



Croc Talk

October 2019

"Academic Excellence, Community Involvement and Global Awareness"

Dear Crystal Lake Families,

We are off to a great start! At Crystal Lake, we are dedicated to providing your child with a quality academic experience, and we welcome volunteers who are interested in helping us fulfil that mission. It's not too late to sign up to be a [Dividend](#) volunteer, as well as an PTA member. Thanks to those who attended the Dividend Coffee in September. Please reach out to Jeff Fose if you would like to get involved and aren't sure how to get started. Also look for information about our **TEACH IN** event that will occur on November 12th. Teachers will be inviting parents and community members to speak on a variety of topics that day. Let your child's teacher know if you are interested in participating! Registration Forms will be coming home soon. Please also consider following our [Facebook](#) page for information pertaining to upcoming events like these.

The single most important activity you can engage in to help your child be successful is to give him or her your time and attention. Assist with homework assignments, discuss the events of the day, and read to, or with, your child. The time you spend with your child is one of the greatest gifts he or she will ever receive!

Congratulations to our Crystal Lake 2021 Teacher of the Year !

Mrs. Lynn Cherwa

Mrs. Cherwa has been a part of the Crystal Lake Family since the opening of our school in 2006. She teaches our fifth grade students and when she is not teaching she loves to travel, read (imagine that), going to the theater and watching movies. When she is at home she enjoys spending time with her hubby and their pup, Griff.

We are proud to recognize Mrs. Cherwa for her commitment and dedication to our students, families and staff.



S.A.C. News

The School Advisory Council (SAC) assists the school in preparing, implementing, and evaluating the School Improvement Plan. The group is comprised of Crystal Lake parents, teachers, and staff members. This year's members are: Ricky Carver, Stefanie Ayres, Leann Briatico, Vanessa Battreal, Darlene Kendrick, Raelisa De La Paz, Jamie Smith, Patrica Mathis, and Tamar Richardson

Our S.A.C. dates for 2019-20 school year are:

September 17th	October 15th	November 3rd
December 3rd	January 7th	February 4th
March 3rd	April 7th	May 5th

If you are interested in learning about the School Advisory Council, please contact Mr. Carver for more information. at

407-787-8113 or via email at ricky_carver@scps.k12.fl.us.

PTA: Please consider joining the Crystal Lake Elementary School PTA. This is a great way to be a part of the CLES community! \$8 goes a long way to benefit our students and school. Plus you get discounts too!

Reminders: If you have not signed up for Skyward Family Access, the forms are available the front office.

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Crystal Lake Elementary School Events

DATE	TIME	DETAILS
1	5:30	Chorus-Lake Mary National Night Out
2	7am	All Pro Dads
4	7am-6pm	4th Grade St Augustine Trip
10	5:30-7:30	STEM Night
17-18	-	Student Make-up days
21-25	All week	Red Ribbon Week
24		Repost Cards Go home
25		1st Grade Orlando Shakespeare Theater
28	5:30 - 7:30	Trunk or Treat
10/28-11/01	All Week	Scholastic Book Fair
29, 30	Lunch Time	Lunch with someone you Love 29th ESE, 1,3,4 & 30th PreK, K,,2,5



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Kindergarten: Happy October!! Kindergarten has wrapped up ABC Boot Camp with our ABC Fashion Show, Ooh LaLa! Now we will focus on learning letter sounds and practice writing sounds to make words and sentences! We are learning to read, write and show numbers through 10. We look forward to Character Day Parade on the 31st and our field trip to a play on November 1st.

First Grade: Fall is in full swing in first grade and the holidays are approaching fast! In reading we are switching gears to non-fiction. We will be reading informational text and identifying text features. We will be starting our bat unit as well. In math we will be solving addition and subtraction facts to 20. We will be exploring many different strategies to help us solve facts and word problems. In science we will be learning about force and motion. Don't forget our field trip to the Orlando Shakespeare theater on October 25th. On October 31st, we will have fun fall centers!! Hope you are enjoying lots of fun fall activities!!

Second Grade: We are FALLING into some crisp new reading and writing! As we jump into the leaves of learning we are discovering what wonderful Mathematicians and Scientists we are as well. Please be on the lookout for fun experiments and lessons that your child is doing in the classroom! We start Computer Science this month with Coding with our new friends, Bee-Bot and Dash. We appreciate all of your support and reinforcement at home! Keep reading every night with your child and check your child's planners for class news!

Third Grade:

Boy, were we busy in September! So much learning going on, and we capped it off with a day of third grade surgery for Rock Your School! Students and teachers had a blast! We are looking forward to an exciting October with the Book Fair and Trunk or Treat just around the corner. Happy Fall!

Fourth Grade:

We are looking forward to our field trip to St. Augustine October 4th! Florida history is a student favorite! October also brings lots of pumpkins and in 4th grade, we will be having a pumpkin STEM lab day at the end of the month. To wrap up this month, we will be hosting a Mythology Day and students will be encouraged to dress up as a Greek god or goddess as we wrap up this ELA unit!

Fifth Grade:

MATH- We are continuing to work on standard algorithm with multiplication of multi-digit numbers and understanding dividing multi-digit numbers using strategies. Later this month, we will be incorporating decimals into all operations using place value knowledge.

SCIENCE- Science is a buzz with ENERGY! We have been investigating the various forms of energy and the transfer to energy. We will end this unit with an ELECTRIFYING study of ELECTRICITY!

ELA- We are working on identifying main ideas and key details in a non-fiction text. Using the text, *Oceans, Earth's Final Frontier*, students will be exploring how to find the main idea and support it with key details. Writing will include practice with summarizing informational text.

SOCIAL STUDIES- 5th Grade is learning about the U.S. Constitution. We will also be researching a significant historical figure from the U.S.A. This research is the basis for the Wax Museum Project that is due at the end of this month.

Maker Space: We have completed our first full month of Maker Space! I hope your students are sharing how they use critical thinking and problem solving skills as they build. We are in the beginning stages of creating a maker rainbow, for class' 4th rotation in Maker Space they will be asked to bring a small item of a set color to add to our project, please be on the look out for a flier from your child.

PE: We are looking forward to the Cross Country/Running Club starting in December. The club will be run a little different this year. We will still be attending all the Saturday races at the other elementary schools in the county. But we will not be having a day for the club after school. Students will have ample opportunities to practice running in PE, as it is part of our curriculum. More news to come in November.

Music: Lake Mary National Night Out -Crystal Lake Chorus will be performing on October 1 @ 5:30pm . Central Park 100 North Country Club Rd. Lake Mary, Fl

Clinic: It is Flu season again. Please encourage good handwashing, covering up coughs and sneezes, getting good sleep, exercising to help improve your immune system, eating nutritious foods and staying home when you have flu-like symptoms. You are encouraged to get the flu shot from your primary provider or the Health Department.