

Principal's Weekly Message 09/26/22

Celebrating 40 years! Using our Superpowers to Shape our Future!

Dear Curlew Creek Coyote Families,

September is "School **Attendance Awareness** Month." We ask that you partner with us to show that ATTENDANCE MATTERS. Did you know that good attendance is missing nine days or fewer for the entire school year, and being on time for class? Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more of the academic year for any reason (average of 2 days each month), including excused and unexcused absences. If school attendance, or being on time, is a hardship for your family, please contact our Student Services team. We are here to help.

This week is **Celebrate Freedom Week**. Students will learn about the Declaration of Independence. You can learn more and find educational resources on our [district website](#).

Thanks to everyone who participated in our "**Start with Hello**" week! It's important to continue to have these conversations with students in order to grow a culture of inclusion and connectedness.

Thank you for joining us last week at our first **PTA General Membership Meeting**. We hope you learned something new about PTA and the many Instructional Technology Resources that Pinellas County Schools offers your students.

A shout out to everyone who participated in **Bucs "Raise the Flags"** Friday! On "Raise the Flags" days we show our support of the Buccaneers on the school day before a home game. The next "Raise the Flags" day is on Friday October 7th. Mark your calendar and wear your favorite Bucs gear or colors.

Mid-term progress reports went home last week if your child is having difficulty in any area. It's important to keep up with your child's work and grades. You can do this by monitoring through your Parent Portal. If you need assistance with resetting your parent password, you will need to come to the school office Monday through Friday between 8AM and 3PM, or email edensm@pcsb.org or brownjoyce@pcsb.org from your email address that is on file in Focus and include a photo copy of your license and your phone number. **School lunches** are now back to full pay prices. Apply for school meal benefits at myschoolsapps.com. Eligibility may also qualify you for discounts such as after school care, summer camp, Clothes to Kids, and other scholarship programs.

Friday, September 30th, is our **Move-a-thon Pep Rally** to kick off our largest fundraising event of the year. Students will be excited to share with you the packet that provides all the information about this fun event.

On October 4 from 9-11AM Curlew Creek will be hosting our annual **PCS In Your Neighborhood** event. This is an informal event for prospective families who are zoned for our school and are interested in finding out more about us. Tell your neighbors to come to their zoned school to meet staff, explore the campus and learn more!

In celebration of Curlew Creek's 40th year we will be dressing **80's style** every 40th day. Save the date for Wednesday, October 5th, and come to school in your 80's swag!

Save the date for **National Walk/Bike to School Day** on Wednesday, October 12th. Meet at Forest Run Park for some fun before walking together to school.

It's never too late to become a **PTA Member**. Forms are in the front office or click on this [PTA link to join](#).

Do you know a business that would sponsor our upcoming **Move-a-thon**? They can email ccepta@gmail.com or donate directly at our online [PTA Store](#).

Yearbooks are on sale for only \$20! They can be purchased [online](#) or send in the form that was sent with the back to school documents. You can **submit photos** for the yearbook to cceyearbook@gmail.com.

Are you interested in **mentoring** a student? The connection you make with a student can change their life. Please contact our Family and Community Liaison, Joyce Brown, if you are interested in serving in this capacity to help a child.

Stay tuned to our school marquee, [our school website](#) , and our [PTA website](#) and [Facebook page](#), to keep updated with school information throughout the year.

Sincerely,

Principal Brickley

The mission of Curlew Creek Elementary is to be responsive to the academic, emotional, and social needs of each child. Our goal is to develop thinkers and problem solvers who are ready to be responsible, confident, and productive members of a diverse society.