although you may trick-or-treat on Monday evening, students will still need to be well rested and ready to learn on Tuesday morning. There are many activities this weekend to enjoy including the **Melbourne Elks Lodge's FREE "Say Boo to Drugs" event** on Saturday, October 29th (see page 2 for more information). Halloween candy is to be enjoyed at home and should not be brought to school. Thanks for your help with this!

October is **Disability Awareness Month**. Here at Dr. W. J. Creel School we recognize that every child can learn and we are proud to have a such a wonderful, diverse population. To celebrate, every child signed their name on a banner that says "We are all Special" which is now displayed in our Media Center. Indeed we are all special!

Fundraiser orders will be delivered to the school the second week in November. Please assist your child in delivering items to those who supported the school!

The presence of **gastrointestinal and other types of illnesses** have been evident in many of our elementary schools recently . Please talk with your children about proper hand washing. Hand washing is one of the best ways to stop the spread of germs and keep everyone healthy!

Missing Something?

If your child is missing a jacket, lunch box or other item please have them check the lost and found located in the front office.



Volunteers Needed

We are looking for volunteers who can help distribute fund-raiser items on Nov. 9th. Please call Mrs. Saam at 259-3233 or email saam.vijay@brevardschools.org if you can help! We are also looking for someone to help organize the Home Reading Program books for K-3rd grades. If you can help please call 259-3233 and ask for Mrs. Goode or email goode.paige@brevardschools.org!

Halloween Safety Tips



- * Trick-or-treat during hours of 6:00 p.m. and 8:00p.m.
- * Walk with an adult.
- * Carry a flashlight.
- * Only stop at houses with their lights on.
- * Walk on the sidewalks (if available).
- * Look both ways before crossing the street.
- * Do not enter anyone's home or accept rides from anyone.
- * Have an adult check all candy before eating it.
- * Instead of wearing masks that might obstruct your vision, consider wearing Halloween make-up.
- * Try to avoid toy knives, guns or swords that appear to be real.

Say Boo To Drugs

The Melbourne Elks Lodge is hosting a FREE "Say Boo to Drugs" Event for children on Saturday, October 29th from 3pm-6pm at 211 Nieman Avenue. They will have games, treats, prizes and more. Please contact Russ Hooper at 777-9590 for more information.

Fall Book Fair

Our Fall Book Fair will be held on Monday, November 14th - Friday, November 18th. Everyone is invited to join us for our **Family Night on Thursday, November 17th from 6pm-8pm**. Research shows there is a definite link between academic success and having access to books. There is something in possessing a book that's significantly different from borrowing it, especially for a child. You can write your name in it and keep it always. It transforms you into *the kind of person who owns books*.

Mentoring

Mentoring is a program that allows an adult to work with a child to assist them in developing and achieving goals (academic and non-academic), ultimately leading to better educated and more productive citizens. A mentor is assigned to one student and meets once a week at the school for the entire school year. If you are interested in becoming a Mentor or would like to find out more about the program, please contact: Mrs. Resi Stinson-Wasser, School Counselor at 259-3233.

Flag Football Winners

The Creel Crushers, our flag football team comprised of 5th and 6th graders, won the Space Coast Christian Athletic Association's Championship! They finished the season with a perfect 8 and 0 record, and finished by defeating Holy Trinity 25 to 14 in the championship game. Players on the Crushers include: **Zarius, Zerius, Josh, Brandon, Curtis, Grant, Tyler, Logan, A.J., Nick, Colby, Connor, and Jesus**. These students used great sportsmanship and were fine examples of how Creel students should behave. Congratulations to the Crushers on a fine season !

Art Winners

Aubrey was awarded first place in the 6th grade division and **Gionna** was awarded 2nd place in the 5th grade division for the 2012 Drug Free Poster Contest hosted by the Brevard County Sheriff's Office and the Office of the State Attorney. Their artwork will be displayed in the 2012 Drug-Free Calendar which will be distributed to all children in 5th, 6th, 7th and 8th grades. The following students received Honorable Mention: **Madison, Jamie and Courtney** for 5th grade; **Skylar, Adidas, Maddison and Alice** for 6th grade. The proceeds from the sale of property seized in drug enforcement is used towards drug abuse education and prevention programs such as the Drug-Free Poster Contest to promote the message that it is OK to say NO! Congratulations to our Creel Art Stars!

