

Angie Walker,
Principal

Special points of interest:

- **Open House-Friday, August 15 from 4:00-7:00**
- **First Day of School-Monday, August 18, 2008. Students arrive at 8:25**
- **Early Dismissal Day-Monday, August 18, 2008. Students will be dismissed at approximately 1:15.**
- **BooHoo Breakfast-Monday, August 18 at 9:00 in the media center for Kindergarten parents.**
- **Volunteer Orientation-Thursdays, August 21, 2008. We need your time and talents—come and be one of our appreciated volunteers at Crawfordville School.**
- **Labor Day Holiday-Monday, September 1, 2008. NO SCHOOL**



We anticipate a great
2008-2009 school year!

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER '08 NEWSLETTER

Principal's Page

Welcome to Crawfordville Elementary School! Not only is it a first day for students but it is the first day of school for me as your principal and Ms. Kelley as our assistant principal. We have been working closely together over the summer and want to work closely with you, knowing that your child will learn more and be happier if we can collaborate together as a team. As a parent myself, I know that school success starts at home where parents lay the foundation for a child's desire to learn. We promise to continue to build upon that foundation and help prepare your child to live in a rapidly changing technological world, develop the critical thinking skills that will enable him to perform under new and unfamiliar circumstances, and encourage her to become life-long learners.

Please take a few minutes to look over this newsletter. A school newsletter is sent home at the beginning of each month, providing you with menus, activity dates for the month, along with other information that will help facilitate communication between home and school.

My door is always open or please feel free to contact me by phone at 926-3641 or by email, www.walkera@wakulla.k12.fl.us. I am so excited to have you and your child as a part of the Crawfordville Cougar Team and look forward with anticipation to a great 2008-2009 school year!



Unity

I dreamed I stood in a studio and watched two sculptors there. The clay they used was a young child's mind and they fashioned it with care.

One was a teacher; the tools used were books and music and art. One was a parent with a guiding hand and a gentle loving heart.

And when at last their work was done they were proud of what they had wrought, for the things they had worked into the child could never be sold or bought.

And each agreed they would have failed if they had worked alone, for behind the parent stood the school, and behind the teacher stood the home.

Author Unknown



Please encourage your child to ride the bus!

We are once again collecting Box Tops for Education logos found on most General Mills products. It's easy! Cut off the Box Tops for Education logos and send them to your child's teacher. So, put on those Box Tops for Education logo glasses and encourage family members to do the same! We are also recycling used ink cartridges. When your ink cartridge is empty, place it in a plastic baggie and send to your child's teacher. Funds received will go toward our Technological Goals!



Instruction continues until 3:20...please limit early pick-ups!

Is Your Child a Bus or Car Rider?

As most of you already know, we do not have a large area for student drop off/pick up at our facility. We would like to encourage you to have your child ride the bus whenever possible. Our bus system has an excellent safety record and drivers are very conscientious. Call the transportation department at 926-7550 for bus information.

The first bell rings at 8:55 AM and students are dismissed at 3:20 PM. Students should not arrive at school before 8:25 AM and should be picked up promptly at dismissal time. Adult supervision is provided after 8:25 and from 3:20 when students are dismissed until 3:55. A before and after-school day care is available if you need childcare outside these hours. Contact 926-7145 for more information regarding before and after-school care. When dropping off or picking up your kids from the Before/After School Program, please remember that personal vehicles are not allowed in the bus parking area. It is also imperative that you observe a 5 MPH speed limit on school grounds and observe safety procedures carefully in all areas.

If you transport your child to school: Students are dropped off in front of the school. Traffic lanes and drop off areas are clearly designated with signs and a school official is also in front of the school to aid with traffic. Proceed carefully and patiently and follow the directions of the person attending our crosswalk. If you walk your child into the school, park in a parking space and escort him/her to the cafeteria using the cafeteria entrance on the front walkway. All students entering the

building in the morning remain in the cafeteria under adult supervision until the bell rings. Upon arrival, we ask that you either walk your child to the cafeteria or hold your child in the car until the bell rings. After the bell rings, encourage your child's independence and allow him/her to walk to the class on his/her own. School personnel are stationed at intervals in the hallway to supervise and assist students on their way to class

Afternoon pick-up procedures: Students are dismissed at 3:20 and are escorted to the front of the school. An administrator or her designee as well as a team of school personnel are out front to see children to their vehicle. ALL VEHICLES PICKING UP STUDENTS ARE REQUIRED TO HAVE A DASH PASS. Students will not be escorted into a vehicle without a Dash Pass. A Dash Pass may be obtained from the school office.

Please limit early pick-ups to emergencies or scheduled appointments (doctor, dentist, etc.). Only emergencies or scheduled appointments will necessitate students being given bus changes or called from class between 2:30-3:20. Should you need to pick your child up before the instructional day ends, please park your vehicle in a parking space and come in to the main office. Our receptionist will call your child out of class.

It is just as important to us as it is to you that we create a positive, safe environment for our children. With your help and cooperation, these policies will help us achieve this goal!

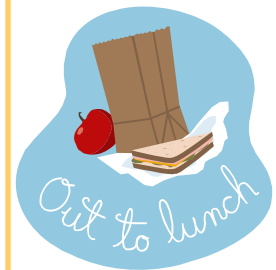
Important Information About Your Child's School Meals

We are proud to announce that Crawfordville School will be participating in a program that will allow parents to access their child's lunchroom account and deposit money into the account when additional funds are necessary. This software will also email parents in advance when more lunch/breakfast money is needed. If you are unable to participate in this program, we recommend that you pay weekly or by the month for your child's meals and record on a calendar the date paid and when funds are due again. Audit guidelines prohibit the lunchroom from showing a charge for lunches at the end of the school day. Our PTA has provided a small fund to be used when a child does not have money for lunch but this

fund is limited and must be reimbursed the next day. The guidelines established for students without lunch money are:

- When a student does not have enough money in his/her account for the next day's meal(s), the cashier will notify the child that lunch money is needed.
- 1st Charge: The student will be notified by the cashier, a charge slip will be sent home and the cashier will attempt to notify a parent.
- 2nd Charge: If the student does not have funds on the second day, he/she will be sent to the office and an attempt will be made by school personnel to contact a parent, a note will be sent to the
- cafeteria allowing the student to charge for the second time and a second charge slip will be sent home.
- 3rd Charge: When a child has an outstanding charge for two meals and does not have funds on the third day, the child will be sent back to the office where another attempt will be made to reach a parent, a note will be given to the student for a snack lunch consisting of a bread, a fruit and a carton of milk and a notice will be sent home with the child.
- Students cannot charge for breakfast at any time.

Help us make your child's cafeteria experience an enjoyable one by assuring he/she has money or a packed lunch each day.



Help make your child's breakfast and lunch experience an enjoyable one!

A child's life is like a piece of paper on which everyone who passes by leaves an impression.

-Chinese Proverb



Check your child's hair regularly during routine shampoos!

School Policy Concerning Head Lice

Head lice are becoming increasingly common. They spread by direct contact and do not reflect in any way upon a person's hygiene or cleanliness. We are happy to report that traditionally we only have a few instances of head lice at school as we take precautions and follow guide-

lines to prevent reoccurring instances. When a child is found with lice and/or nits at school, he/she must be picked up by a parent or his/her designee. Children may not return to school or the bus until treatment is applied and the school health aide has ascertained the elimination of lice AND nits from hair and scalp. Take the time to check

your child's hair during routine shampoos and talk with your child about the importance of not sharing brushes, headbands, caps, etc. A concerted effort by all concerned will quickly eliminate the problems of head lice!

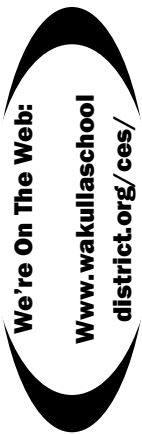


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PHILOSOPHY

We at Crawfordville Elementary School believe all of life is a continuous process of education, formal and informal. We believe the curriculum must provide for the maximum development of each student's thinking and reasoning potential as well as the acquisition of fundamental skills. We believe students are unique in aptitude, stages of maturation, personality, physical, and perceptual development. For these reasons, a variety of instructional materials, teaching methods, and learning experiences should all be used to create a learning environment to help students develop healthy self-concepts through experiencing success in accordance with their abilities and interests. We believe encouraging wellness through proper nutrition, lifelong fitness, and self-care skills enhances student learning. We believe students must be prepared to live in a rapidly changing technological world and they need to develop the critical thinking skills that will enable them to perform under new and unfamiliar circumstances. We believe citizenship in a democratic society involves the assumption of duties and responsibilities in that society as well as an awareness and appreciation of our diverse background, traditions, and cultural heritage. We believe in continual updating and strengthening of staff members' knowledge and skills in subject areas as well as human relationships and educational theory. We believe an effective program of education includes constructive participation and open communication between the school, parents, and the community. We believe in the continual measurement and evaluation of all programs for effectiveness and suitability within the framework of the total curriculum. We believe student learning is enriched through participation in the arts. We believe it is the purpose of Crawfordville School to provide a positive and diverse learning environment commensurate with this philosophy.

VISION STATEMENT

All students will achieve their highest potential as a result of the experiences that are provided by a team of highly qualified professionals in a positive, caring, healthy and safe learning environment.

News From The School Clinic



Mrs. Rollins, our health aide, can be reached at 926-4616 if you have questions or concerns.

If your child is required to take prescription medication each day and this needs to be administered at school, an Administration of Prescription Medication In The School permission form MUST be completed. A copy of this form may be obtained from the school clinic. Any medication, either prescription or non-prescription, to be administered to a student on school premises or at school functions (including field trips) must be brought to school by the parent/guardian. No student will be allowed to have medication with the exception of an EpiPen or an asthma inhaler, in her/his possession on school premises, on a school bus or at a school function. The student can carry an EpiPen or asthma inhalers with parent permission and physician signature on the Administration of Medication permission form. Medication must be in its pharmacy container or original product container and labeled with the child's name and specific dosage instructions.