



"CROTON CHRONICLE" Croton Elementary



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"BPS's mission is to serve students with excellence as the standard."

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Message from the Principal...



Your child's safety and academic performance are our top priorities at Croton Elementary. Together, we can help every child succeed and reach his or her fullest potential. We need your support! Please help us by getting your child to school on time and ready to learn. Academic time is important, so please arrange outside activities and appointments around the school day to eliminate missing crucial instructional time. The most valuable thing you can do to assist your child's growth is to play an active role in your child's education by keeping informed, monitoring homework, and communicating with your child's teacher. We look forward to a wonderful school year following our mission - Empower every student to succeed!

Roseann M. Bennett



Early Release Days Starting

August 11th!

EVERY FRIDAY

Dismissal is at 1:15 pm



Croton Cardinals Café Corner



All students are able to eat a free breakfast at Croton Elementary. We do not want students to be hungry, so be sure they either have a good breakfast at home or join us between 7:30 and 7:50 for the free breakfast in the cafeteria. Students must still be in their classrooms no later than 8:00 a.m. Supervision does not begin until 7:30 a.m. for any student, so please be sure they do not arrive too early.

School lunch is **FREE** for all students this year. For more detailed information regarding school lunches please visit www.brevardschools.org and click the Yellow Circle titled "Menus".

Additional a-la-cart items are available for purchase in the cafeteria. Payments may be pre-paid into your child's lunch account free of charge online at <https://www.mypaymentsplus.com/>. You will need your child's student ID number to register. Please contact the front office for this number, if you don't already have it.

SAC News:



Have you ever wanted to serve on a committee to help your child's school improve? If so, please complete Croton's School Advisory Council Application that will be coming home soon. We will be in need of several new members to participate in the growth of our wonderful school and students. Please contact Amanda Hitchcock, if you have any questions.

Phone 321-259-3818 or
email: Hitchcock.Amanda@brevardschools.org

Important Dates

Thursday, August 10th

1st - 6th Grade Students Report

Friday, August 11th

~ Early Release, 1:15 p.m.



Tuesday, August 15th

~ Kindergarten Students Report

~ Kindergarten Tears & Cheers, 8:00 am

~ SAC Meeting, 3:00 pm

Thursday, August 17th

~ PreK Students Report

~ Welcome Back BBQ / AMMP

Night, 5:00 - 7:00 pm

Friday, August 18th

Early Release, 1:15 p.m.

Thursday, August 24th

~ Jersey Mike's Night 4:00 - 8:00 pm

Friday, August 25th

Early Release, 1:15 p.m.

Wednesday, August 30th

~ Open House/Annual Title 1

Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 (PreK - 2nd)

Thursday, August 31th

~ Open House/Annual Title 1

Meeting, 5:30 - 6:30 (3rd - 6th)

Important Safety Information

Please park in a parking space before coming into the front office. Pick up and Drop off is **not** permitted in the front parking lot/loop. Use the car loop on the South side of the school for arrival and dismissal.

When picking up your walkers, please do not park in Croton's parking lots or next door in the business parking lot.

The car loop gate opens at 2:15 Monday through Thursday, and 1:00 on Fridays. **Please do not pull ahead of other cars already lined up.**

At dismissal in the car loop students will be called by the youngest in the family. The older siblings need to listen for their names and go to their younger sibling's gate for pickup.



**Please remember no cell phone use,
or smoking while in the car loop.**





Please keep your phone numbers updated with the Front Office. It's important for us to have your most current phone number. Please NOTE: Changes to student transportation need to be made in writing.



Fundraiser Books Will Be Sent Home

Croton is participating in the Save Around Book Fundraiser. **These books are not free!** When you receive the book, please send in \$25 if you wish to keep it. Please return books that you do not wish to keep to your child's teacher.

Croton receives 50% of book sales.

Thank you for supporting our fundraiser!



Brevard Public Schools uses the FOCUS Family Portal. FOCUS can be used to access your child's grades and report cards. You can access FOCUS from Croton's website by clicking the word "FOCUS" on the upper right side of the page.



Croton Open House

VPK through 2nd grade will have Open House on **Wednesday, August 30th**. Open House for grades 3rd through 6th will be held on **Thursday, August 31st**. The time for these events are 5:30 - 6:30 p.m. We encourage everyone to attend and meet the teachers.



Rainy Day Plans

Dismissal Procedures for Rainy Day /Severe Weather

Brevard County 30-30 Rule - If the time between seeing lightning and hearing thunder is **thirty (30) seconds or less**, the outdoor activity (including dismissal) shall be suspended immediately, and staff must wait **thirty (30) minutes or more** before allowing students to leave proper shelter.

If it is necessary to utilize **Severe Weather Procedures** as outlined in the Brevard County 30-30 Rule, an automated phone message will be sent to the phone number you list as your home phone, and **ALL STUDENTS WILL REMAIN IN THE BUILDING.**

Once the 30 minutes have passed, any walkers/bikers who have "ride home in a car" indicated as their rainy day plan will go to the car loop for pickup. All other walkers/bikers will be dismissed once the weather is clear enough for safe passage home. Car loop will proceed as normal.

Annual Asbestos Notification

Brevard Public Schools' records indicate that no asbestos removal activities have taken place at Croton Elementary School during the past year (July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023).

Background Information:

The EPA Asbestos Hazard Emergency Response Act (AHERA) of 1986 required an asbestos inspection of each school facility nationwide. This inspection was completed in 1988. The scope of the survey included sampling building materials that might contain asbestos, assessing the condition of materials, performing laboratory analysis of each sample, and writing a comprehensive report called an *Asbestos Management Plan*.

PE Corner



Tips for a successful year in physical education class:



- Come dressed to play. This includes sneakers which are expected each day.
- Please bring a water bottle with plain water only
- If your child needs to be excused from PE, please send in a note. This includes any physical limitations.

Important Volunteer Information

All new BPS volunteers are required to be fingerprinted. Registered Volunteers are able to work in the classroom and around the school. They can also work one-on-one with students and attend field trips.



Using the Chrome web browser complete the Online Volunteer Application at :

<https://tinyurl.com/BPSVolunteerApplication>

After completing the online application, proceed to BPS/ Educational Services Facility – Office of District and School Security for Fingerprinting.

2700 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Viera, FL 32940

Fingerprinting available:

Monday - Friday 8:00 a.m. - 4:00 p.m.

**Cost - \$35.00 / Annual Renewal Fee \$8.00

**** Fees are being waived at this time. Please take advantage of this amazing deal!**