

# Crawfordville Elementary October '08 Newsletter

October 1, 2008



## Special points of interest:

- > Picture Day, Thursday, October 2
- > Spirit Day, Friday, October 3
- > Book Fair, Monday through Thursday, October 13 through 16. The Book Fair will be open for Parent Night on Tuesday evening October 14 from 6:30-8:00.
- > PTA Meeting, Tuesday, October 14 at 7:00 PM.
- > End of first nine-week grading period, Thursday, October 16
- > Teacher Planning Day, Friday October 17.
- > Report Cards for first grading period go home on Friday, October 24.
- > Awards Assembly, Monday, October 27. Call the school office for grade level assembly times.
- > Red Ribbon Week, October 27 through October 31.

## The Principal's Page

The beginning of the 2008-2009 school year has been a roaring success and we are now beginning to "Fall" into a routine as we are well into the first nine weeks of school. I am thankful for the opportunity to be a part of "Team Crawfordville" and proud of how every single member of our team contributes to the positive and caring atmosphere at CES. You, our administrators, faculty and staff all have one goal—the education of our children. And through your efforts and the continued support of our superintendent and school board members, we will continue to meet that goal.

So many of you have been receptive to the changes we have made in parent drop-off and pick-up procedures, assuring the safety of our students. We have also had a tremendous drop in the number of students being signed out before 3:20—keep up the good work.

Thanks to parents Rick Parks, Tammy Moore, Frances Picard, Sandy Aguilera, Andrea Nelson, Michelle Norman, Christa Dismuke and Virginia Prestia for agreeing to serve on our School Advisory Council along with faculty and staff members. The School Advisory Council meets periodically throughout the school

year and is charged with overseeing the implementation of the 2008-2009 School Improvement Plan and developing a plan for 2009-2010. An organizational SAC meeting will be held on Thursday, October 2 at 7:00 meeting.

We are once again collecting Box Top for Education logos found on most General Mills products. Encourage family members to be on the look-out for Box Top for Education logos and save them for us. Ink cartridges are also being saved at our school.



## It's Picture Time!

Lifetouch Studio will have cameras focused and ready as students have photographs made on Thursday October 2. All students will have a photograph taken but picture packages are made on a pre-pay basis only. If you have not re-

ceived a flyer describing packages and prices, please call the school office. Packages range from \$45 to \$15 and include extras such as choosing your color background and adding your child's name to all wallet sizes.

Visit Lifetouch.com for more picture day tips. Remember, your child must have a payment envelope at the time his/her photo is taken if you would like to purchase a picture package. This year's smile— captured forever!



## Your Child's Report Card

The first nine weeks of school will end on Thursday, October 16 and your child's first report card will be sent home on Friday, October 24. Most of you are already using your child's Edline account to view grades and talk about the importance of academic success. However, report card day is important and another opportunity for you and

your child to talk about school progress and to set goals for the rest of the school year. Whether your child brings home very good grades or very poor ones, your reaction may have a greater effect on your child than you realize.

- It is important that parents maintain a positive attitude toward their child no matter what grades are earned and to continue to have high expectations. It is also important to place responsibility for performance on the child.
- Don't let your child make excuses or blame others for not doing his/her best.
- Let your child know that you value him/her for more than achieve-

ments in school and encourage your child in nonacademic efforts.

- Talk with your child calmly about each grade and if necessary, talk with your child's teacher to get views on needed improvements and suggestions for ways to improve.
- For rewarding good grades, try the gift of your time. This tells your child that striving for good grades is more important than money!
- No matter the outcome on the report card, your child should know he/she has your love and support!



Your child's first report card goes home on Friday, October 24.

**"The solution to adult problems tomorrow depends in large measure upon how our children grow up today."**  
*Margaret Mead*

## Red Ribbon Week, October 27 through October 31

We will celebrate Red Ribbon Week during the last week of October. Each day we will have activities spotlighting a healthy, drug free lifestyle. As in the past, on October 31 we will be Celebrating Success with field day activi-

ties and teachers may also have Celebrate Success parties in classrooms. To avoid costumes getting ripped, left at school or scaring younger children, we wear red and white on the 31st and leave the costumes

for evening Trick or Treating.

More information will be sent home regarding our Red Ribbon Week activities

## Volunteer Opportunities!

- **Book Fair, October 13 through October 16.**
- **Red Ribbon Week, October 27 through October 31.**
- **Celebrate Success Day, October 31**

**Don't forget, Volunteer Registration Forms MUST be submitted and approved!**



## New Procedure for Volunteers, Mentors, Chaperones



Volunteer Registration form must be completed for individuals working with students.

For the safety of our children, all individuals working with students (volunteer, mentor, field trip chaperone, volunteer coach, Festival workers etc.) must complete a Registration Form prior to working with or traveling with students. The completed form is submitted to the district office by our Volunteer Coordinator where WCSB personnel check the application against the FDLE Sexual Predator/Offender Registry. The school is then notified when an application is cleared. The process may take up to five days to complete so it is important that registration forms be completed as soon as possible. We sometimes have field trip opportunities presented to us on short notice so in the event you should need to chaperone a field trip I want to encourage you to go ahead and complete a form now to prevent any last-minute disappointment later. The Volunteer Registration Form may be obtained by logging on to the Wakulla County School District website, click on Important Link/Info, then click on Volunteer. The form may be completed and submitted on-line, may be printed out and submitted to school personnel, or a copy of the registration form may be obtained from the school office. Encouraging parent involvement while protecting our children is one of the important goals of our Parent Involvement Committee and your support of this endeavor is appreciated!



### October's Top 10 List:

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### We're On The Web!

[www.wakullaschooldistrict.org/ces/](http://www.wakullaschooldistrict.org/ces/)

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### 10 Ways to Get Involved With Your Child's Education!

1. Talk with your child every day about his or her school-day experiences, successes and worries.
2. Read the school handbook and all notices that the school sends home.
3. Meet your child's teacher and attend parent-teacher conferences when they are offered.
4. Consult your child's teacher or school staff whenever you have concerns.
5. Attend open houses, school events, programs for parents, and school board meetings.
6. Stay aware of your child's academic progress. Praise all sincere efforts and accomplishments.
7. Review homework assignments each day and help your child organize time and work.
8. Provide learning experiences. Visit museums, watch educational TV shows, and have books and other learning materials available at home.
9. Join the school's parent-teacher organization and take part in its activities.
10. Volunteer at school. There are many opportunities to offer your services, such as classroom help, field trips and school fairs.

REMEMBER, your attention and involvement play an important role in your child's success at school!