

RIDGEBACK REGISTER

CENTRAL RIDGE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

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JANUARY 10, 2019 DATES TO REMEMBER

- 15 PTA Meeting at 4:15 p.m.
- 18 Volunteer/Mentor Training @ DSC
- 21 Student Holiday-No School
Martin Luther King Day
- 31 100th Day of School

Happy New Year, Ridgeback Families!

We are so excited this month to implement Sanford Harmony Social Emotional Learning Curriculum into our classrooms! Sanford Harmony is a social-emotional teaching program that cultivates strong classroom relationships between all students. Our goal is to implement specialized teaching strategies into classroom activities in an effort to develop children into tolerant, compassionate, and caring adults. Sanford Harmony was researched and developed by educators at the Denny Sanford School of Social and Family Dynamics at Arizona State University. Researchers identified practical strategies, stories, activities, and lessons for improving relationships, teaching empathy, increasing student confidence and reducing bullying.

Harmony is designed to build healthy relationships among students by having them engage in activities that promote understanding and respect. Through the power of positive communication and teamwork, Harmony empowers students to prevent teasing, bullying and disruptive classroom behavior. Harmony supports the safety, well-being and success of all students by developing trust, empathy and social-emotional competencies in and out of the classroom.

We are thrilled to continue to serve your child(ren) and family into 2019 and beyond. We look forward to seeing you at your next conference or at our PTA Family Dance in February.

Thank you!

Deirdre LaBelle
Principal



2019-2020
Citrus County School Calendar
To view, please visit www.citrus.k12.fl.us

Central Ridge School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC)

The 2018-2019 School Advisory Enhancement Council (SAEC) met on Tuesday, November 6. The SAEC is a team of parents, teachers, administrators, support staff, business people and interested community members with the goal of improving student performance by monitoring student achievement and planning for continuous improvement. Members of the Council were able to review the proposed calendars for the 2019-2020 school year and submitted one vote on behalf of the council. Members also updated the by-laws and revised the Code of Conduct, along with the School Improvement Plan. Our next meeting is scheduled for Tuesday, March 5, at 4:15 p.m. All parents are welcome to attend!

Sincerely,
Krista Knowles
CRE SAEC Chairperson



Dear Ridgeback Families,

Happy New Year!! We were sad to see the joy of 2018 go, but excited to see what's to come! Our Gingerbread Shop was a record breaking success—putting over \$2,000 back into our school. It always warms our hearts to see the spirit of giving in your little Ridgebacks. We hope you felt as much love in each little bag, as we felt stuffing them! We rounded off the week with our first Winter-Fest with Santa. The looks on their little faces was priceless, and we are happy to report that everybody made the nice list! Thank you for supporting our school and teachers who worked so hard on their games and booths!

A huge thank you goes out to all who donated to the Giving Tree. Because of your generosity, we were able to make donations of food and supplies to Citrus United Basket.

Please mark your calendar to join us for the PTA General Meeting on Tuesday, January 15, at 4:15 p.m. We will discuss the success of our fall events and go over information on the upcoming spring events. All are invited!

We have started planning for our first school dance coming up on February 8. This will be Family Glow Night with DJ Trea. All Ridgeback families are invited and students must be accompanied by an adult all night.

Please continue collecting box tops! We will be sending our final batch in on March 1. This is such a great and easy fundraiser for our school!

Congratulations to the December Box Tops Winning Class:
Mr. Hammond (2nd)

Another Very Happy New Year!

Kassie, Jen, Nicole, Kimmy & Tiffany
PTA Board Members



Tropicana Speeches Finalists



We are very excited to announce our three finalists: 1st place—Emorie Gipe (Ms. Yule), 2nd place—Jack Steffek (Ms. Hagin), and 3rd place—Brennyn Bush (Ms. Moore/Mrs. Sullenberger), from CRE's Tropicana Speech Competition held on December 14. Emorie and Jack will move forward to compete in the district-wide contest which will be held on Wednesday, January 16, at the Citrus County Canning Center in Lecanto. Congratulations to all 4th and 5th graders for a job well done on their Tropicana Speeches!

Teacher Working Out-of-Field

Central Ridge Elementary School is proud that all 58 teachers and administrators who work with our students are certified by the State of Florida or other governing board. The following teacher has both experience and coursework in the area she is teaching. Application has been made and is currently pending, awaiting issuance by the State of Florida.

Teacher
Kelly Abramowich

Course/Class
Grade 3

If you are a person with a disability who needs any accommodation in order to participate in a school event, you are entitled, at no cost to you, to the provision of certain assistance. Please contact Kathy Withrington at 352-344-3833, at least 7 days before the event, or immediately upon receiving this notification, if the time before the scheduled appearance is less than 7 days.

COUNSELOR'S NOOK ...

Central Ridge Elementary would like to thank several of our community organizations who have shown such generosity by assisting some of our families during the holiday season. We would like to thank the **Rotary Club of Crystal River** for sponsoring Children's Christmas shopping. We would also like to recognize the **Citrus County Sheriff's Department** for sponsoring "Shop with a Cop." We are so grateful to the members of the **Sew Society** and the **Lions Foundation** for their several donations of Christmas items. The **Citrus County VFW** and **Kayla's Coats** also donated a plethora of warm clothing to students this season. This year we were also fortunate to add our very own **CRE PTA**, as well as **staff members**, as our partners in providing holiday assistance to families in need. We are truly grateful to these organizations and individuals for their dedication and support in making the holidays brighter for more than 40 CRE students and their families.

As we leave 2018 behind and welcome in 2019, it would be a good time to make sure your child's emergency form is up to date. Please make sure we have the most current phone numbers for yourself and any emergency contacts on your child's emergency form. It is crucial that we are able to contact you in the event there is an issue at school.

Please continue to monitor your child's attendance as we begin the second semester, and remember to do the following:

- ◆ Provide a note indicating why your child was absent each time they miss school. This note should be provided within two days of your child's return. If there is no note provided, absences will automatically be coded as "unexcused." After 10 days of absences (excused or unexcused), you will then be required to provide a medical note from a doctor for each absence.
- ◆ Provide a medical excuse note if your child has seen a medical professional. It is important that you do this, as absences coded "medical" do not count toward your child's overall absences for the year.
- ◆ Keep in mind that three (3) unexcused tardies, or three (3) unexcused dismissals (or a combination of), is equal to one unexcused absence.
- ◆ To read more specifics about the attendance policy, please refer to pages 6-10 in the 2018-2019 Student Code of Conduct. This can be found online at: http://www.citrussschools.org/students/student_code_of_conduct.



Jennifer Kreusch,
Guidance Counselor

CRE's 2018-2019 FSA dates are shown below. You may also access the Statewide Assessment Program Information Guide at: <http://www.fldoe.org/core/fileparse.php/5663/urlt/swapig.pdf>. This link provides an excellent online resource for information on the statewide assessment program.

2018-2019 Florida Standards Assessment (FSA)

Date	Grade	Subject	Time
4/1/19	4 th /5 th	FSA ELA Writing	120 minutes
4/2/19	3	FSA ELA Reading Session 1	80 minutes
4/3/19	3	FSA ELA Reading Session 2	80 minutes
4/4/19-4/12/19	3 rd /4 th /5 th	FSA ELA 3 rd Grade Reading and 4 th /5 th Grade Writing Makeups and Small Group Testing	80 minutes/120 minutes
5/1/19	4 th /5 th	FSA ELA Reading Session 1	80 minutes
5/2/19	4 th /5 th	FSA ELA Reading Session 2	80 minutes
5/3/19	4 th /5 th	FSA ELA Reading Makeups and Small Group Testing	80 minutes
5/6/19	3 rd /4 th /5 th	FSA Math Session 1	80 minutes
5/7/19	3 rd /4 th /5 th	FSA Math Session 2	80 minutes
5/8/19	5 th	NGSSS Science Session 1	80 minutes
5/9/19	5 th	NGSSS Science Session 2	80 minutes
5/10/19-5/14/19	3 rd /4 th /5 th	FSA ELA 4 th /5 th Grade Reading, 3 rd /4 th /5 th Grade Math, and 5 th Grade Science Makeups and Small Groups	80 minutes

Health Tidbit ...

"Anyone can get head lice. It is mainly spread through direct head-to-head contact, but also from sharing hats, brushes, and other personal items. Head lice do not reflect poor hygiene and do not transmit disease. A few steps to help prevent head lice are checking your children on a regular basis (weekly), shampooing with Head and Shoulders a few days a week (lice seem to not like the smell), blow drying hair (lice do not like fluffy hair shafts), applying products such as mouse and gel (lice like clean hair), and keep long hair pulled up when possible. If you need further information regarding prevention or treatment of lice, please contact your school clinic."

TITLE I NEWS ...



We wrapped up December with a phenomenal display of Tropicana Speeches! To begin, each 4th and 5th grade class was judged in order to find finalists in our school-wide competition! In 4th grade, our top finalists were: Persia Hayden, Jasmine Crowe, Kaitlin Randazzo, Brenlyn Bush, Ciarra Hoover, Maddox Baird, and Mia Johnson. Our 5th grade top finalists were: Grace Baldwin, Emorie Gipe, Emma Hague, Jennifer Reynolds, Jack Steffek, Clive Oakhurst, Caitlyn Dockham, Marlie Morra, Ryan Seltrecht, and Garrett Pitzer. The following students moved on to our Top Ten for the school-wide competition: Persia Hayden, Jasmine Crowe, Kaitlin Randazzo, Brenlyn Bush, Ciarra Hoover, Grace Baldwin, Emorie Gipe, Emma Hague, Jennifer Reynolds, and Jack Steffek.

After our final school-wide competition, we are proud to announce the following students will represent CRE at the District Tropicana Competition on January 16, 2019. In 1st place—Emorie Gipe, 2nd place—Jack Steffek, and 3rd place—Brenlyn Bush. Our 3rd place winner will represent us at the District Competition if one of the 1st or 2nd place winners cannot attend. Congratulations to our courageous speakers!

Looking for an engaging, educational website to enhance your child's learning at home? Check out: <http://florida.pbslearningmedia.org/> for some amazing videos and resources!

Happy New Year!

The Title I Team

ESOL News

The Citrus County School District and the Florida Department of Education have websites that serve to disseminate pertinent ESOL information to parents and teachers of English Language Learners (ELLs) throughout our district and state. Visit: http://www.citrus.k12.fl.us/departments/citrus_e_s_o_l to view the state approved District Plan for Services to English Language Learners and answers to frequently asked ESOL questions. Visit: <http://www.fldoe.org/academics/eng-language-learners/> to view information about testing, placement, instruction and rights of your child, as well as the Florida Consent Decree, CELLA, and other helpful information. Additional resources and updates are posted throughout the year. Please use these valuable resources to learn more about the ESOL Program.

Questions regarding the ESOL program can be directed to one of the following:

CRE ESOL Contact: Jennifer Homan (352) 344-3833
District ESOL Contact: Megan Furniss (352) 726-1931



Congratulations to our 2018-2019 F.O.C.U.S. Essay winners: Addison Raiford, Grace Baldwin, Chloe Anderson, Ava Newton and Emorie Gipe.