

DR. W. J. CREEL



### Dates to Remember:

Dec. 6	Skate Night 6-8pm
Dec. 8	6th to Kennedy Space Ctr.
Dec. 13	School Board Meeting 5:30pm in Viera
Dec. 14	Kiwanis Club Concert
Dec. 16	School Advisory Committee Meeting (SAC) 7:15pm
Dec. 16-20	Early Dismissal 1:15pm
Dec. 16&19	No SES Tutoring
Dec. 19&20	No ASP Tutoring
Dec. 21-	Winter Holidays
Jan. 6	No School for Students
Jan. 9	Students Return to School
Jan. 9	SES Tutoring Resumes
Jan. 10	ASP Tutoring Resumes
Jan. 10	Skate Night 6-8pm
Jan. 16	Martin Luther King Jr. Day Holiday for All
Jan. 17	Report Cards Issued



### Something to Think About...

The happiest moments of my life have been the few with which I have passed at home in the bosom of my family.

Thomas Jefferson

# Dr. W. J. Creel Chronicle

DECEMBER 2, 2011 KATHRYN A. EWARD, PRINCIPAL



## From the Principal's Pen

Did you know that children who eat dinner around the table with family members do better in school (than those who eat on the run or in front of television)? It likely has to do with "quality time with adults and caring family and conversations that show concern and support for each person, school and life". Research says: Parent involvement is essential to a child's success. Many parents feel as though their children do not need them to be involved as they age. Often parents report thinking that their older children should work on their own. However, research shows that this is not true. Your child needs you to remain involved in their education from preschool to college. Please make the time to work with your child at home each night. Instead of having homework time, work on a project, practice math facts, read or study. This sets up a time for you to work with your child each day – even when he or she doesn't have assigned homework!!

The close of the school day can be very exciting for parents and students as they eagerly anticipate seeing each other and are preparing for the adventures of the rest of the day. Sometimes it can also be a bit confusing, and, to be truthful, a bit frustrating. I do not think there is a car loop in the world that is always quick and smooth. If there is, I have yet to see it. We strive to improve our dismissal procedure while keeping safety at the top of the list. You can help by:

- ◆ Have a consistent way your child goes home. Whether your child goes home by bus, car, walk, or bicycle – keeping it the same every day works better. Keep changes to a minimum by utilizing changes only for emergencies. Even bike riders or walkers should have a plan in case of inclement weather.
- ◆ When change is necessary, send a written note to the teacher and to the front office. More than one informed person works best. A student can be dismissed only to someone on the approved pickup list.
- ◆ Keep your telephone numbers and address up to date. It works best for us to have home, cell, work and emergency numbers.

During the holiday season, the Dr. W. J. Creel School family reaches out to families that are going through difficult times or have special needs. **We will make and distribute food baskets for designated families in need within our school.** Food contributions are needed to reach as many families as possible. We encourage all students to participate in the spirit of giving by donating food items. **The food items needed are listed on the back by grade level.**

If you have a special need this holiday season, please send a note to the front office so that your family may be considered for assistance. All information regarding food basket recipients will remain confidential.

A heartfelt thank you to all contributing to this worthy cause. May your holidays be bright and filled with good cheer!

**Find Lost Jackets, Coats and Lunch Boxes in the Bin located by the Front Office!**

**Parents, please put your child's name in their belongings.**



### **School Improvement Plan (SIP)**

The School Improvement plan is developed by the school, teachers, parents and community members to set goals to increase academic achievement among all students.

**This document is available online at <http://creel.brevard.k12.fl.us/> and in the front office.**

Translations can be made available by request.

# **Holiday Food Basket Donations**

## **Kindergarten, TK-1 and Pre-K**

peanut butter, jelly (all kinds), cookies, cereal, mixes (cake, etc.)

## **Second Grade**

cereal, corn meal, grits, flour, mixes (cake, biscuit, etc.)

## **Fourth Grade**

canned vegetables, canned meats

## **Sixth Grade**

canned fruit, canned soups

## **First Grade**

spaghetti, macaroni, noodles, peanut butter, crackers, rice, etc.

## **Third Grade**

canned meats (beef stew, tuna, etc.)

## **Fifth Grade**

canned goods

## **Exceptional Education**

cereal, noodles, grits, flour, mixes (cake, etc.)



**We are also in need of *cash donations* to be used to purchase milk, butter, eggs, etc. If you would like to assist, please send any donations to the school office. Your assistance will be much appreciated.**

## **Jump Rope for Heart**

We are proud to announce that Dr. W. J. Creel School raised over \$3,200 for the American Heart Association to fight heart disease. Congratulations to all those Heart Heroes that helped raise money! Prizes will be here in 4-6 weeks. Thank you for all your support!

## **Volleyball Victory**

The Dr. W. J. Creel School Volleyball team (The Hot Shots) finished the season in second place! They had an impressive mini-season and defeated Holly Trinity 2-0 to advance to the championship match against Calvary Christian. They put up a tough fight but lost the championship match 25 to 21 and 25 to 20. They displayed good teamwork and had a lot of fun too! Team members included **Gus, Max, Cassidy, Kaitlyn, Jessica, Jordan, Taylor, Ariana, Jessica and Lizzy.**

## **Stupendous Staff**

Dr. W. J. Creel School is proud to announce the 2011-2012 teacher of the year is Mrs. Katie Furfey, an exceptional education teacher. The employee of the year is Mrs. Carmen McShane, an ESOL instructional assistant. Congratulations to both of them for being outstanding educators!

## **Free Christmas Concert**

Everyone is invited to attend the Kiwanis Club Christmas Concert on Wednesday, December 14th at 7pm at Eau Gallie High School. Dr. W. J. Creel Chorus students will be performing along with four other area schools.

## **Early Dismissal Days**

Students will be dismissed at 1:15pm on Friday, December 16th, Monday, December 19th and Tuesday, December 20th. Please make arrangements for transportation on these days.