

# **Curlew Creek Elementary School**

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# SCHOOL HOURS: Monday-Friday

Start time: 8:45am End time: 2:55pm

# **Kathy Brickley**Principal

**Katrina Schneider** Assistant Principal

# Lisa Surace

Secretary/Bookkeeper

# Tricia Wheeldon

Data Management Technician (DMT)

# **Jennifer Hopkins-Flory**

School Counselor

## **Taylor Lyons**

School Social Worker

## Erica McKnight

School Psychologist

# Follow the ABC's:

## A: ALARM

Set your alarm clock so you have plenty of time to get ready.

#### **B: BACKPACK**

Put everything in your backpack before you go to bed and keep it by the front door so it's ready when you are!

## C: CLOTHES

Lay out your clothes the night before so you won't have to spend time picking out what to wear.

# **Back to School Attendance Letter**

## Dear Parent/Guardians:

Attending school has a huge impact on student success. Regular school attendance helps students feel better about their academics, and themselves. Good attendance is considered missing 9 or fewer school days, for the entire school year, and being on time for school every morning! Chronic absenteeism is defined as missing 10% or more (average of 2 days each month) of the school year for any reason. We need your help!

The state of Florida has laws in place regarding attendance that Curlew Creek Elementary must follow. It is the legal responsibility of the parent/ guardian to ensure their child attends school regularly. Too many unexcused absences can lead to a referral to the Truancy Intervention Program at the State Attorney's Office.

It is very important that your child attends school regularly by arriving on time each morning and completing the entire school day. Students may arrive to school as early as 8:15am, and dismissal is at 2:55pm. Any late arrivals, early dismissals or absences should be reported to the school, and documentation must be submitted to determine an excused absence. You can report your student's absences on our website <a href="https://www.pcsb.org/curlew-es">https://www.pcsb.org/curlew-es</a> under the "Report Student Absences" tab at the top, or by calling the front office.

## Attendance tips to promote student learning:

- Keep a regular bedtime and establish a morning routine.
- Turn off electronics including TVs, phones, and tablets before bedtime.
- Lay out clothes and pack backpack the night before school.
- Check with our school nurse if you are unsure of when to keep your student home.
- Avoid scheduling vacations or doctor appointments when school is in session.
- Talk to Teachers and the Student Services team if your student feels anxious about going to school.
- Develop back up plans for coming to school if something comes up. Example: call on a family member, neighbor, or another parent to take your student to school.

Please communicate with your student's teacher regarding their attendance and any barriers that you may be experiencing at this time. Our Student Services Team will work with you to provide necessary supports. We look forward to a successful school year!