

# **CRES Dory News**

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# **Important Dates**

October 2 - 27

Required Fall Maine Through Year Assessment Testing Window

Friday, October 6

NO SCHOOL, Workshop Day

Monday, October 10
NO SCHOOL, Indigenous People's
Day Holiday

Tuesdays, October 10, 17, 24 & 31 CRES Chess Club, Gr 4. Common Area, 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesdays, Oct. 11, 18, & 25 P2P Dance Classes, Gr. 4 Common Area, 2:30-3:45

<u>Friday, October 13</u>
Vision Screening, Camden Lions
Club, Nursing Office, 10am-12pm

Wednesday, October 18
EARLY RELEASE 1:10/1:15pm dismissal

Wednesday, October 18
CRSA Book Fair Open to the
Public! Lower level, 2:30-3:30pm

Thursday, October 19
Gr. 4 Field Trips: Coastal Maine
Botanical Gardens, 9am-12:30pm.
Burke & Dishop on 10/19

Thursday, October 19
Kindergarten Guest Speaker:
Firefly Wabanaki Presentation,
CRES Bus Loop, 10:30-11:30am

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### PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

Dear CRES families,

Thank you for your tremendous support and enthusiastic turnout at our inaugural Fall Family Fun Night. I'm thrilled to report that we had over 400 attendees over the course of the evening. The atmosphere was filled with joy and excitement, although, as is common with school-wide events, there were moments that felt a bit hectic!

Looking ahead, we have more opportunities for families to engage with the school in October through our evening parent-teacher conferences. You're welcome to bring your child to these conferences, and you can also meet with our Specials teachers in addition to your child's homeroom teacher.

Lastly, we have numerous ways for families to become actively involved in our day-to-day activities at CRES. We currently have several openings for Ed Tech positions, and we also welcome volunteers in our classrooms and on field trips. Please consider applying for our open positions and filling out a volunteer approval form if you haven't already. Your partnership is greatly appreciated, and we would be delighted to have you join us.

Warmly, Chris (continued from page 1)

Thursday, October 19
CRSA Book Fair Open to the Public!
Lower level by the gym,
2:30-7:00pm

#### **Thursday, October 19**

**Parent Teacher Conferences**, after school and evening. Sign up online or call the Main Office.

Friday, October 20 CRSA Book Fair Open to the Public! Lower level by the gym, 2:30-3:30pm

Monday, October 23 SCHOOL PICTURE DAY!

Mondays, October 23 & 30 Big Brothers Big Sisters, CRES Gym, 2:45-4pm

Tuesday, October 24 Gr. 4 Field Trips: Coastal Maine Botanical Gardens, 9am-12:30pm. Brown & Kady on 10/24

Tuesday, October 24 Kindergarten Guest Speaker: Nature Puppet Show, 9:30am-12:30pm

Wednesday, October 25 Girl Scout Troop 1525 Mtg, Atrium, 2:30-3:30pm

#### **Thursday, October 26**

**Parent Teacher Conferences**, after school and evening. Sign up online or call the Main Office.

Friday, October 27 Gr. 1 Guest Speaker: Chewonki Bug Mobile, 9am-2pm

<u>Wednesday, November 1</u> Girl Scout Troop 1525 Mtg, Atrium, 2:30-3:30pm

Wednesdays, Nov. 1, 8, 15 P2P Dance Classes, Gr. 4 Common Area, 2:30-3:45

# PARENT/GUARDIAN - TEACHER CONFERENCES OCTOBER 19 & 26

Conferences will be held on two Thursday afternoons & evenings, October 19 and October 26. Look for an email with conference scheduling information coming to your inbox soon!

Sign up online or call the Main Office at 236-7809 and we can help you schedule a conference.

## School Picture Day is Monday, October 23

School pictures are around the corner! Information will be coming home soon with your student. All students will be photographed. Families who wish to purchase photos will have an opportunity through the order forms provided. Picture Retake Day will be on December 4th.



#### Did You Know . . .?

The <u>Student Handbook</u> is packed with info for your reference! Such as:

- ★For all things Attendance related, refer to <u>pages 18-19</u>! There you find info on how to notify the school for planned or sick absences and more.
- ★Cell phones, smart watches, candy, and toys are not allowed at school. See pages 8-11 for all the details!
- ★Call the Transportation Department with a bus question. See <u>page</u> 7 for a handy "Who to Contact When You Have a Question" list!



#### Parent Help Needed!

Help! The Lost & Found is now overflowing. To solve the problem, we would much rather ask for your help than for more clothing hangers! CRES is seeking help from all parents in two ways:

- A parent volunteer crew to help organize the items and check for student names. There is high volume coming in after recesses. We need help looking for names and hanging items up.
- Label <u>everything</u> that your child brings to school with their name. We can reunite jackets, water bottles, lunch boxes, shoes, tshirts, sweatshirts and more if we know who they belong to.

Contact the Office at 236-7809 or just stop by anytime to help out!





**TUMBLEBOOKS** is an online resource free to our CRES families. It contains a large library of Story Books, Chapter Books, Graphic Novels, Videos and more. The CRES library subscribes to Tumblebooks so that our students can have free access to an enjoyable, online reading/viewing resource anywhere the internet is available.

#### How do I get there?

From an internet browser (Chrome, Safari, Explorer etc.)

Go to the CRES library web page: https://cres.fivetowns.net/student\_ser vices/library

Click on the BIG BLUE BUTTON



If you have a tablet or a phone, you can download the

Free TumbleBooks App and log in for free with

Username: crockport Password: books

Any questions, contact Mrs. Meservey: debbie.m TumbleBooks





# **CRES CHESS!**



Tuesdays, 2:30 – 3:30, 4<sup>th</sup> Grade Study Starts September 26 thru June 11! Play for Trophies! Helpful in School, Sports, Work & Life!

Chess builds brain power in:

- 1. Creativity
- 2. Problem solving
- 3. Logic
- 4. Planning
- 5. Time management
- 6. Confidence

My students who started with me in 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> grade and are now at Camden Hills High listen when I tell them work starts when school is over. I tell them good jobs depend on what they've learned, what they can do and what they've done that is exceptional. Skills learned in chess make STEM classes less work and more fun!

Chess is the long game: become a part of it. Chess is my favorite activity for kids. Search (or click) "Bruce Haffner Chess NBC" for a four minute video about my program and advice from Kate Kaplan, my assistant, and a great chess mom.

My goal in chess is to make your child smarter while having fun. I try to motivate your child to want to learn on his/her own. I urge my students to read three hours a day and use their time wisely. CRES is a powerhouse in chess: we won State in K/3, 2019; K/1 and 2/3, 2020; and K/1, 2023. We have also finished 2<sup>nd</sup> three times. My many State Championship teams (plus nine at other schools) prove that hard work pays off. Work towards being a champion this year!

Chess is the best thing I did with my kids. My son, Will, was K/3 Champion in Illinois in 1999. Besides playing chess, Will read at least three hours a day. In high school he took an amazing eleven Advanced Placement classes (they count as semester classes in college). Come to class any time or meet with me anywhere to learn how you can get involved. Let's work together to motivate your child!

I also teach after school Mondays-Belfast, Wednesdays-LCS, Thursdays-Camden Hills High & CRMS and Fridays-Hope. Kate Kaplan <u>Kate.Ervin@gmail.com</u> c: 914-552-6206 & Bruce Haffner <u>BruceHaffner@gmail.com</u> c: 847-987-3091







