

DR. W. J. CREEL



Dates to Remember:

- Feb. 6-29 Parent Survey
- Feb. 7 Skate Night 6-8pm
5th Grade Field Trip to the Brevard Symphony Orchestra
- Feb. 13-17 Domino's Pizza Week
- Feb. 14 School Board Meeting
5:30pm in Viera
- 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



Something to Think About

"The important thing is not to stop questioning. Curiosity has its own reason for existing."

Albert Einstein

Dr. W. J. Creel Chronicle

FEBRUARY 3, 2012 KATHRYN A. EWARD, PRINCIPAL

From the Principal's Pen



Dr. W. J. Creel School celebrated literacy last week by reading over 110,000 minutes toward the state's **Million Minute Marathon!** That is amazing! Grade levels celebrated by doing author studies and hosting reading events. Reading outside of the school day is the single most important thing that children can do to increase success in school! I encourage you to continue the habit of reading to your child, with your child or set aside time for your child to read at home, every night!

Our fifth graders have embarked on an extended expedition to Brevard Zoo! Our students will actually have school at the zoo for much of January, February and March (for designated periods). Studies include the Rainforest Secrets Program, the African Safari, Rumble in the Jungle, Wild Florida and more. Students will explore the zoo in a kayak, measure animals and foods, learn new vocabulary, meet with veterinarians, graph the annual rainfall in a rainforest, look for fossils, learn about alligators and crocodiles, examine owl pellets, make fossil molds, study the wetland, learn about the food chains, animals, and animal habitats along with a myriad of other activities. Reading, Mathematics, Science and Writing all come together in this hands-on study. Students will have specialized classrooms (in a tree house and in a cave) and will have all of their books and teachers from here for their everyday studies.

Dr. W. J. Creel will also host a "Free Zoo Night", or evening for the entire family of every student pre-k through grade six. For this evening, there will be activities for children, food and drink available to purchase, partial access to the zoo and cultural presentations in the area of music and art.

Our Domino's Spring Fundraiser Week will be during Monday, February 13th-Friday, February 17th. Every child will bring home a coupon on Monday, February 13th for a FREE Medium, one topping pizza (with a donation) available for carry out at our local Domino's on Aurora Road. Domino's is donating the pizzas in order for families to donate money to support Dr. W. J. Creel School. Instead of paying Domino's for the pizza, you will put your money in the Dr. W. J. Creel fundraiser jar. All of the money raised will go directly to our school to support activities, such as our end of the year awards, that directly benefit the students.

Between **Monday, February 6th through Wednesday, February 29th** you will have an opportunity to participate in an online **parent survey**. You can access the survey at <http://Parentsurvey.brevardschools.org>. The input you give in this survey is very important! It tells us what we are doing right, what we can improve as well as what your needs are as a parent. We value your input! 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.

Interim reports will be sent home on Thursday, February 16th with **parent conferences** to follow on Wednesday, February 29th.

Yearbooks are coming! We expect to have a wonderful yearbook this year with 90+ color pages, grade level school pictures, collage and autograph pages. If you are interested in purchasing a yearbook please see the attached flyer.



Lost and Found

If you have lost a jacket, coat or lunchbox please check the lost and found located in the front office.



Volunteers

Thank you to the many people who volunteer their time at our school. To help us maintain accurate records, please **sign in and out as a volunteer on the computer in the front office every time you visit our school.** There are also cards to record time spent at home preparing things for the classroom.

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Parent Survey

We want your input! Please take time to fill out the Brevard Public School's Parent Survey at <http://parentsurvey.brevardschools.org>. 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.

Florida Comprehensive

Florida has implemented the new Next Generation Standards on the FCAT this year for grades 3-10. Scores required for "passing" have been raised by the state. FCAT 2.0 requires higher level thinking and higher scores. With test dates approaching we want to express how important it is for your child to attend school and arrive on time on the dates below. It is also recommended that you check your calendars to make sure no appointments have been set for those days and reschedule them at a later time if necessary. We want your child to have every advantage to do their personal best!

**FCAT Writing for 4th Grade
February 28th
FCAT Reading, Math and Science
(3rd, 4th, 5th and 6th grades)
April 16th-27th**

Spelling Bee



Congratulations to **Brendan (6th grade)** who won first place and **Lilli (6th grade)** who was runner up in the Dr. W. J. Creel School Spelling Bee. **Brendan** will represent Dr. W. J. Creel School in the District Spelling Bee on March 7th.

Congratulations to all the students who participated as top spelling champions for their grade level to include **Javonni, Abigail, Natalie, Cayden and Simone** for third grade, **Madison, Sarah, Margot, Nicole, Kamryn, Amanda and Amelia** for fourth grade, **Shannon, Alex, Courtney, Anaeli, Jason and Vaudre** for fifth grade, **Chris, Chris, Grant, Ariana and Tony** for sixth grade.

Parent Conferences

Report Cards went home on January 17th and interim reports will go home on February 16th. Although Parent Conference night is not until Wednesday, February 29th, you can request a conference with your child's teacher anytime! When parents and teachers work together, the child is the winner!

Vaccinations

All 6th grade students **MUST** have a tetanus booster and a chicken pox vaccination before registering for 7th grade.

Celebrating our Alumni

Dr. W. J. Creel School has been designated as a Florida Music Demonstration School providing exemplary music education to children. We are excited that many of the students acknowledged as top musicians in the county were previously students at Dr. W. J. Creel School and we are very proud of their accomplishments! The students are: **Lili, Alexandria, Victoria, Bethany Kate, Timothy and Tabitha** chosen for All State Chorus (grades 7-12); **Samantha** chosen for All State Concert Orchestra (grades 9-10); and **Zoe** chosen for All State Symphonic Orchestra (grades 11-12). Congratulations alumni! This is a phenomenal accomplishment for the school!



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



Cherish the Memories!

Dr. W. J. Creel School Yearbook Sale

Dr. W. J. Creel School is excited to provide a school yearbook for purchase for the 2011-2012 school year. You and your child can enjoy the memories and friendships made this year by purchasing this everlasting keepsake.

**\$20.00 each
(before March 2nd)**

**\$22.00 each
(after March 2nd)**

Payments received by March 2nd will guarantee delivery.

Yearbooks purchased after March 2nd will be available while supplies last payable by cash only.

- *Grade level school pictures*
- *Collage pages for each grade level*
- *Autograph pages*
- *90+ full color pages*

Child's Name: _____ Grade: _____

Teacher's Name: _____

Number of Yearbooks Purchased: _____

Cash: _____ Check: _____

(Please make checks payable to Dr. W. J. Creel School)