

DR. W. J. CREEL



Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 6-29 Parent Survey Online
- Feb. 16 Interim Reports Issued
- Feb. 20 No School for Students
Teacher Inservice Day
- Feb. 21 Zoo School Begins for
Carbee, Meyer and Strahle
- Feb. 24 School Advisory Committee
Meeting (SAC) 8:15am
- Feb. 25 Elementary Music Festival
King Center 7pm
- Feb. 28 4th Grade FCAT Florida
Writes and District Writing
Assessment for K-6
- Feb. 29 Parent Conferences
6:30pm-8:30pm
- March 2 Class Photos
- March 5-9 Book Fair
- March 6 Skate Night 6-8pm
- March 8 Book Fair Family Night and
Science Fair Open House
6-8pm



Something to Think About

“Discipline is the bridge between goals and accomplishment.”

Jim Rohn

Dr. W. J. Creel Chronicle

FEBRUARY 17, 2012 KATHRYN A. EWARD, PRINCIPAL

From the Principal's Pen

Fourth grade students will be taking the **FCAT Writing Test on Tuesday, February 28th**. The writing test is administered in one 45 minute session in which students write an essay in response to a prompt. Students will receive a score on a scale of 1-6 points. Please make sure your child has a good night's sleep, a healthy breakfast and arrives to school on time on Tuesday in preparation for this assessment. Students in grades K-6 will be participating in the District Writing Assessment on Tuesday. We are limiting volunteers in the building until after 12:00pm so that we can provide a quiet, distraction free environment for testing. Thank you for your cooperation with this.

The Florida Department of Education is continuing the transition from the Florida Comprehension Assessment Test (FCAT) to the FCAT 2.0 to align with new student academic content standards. The FCAT 2.0 measures student achievement of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards (NGSSS) in reading, mathematics and science. This test was first used last school year. The next big change for FCAT is that even though the new, more challenging test was given last year, this year **THE SCORES REQUIRED HAVE BEEN RAISED SIGNIFICANTLY!** The same score on the same test will now reflect a lower level. In other words, students and schools will appear less successful. The changes of new levels and new required scores just occurred in December.

The State Board of Education also approved new achievement level definitions for FCAT 2.0 Reading, Math and Science as below. They range from 1 (lowest) to 5 (highest).

- Level 5: Students at this level demonstrate mastery of the most challenging content in the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.
- Level 4: Students at this level demonstrate above satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.
- Level 3:** Students at this level demonstrate a satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.
- Level 2: Students at this level demonstrate a below satisfactory level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.
- Level 1: Students at this level demonstrate an inadequate level of success with the challenging content of the Next Generation Sunshine State Standards.

The best plan of action for home is to:

- Make certain you read to and have your child read 7 days a week. (Keep a fresh supply of books and a consistent routine).
- Work together in math and discuss math problems– while using “math” words (equation, equal, measurement, time, money, compare, etc.)

I have a summary of grade level standards you may have if you like. Additionally, I can prepare “work sheets for you” if you wish. Students in 3rd-6th may also practice for the FCAT using the FCAT Explorer website game at www.fcatexplorer.com. Student passwords are available through their teacher or the front office. Just call 259-3233 and let me know what I can help you with.

Today is the last day of our **Domino's Spring Fundraiser Week**. If you have not used your coupon yet please do so today!

Interim reports were sent home on Thursday, February 16th and **parent conferences** will be on Wednesday, February 29th. Please call 259-3233 to set up an appointment with your child's teacher.



Did you know?

Adults and children can check out as many as 50 books at the public library and public library cards are FREE?



Yearbooks For Sale

Dr. W. J. Creel School is excited to provide a school yearbook for purchase for the 2011-12 school year for only \$20.00 before March 2nd or \$22.00 after March 2nd. Payments by March 2nd will guarantee delivery. Yearbooks purchased after March 2nd will be available for purchase while supplies last. Send money to school in an envelope with the student's name, grade level and teacher's name.

Spring Book Fair

Please join us for our Spring Book Fair. It will be held on Monday, March 5th-Friday, March 9th. It will be open from 8:30am-3:00pm on Monday-Thursday and from 8:30am-10:30am on Friday. **Family Night will be Thursday, March 8th from 6-8pm.** 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 during the day and family night. If you are interested in volunteering please call 259-3233 and ask for Mrs. Saam.

Parent Survey

We want your input! Please take time to fill out the Brevard Public School's Parent Survey at <http://parentsurvey.brevardschools.org> before February 29th. If you are unable to complete this survey from home, feel free to visit the school to complete it electronically. The survey is available in English and Spanish. Paper copies are also available upon request.

Music Festival

Congratulations to the following students who were chosen to represent our school at the Elementary Music Festival on Saturday, February 25:

Alice, Skylar, Max, Paige, Jakera, Lili, Lizzy, Jordan, Kaitlyn, Kate, Kiara, Jayden and Alba. They will perform on the King Center stage at 7pm with other students from the southern half of the district in Honor Strings and Honors Chorus ensembles. We invite everyone to attend!

Creative Art Display

The very creative recycled birds have flown in to the Media Center and will be on display till the end of the school year. They were created by our 4th, 5th and 6th grade Art Star students. We hope that you will enjoy seeing them on Parent Conference Night on Feb 29th. The Art Teacher, Mrs. Wetherington, will be available if anyone has any questions about our art program or just wants to stop by to see the art room.

Dental Care Offer

February is National Children's Dental Health Month. On Wednesday, February 8th, Dr. Gregory Cheshire and his wife, Janice visited our school and gave a presentation on dental care and presented each student in grades 1st, 2nd, and 3rd with a free dental supplies.

Dr. Cheshire is just around the corner, at 1565 Sarno Road, and is ready to serve your dental needs. As our business partner, Dr. Cheshire is providing a **Special Offer for Students of Dr. W. J. Creel School to include a dental exam, x-rays and a cleaning for \$50.00.** This offer is good until May 31, 2012. Call 600-4994 to set up your appointment.

Thank you Dr. and Mrs. Cheshire! We enjoyed your visit!

Honored Authors

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

December

Charles-2nd Grade Mr. Ledford
Honored Author of the Month
Daniel-2nd Grade Mrs. Fish

January

Kayla-3rd Grade Mr. Lietz
Kathe-3rd Grade Mrs. Reinighaus
Lautaro-3rd Grade Mr. Langlie
Honored Author of the Month
Amanda-Mr. Langlie

Thank You!

Thank you to **Richard's Paint** store for donating over 40 sample wallpaper books to Dr. W. J. Creel School's Eagle Press Student Publishing Company!

ESE Parent Survey

The Florida Department of Education is conducting a survey for parent of students with an Individual Education Plan (IEP) in Exceptional Student Education (ESE). The responses to the survey provide important information for planning and monitoring improvement activities.

Please go to
www.ESEsurvey.com
to complete the survey.