



CRPS BEAR NEWS

December 1, 2017

From the Principal's Desk

Dear Bearcub Families,

CRPS held what must now become a tradition at our school—we invited parents to our Thanksgiving Dinner! If you were one of the parents who had the opportunity to experience this sumptuous meal with us, great! If not, we hope you will plan on joining us next year.

The month of December will bring many more opportunities to participate in school events. We will have our book fair, pictures with Santa, the Holiday chorus recital, ECO Week, Holiday shopping from PTO, the annual staff play for the children and so much more!

There were 52 students in the first semester that had perfect attendance at CRPS. These students will have an opportunity to walk over to CRHS and decorate holiday goodies with the Culinary Arts students. We will do another special reward second semester, maybe your child will have perfect attendance next time, too!

We enjoy the special holiday traditions at our school and hope that you and your family will spend many happy times during the holidays celebrating your own traditions.

Donnie Brown, Principal

MARK YOUR CALENDARS!

December 5:	Pizza Hut Night, 4 - 8 pm, CR Pizza Hut
December 11-15	Book Fair—Cafeteria
December 12:	PTO Meeting, 4 pm, Media
December 12:	PTO Evening with Santa, 5:00—7:00 pm
December 15:	Tropicana Speeches, 2:00 p.m.
December 19:	Chorus Recital—Café—6:15 pm
December 21:	EARLY DISMISSAL—12:30 PM
December 22:	EARLY DISMISSAL—12:30 PM
December 25, 2017 -	
January 9, 2018:	NO SCHOOL —Christmas Break
January 10:	Students Return to School



CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR TOY AND SREOY

CRPS is proud to congratulate Mrs. Carolyn Clark for having been selected our Teacher of the Year and Mrs. Tammy Hitchcock for having been selected School Related Employee Of the Year.

Both of these individuals are very worthy of their award and we are fortunate to have them at CRPS.



Please join us on Tuesday, December 19 at 6:15 pm for a wonderful holiday show.

The children get together at the local soda shop in search of some Christmas spirit. The holiday hits that come out of the Jingle Bell Jukebox after they put their quarters in it give them just the boost they needed. You'll have a hard time staying in your seats as the kids sing and dance to the music filling the air with Holiday cheer.



CRPS PTO'S

EVENING WITH SANTA

Tuesday, December 12th



5:00 - 5:30 Come enjoy FREE cookies and hot cocoa, visit with Santa and make a card for someone special



Pictures with Santa will be available for purchase

5:45 - 7:00 Painting with Santa

\$15.00 per painter as available at the door.



The entire staff of Crystal River Primary School wishes all of our students and families a very Happy Holiday Season. We hope you enjoy your Christmas Break from December 22—January 9, 2018.

Students return to school on Wednesday, January 10, 2018.



Come out and enjoy a colorful event filled with memories and gift making.



4th Annual Pizza Hut Night



The Nature Coast Cancer Crusaders and Crystal Primary School are teaming up for our 4th annual Pizza Hut night to benefit the Citrus Aid Cancer Foundation. Join us on Tuesday, December 5 from 4 -8 pm at the Crystal River Pizza Hut. 100% of the money stays right here in Citrus County and helps local cancer patients with treatments, transportation, etc.

Please come out and help us help others.

UPWARD BOUND RECIPIENTS

Congratulations to our Upward Award Winners below L to R:

First Row, Naudiya Newman, Ma:Kyrah Parker, Malachi Stokes, Brooke Williams

Back Row: Noah Coen, Mitchell Hauter, Jaiden Hensley, Mr. Stukes



PARENT Drop Off and PICK-UP

If you drop off your child in the morning and your child is going to eat breakfast at school, please make sure they are dropped off by 9:00 am so they can eat and be in class on time.

If you pick up your child after school, please enter our campus **only** by the driveway on 8th Avenue. Make sure your pick-up tag with your child's name is on display on your rear-view mirror in your car. Please stay in your car and move forward as others cars load and move out.

For the safety of our children, PLEASE DO NOT park in the parking lot and attempt to walk your student across the driveway.

Thank you!

If you, or anyone you know requires reasonable accommodations at any of our school events because of a disability or physical impairment, please contact Carol Kaiserian at 795-2211

ADOPT A CLASS SPONSORS

Thank you to Hash Utilities for adopting Mrs. Hengesbach's class this year.

If you or anyone you know would be interested in adopting a class, please contact the school.

TITLE I INFORMATION

Title 1 newsletters are available on our school website under the Parent Info tab.

The purpose of these monthly newsletters is to provide busy parents with practical ways to promote school readiness, parent involvement, and more effective parenting.

Links to the CRPS School Improvement Plan, Parent Involvement Plan, and the Citrus County School District Parent Involvement Plan are located on the home page of our school website, <http://crp.citruschools.org>.

ALL children have FREE Breakfast this year! Parent drop off students need to be at school at 9:00 for breakfast. Lunch is not provided for free.

MEALPAY Did you know that you can prepay for your child's lunch online? You will need your child's Citrus County Student number and his/her lunch number to set up the account online (both are available from your child's teacher). Simply log on to the secure website:

<https://www14.mealpayplus.com/default.aspx>

Important Bus Rider and Car Rider Information

If a **Pre-K** or **K** student does not have a parent or approved contact at the bus stop, the child will be brought back to CRPS. Parents will be called to come to the school to pick up the child. Staff hours are 8:00-4:00, so please respect their family and personal time by being at the stop for your child!

DASH FOR TASH!

Thank you to everyone who supported our second school wide Crystal River Primary Cancer Crusaders Dash for Tash fundraiser on November 2nd.

Thanks to you we were able to raise \$ 1000.00.

CRP Makerspace

Makerspace is a collaborative spaces where people gather to get, create, invent and share ideas. We are proud to have our very own Makerspace here at CRP! It is full of hands-on materials and activities such as legos, blocks, wheels, clicks, cubes, and ramps. Our Makerspace entices children with the SMART Table, Geoboard wall, Lego wall, robotics, computers, and much more. This year we are using our Makerspace to promote growth with our SuccessMaker computer program. Each child that shows growth in SuccessMaker reading/math will attend our scheduled Makerspace Reward Days. We just had our first Makerspace Reward Day, it was a huge success with lots of learning and laughter. We celebrated all children that have made at least .25 or more growth in SuccessMaker reading/math. Please be sure to ask your child all about our CRP Makerspace!

Guidelines and Procedures

For the safety of your students, please bring your Photo Identification when visiting CRPS campus. Students cannot be released without it. You will not be permitted past the front desk without valid ID. Any note regarding Change of Transportation must be signed by the legal guardian. **Changes cannot be accepted via telephone.** Please remember to write your child's full name and teacher's name on all notes. As reminder that all Citrus Schools are Tobacco Free. Please refrain from smoking or other tobacco use on school property, this includes while waiting in the Car-rider Pick-Up line. Thank you for your cooperation.

YMCA

The Citrus County YMCA School Age Programs provides children with a safe place to go during out of school time. With multiple plan options and financial assistance available to families who qualify, now is a great time to register your child for our before and after school programs.

The YMCA has an Extended Day Program for you here at CRPS. Monday through Friday from 6:30 am until school starts and from dismissal time



SCHOOL HEALTH ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Citrus County School's School Health Advisory Committee is a group that meets quarterly to provide advocacy for school health and identify needs and opportunities to maximize community resources. We welcome parent and community involvement. The meetings scheduled for the 2017-2018 school year are:
Wednesday, February 7 2018
Wednesday, May 2, 2018