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### The End is Near

Hard to believe, but we are hitting the home stretch of another school year. While it is important to look back, reflect, and celebrate progress; we do still have some serious business to conclude. At the top of that list is the KPREP tests. These are the state-required tests that all 3rd, 4th, and 5th grade students take. The tests will be given this year on May 15th, 16th, 17th, 20th, and 21st. The following tests are given:

3rd grade—Reading, Math

4th grade—Reading, Math, Science, and Language

5th grade—Reading, Math Social Studies, and Writing

It is very important that all students be at school on those days and that they be here on time! Testing begins each day at 8:45. We go into the tests this year extremely confident in our students and teachers and in the great progress they have made this year. Make no mistake, the tests are hard, harder than the tests we took as kids. But our students are ready, they are prepared, and EVERY student should go into these tests confident that they will do the very best they can. Please share that message with your children—let them know how proud of them you are and that you expect their very best effort!

### Walk-a-Thon News

WE DID IT! We crushed our goal of \$12,000 by raising more than \$18,000. This gives us the amount we need to complete our walking trail around the school and our goal is to have it installed this summer.

Our Top Ten fundraisers will join Mr. Mazzei in a limo ride for lunch and a haircut on Friday, May 10th! We have hundreds of students that will enjoy a snowcone party on the same day. We will also raffle off 10 iPod Shuffles!

Thank you to everyone that gave and supported a student as they walked and logged 11 laps, and more, on the bus loop!

All that's left now is a head-shaving, buzz, buzz, Mr. Mazzei!

### Pull-Tabs

Thank you to everyone that saved and collected pull-tabs this year. Mrs. Arnold's class took more than 500 pounds of pull-tabs to a much appreciative Ronald McDonald House in April.

# CRES Family Resource Center

**Coordinator: Amber Evans, LSW/MSW 859-448-4789**

MAY 2013

**THANK YOU** to every student, staff, parent, and community member who had a part in the walk-a-thon. We were about to raise over \$17,000 thanks to all your efforts. A special thank you to our parent volunteers who came in to assist the walk that day. Our celebration will be on May 10th at 2p.m. If any parent would like to volunteer to help with the celebration please contact Amber Evans at 859-448-4789.



The FRC will be closed for summer, but will open back up July 13<sup>th</sup>. The office will be open Monday through Friday from 8:00-3:00. Please contact Ms. Evans via phone at 859-448-4789 or via email to schedule an appointment if needed! Enjoy the Summer!

## Perfect Attendance

Those students who have perfect attendance will be receiving a permission slip to attend a field trip.

Date: May 24th

Time: 10-1

Where: Southern Lanes

## Work Ethic

Any student who has received the Work Ethic award this school year will be invited to attend the Work Ethic Banquet. Be on the look out for an invitation.

When: May 23rd

Time: 6:30 p.m.

## RESOURCE INFORMATION

### The Brighton Center

**Mission:** To create opportunities for individuals and families to reach self-sufficiency through support services, education and leadership. To us, self-sufficiency is

taking responsibility to provide for yourself and your family using available resources.

**Services:** Brighton Center offers family support through a clothing closet, food pantry,

financial emergency assistance, housing and much more.

They are located in Newport, Ky.

Phone: 859-491-8303

**PTO News...**

**Next Meeting—May 14, 5:00pm**

**PTO Officers:**

- President - Chris Couch
- Vice President - Christy Eby
- Secretary - Donna Cox
- Treasure - Laura Brown
- Events/Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Raney
- Teacher - Melissa Clark

The final BoxTop collection of the year is May 6-10. We have had our best year ever for BoxTops, let's finish strong, be sure to send in your Box-Tops!

**Alexandria Volunteers in Police Service in Schools**

Please see the attached letter from Alexandria Chief of Police Mike Ward about a new program coming to CRES.

**May Theme and Character Word**

Each month Campbell Ridge focuses our attention on a theme and a character word. The theme for May is "What Have I Learned This Year" and the character word is "Tolerance"

*Tolerance is defined as realizing that everyone is at varying levels of character development.*

The 5 "I Will" statements for Tolerance are:

1. I will not confuse what is right with what is popular
2. I will expect the same of myself as I expect of others
3. I will look for ways to help others mature
4. I will accept my own unchangeable and the unchangeable of others
5. I will listen before I form an opinion

**Field Day**

Field Day will take place this year on the last day of school, May 28th. The PTO makes the last day of school a truly fun and memorable day for all of our Comets, but they can't pull this off without you!

If you can help, please mark and save this date! The PTO will send home volunteer sign-up forms soon.

**Field Day = May 28th!**



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**Important Dates for 5th Graders**

5th Grade Night—May 22 @ 7pm

5th Grade Overnight—May 24—all night long!

**A Chef Visits CRES**

Thank you to our Café Manager, Mrs. Trisha Sullivan, we will have a professional chef visit CRES on May 8th. He is going to prepare lunch using produce and goods from local farms. We're bringing the Farm to School! It will be a delicious day...





# May 2013

What Have I Learned This Year?

Tolerance

Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
			1	2	3	4
5	6 Final BoxTops	7	8 5/3 Student Bank Chef @ School	9	10 Outdoor Fun! 3:15-5:00 Walk-a-thon rewards	11
12	13 CCBE, 7pm	14 PTO, 5pm	15 KPREP	16	17 Jeans Day Breakfast share	18
19	20	21	22 5 <sup>th</sup> Grade Night, 7pm	23 Work Ethic program, 6:30	24	25
26	27 Memorial Day - no school	28 Last day for students Field Day SBDM Council, 5:30	29	30	31	

At Campbell Ridge, we will Cooperate, Respect, Engage, and Be Safe with our friends and our teachers.



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**Mr. Anthony Mazzei**  
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Mr. Mazzei, Staff & Parents of Campbell Ridge Elementary:

The Primary mission of any law enforcement agency is to protect its citizens and ensure a safe living and working environment through a myriad of methods, all of which originate, at least in part, from the agency's patrol/uniformed function. One of these methods uses basic public relations designed to enhance police-community partnerships, which in turn may result in enhanced effectiveness of the police agency. Establishing a rapport between the agency and the community is paramount to building a solid trusting relationship which may benefit both in an emergency situation. Ultimately, enhanced police-community partnerships can reap tremendous benefits in terms of community support for agency operations beyond the basic patrol function.

Acts of crime and violence in elementary, middle, and high schools affect not only the individuals involved, but also the educational process, school climate, and community at large. Recent high-profile shootings and acts of violent bullying in schools have captured media attention. Many schools across the United States are facing daily challenges in keeping their students and faculty safe from harassment, fighting, and theft. Law enforcement alone cannot prevent school-based violence and crime. Providing the safest possible environment for learning and personal development is a shared responsibility of schools, law enforcement, and the community. The Alexandria Police Department, in partnership with the Campbell County School District has been examining how community members can assist us in promoting school safety and preventing and addressing potential school violence. As with other volunteer-driven efforts, the purpose of school based volunteer activities is to supplement, rather than supplant the work of paid personnel

The Alexandria Police Department's Volunteer in Police Service (VIPS) program was established in 2004 in partnership with its citizens who wish to volunteer their time and skills. The programs ultimate goal is to enhance the capacity of law enforcement to utilize volunteers through the provision of low-cost resources and assistance. Now we have taken our program to new heights with our Volunteer In Police Service (VIPS) in Schools program.

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Particularly since the tragic incident at Sandy Hook Elementary in Newtown, CT the Alexandria Police Department has stepped up foot patrols in all of our schools. Officers & Command Staff have walked the halls several times a day providing deterrence to those contemplating violent acts and increasing overall the safety and security our children deserve from their community. Our VIPS in Schools personnel will continue these efforts by extending the time we spend on school property and working with your Administration to make your child and you – feel safe about coming to school.

Schools with comprehensive violence prevention and response plans involving school administration, law enforcement, and the wider community show improved academic performance, better staff morale, and fewer criminal and violent incidents. Community volunteers play important roles in implementing and maintaining school-based public safety programs. Their presence in and around schools enhances public safety and allows the police department to focus on policing and enforcement functions. Volunteer tasks may include monitoring the arrival and departure of students to and from school, registering and tracking visitors, patrolling school buildings and grounds during and after school hours, and assisting at special events. Parents, school neighbors, and students can volunteer to accomplish these tasks and build stronger relationships between law enforcement and the school community.

This week your child will notice the increase of police personnel in their school and we want you to know what the program is about so you can help us assure them that everything is ok. We are here for their safety. They are our future and we owe them a great place to grow and learn.

If you have any questions, or if you would like more information about becoming a member of our VIPS program, please feel free to email me or call me. Men, women, young and old are valued as community volunteers and we are more than happy to work with you.

Sincerely,



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