Unbridled Learning

Soon, our results from the 2011-2012 K-PREP assessments will be announced. As you may remember, the K-PREP assessment is the test that is used to determine our accountability under the Unbridled Learning system in Kentucky. Last April our students took the following tests:

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Our overall score will be based on a scale of 1-100, just like the grades that you and I received in school. Here’s the tricky part, in the past, school scores were based on a scale of 1-140. We are moving from a 140 point scale to a 100 point scale. This means that EVERY SCHOOL IN KENTUCKY IS GOING TO HAVE THEIR SCHOOL SCORES GO DOWN THIS YEAR! This doesn’t mean we are performing worse, it means we are being judged on a whole new scale. There will be no way to compare our performance this year to past year’s, we are being judged under an entirely new system. Of course, next year we will be able to compare our scores and see how we have improved student learning.

Where can I get more information about testing, school accountability, and Unbridled Learning? Just click any of the links below:

- Commissioner Holliday’s presentation
- A Parent’s Guide to Testing
- New Standards, New Tests, New Scores
- A Parent’s Guide to Accountability
Reminders

The Campbell Ridge policy concerning cell phones and digital music players is that they are best left at home because they can be a distraction to learning and because they are easily stolen and once stolen almost always impossible to recover.

The permission slip to carry a cell phone to school can be found on the “Forms” page of the website at http://www.campbellcountyschools.org/school_Forms.aspx?schoolid=3, or by clicking here. You can also call the school office at 448-4780 and one will be sent home with your child. Thank you.

Dress Code

The CRES dress code states that after Fall Break, shorts may not be worn to school. Keep these other dress code tidbits in mind, students may not wear:

- Hats
- Spaghetti straps
- Flip-flops/thong sandals, i.e. beach sandals and sandals with no back, shoes with skates.
- Students should have a belt on if their pants are falling down.
- Make-up is not allowed.
- Excessive amounts and/or overly large jewelry which may pose a safety risk or which may be distracting to other students.
- The addition of unnatural colors to a student’s hair, i.e. green, blue, purple, orange, etc. are not allowed as well as Mohawk haircuts that are spiked.

Nurse’s Notes

This month I would like go over some District Policies that affect your student:

⇒ The first would be the policy affecting children with fevers. The policy states that “the child must be fever free for 24 hours without medication before returning to school”. An oral temperature of anything over 100 degrees is considered a fever. The child may not return to school the day they run a temperature even if they are fever free. Your child will be excused the day they are sent home and the next day for fevers.

⇒ Medication on the bus: Students are not permitted to bring any type of medication on the school bus. This includes over the counter medications like cough drops. These are all considered medications and require a Doctor’s Order if they are to be given at school. The only students permitted to carry medication on the buses are students with diabetes, and in some cases, asthma.

⇒ Head lice is not a huge problem at Campbell Ridge and the only way we can keep it this way is for you to notify me if your child is found to have head lice or nits (nits are the eggs before they hatch out into the louse). If you notice your child has head lice, please call me. The child will not be permitted to ride the school bus until I have checked their hair and found them clear. The morning they come back to school, you will need to bring them into my office for a head check. The District has a “no nit policy.” If a student is found free of lice and nits, they may return to class. If nits are still present they will need to go home and have these removed and do the recheck again the next day. Your child will be excused the day they are sent home and the next day. After the second day, the absences are unexcused.

⇒ Bed Bugs: This also is not a problem at Campbell Ridge. To keep it this way we also need your help again. If you find bed bugs in your house, please call me. The information is kept very confidential. When the children come to school, they come directly to my office where I check the things they bring from home before they go to the classroom. I check pockets, shoes, jackets and backpacks. If a bug is found, the child’s things are placed in a dryer for 20 minutes and that will kill the bugs. Please do not hesitate to call me. We are here to help you and keep your students in school and healthy.

⇒ The Flu season is near and the best way to prevent the flu is to get a vaccination. If your child complains of no feeling well in the morning, please take his or her temperature before sending them to school. If your child is ill, please keep them at home. Children like to share everything and that includes their germs. To keep our students in class and healthy you are the best example of hygiene. Be their models in washing hands, covering coughs and sneezes, eating enough fruits and vegetables and getting adequate rest.

Nurse Linda
PTO News...

Next Meeting—October 16th, 5:00pm
PTO Officers:
President - Chris Couch
Vice President - Christy Eby
Secretary - Donna Cox
Treasure - Laura Brown
Events/Volunteer Coordinator Michelle Raney
Teacher - Dena Gosney

PTO News—Thanks to everyone who participated in the Entertainment Book Sale. The PTO raised $12,000! The funds will support school-wide initiatives, contribute funds to each grade level, and provide all our PTO events for FREE!

Mark your calendars for Halloween Fest @CRES on Saturday, October 26th, 7-9:00pm.

Farm Fresh

On Wednesday, October 17th, our CRES Comets will have an opportunity to learn more about nutritious foods and how they are locally produced!

Students will visit stations and hear presentations on beef, chicken, honey, canning, gardening, and farming, all from local producers, our high school FFA, and the extension office. This is a great opportunity for our students to see that what we eat can be grown and produced right here in our community.

This fits well with our October theme, How Can I Keep Myself Safe, Healthy, and Well?, as well as our character word, Responsibility.

Eating well, eating healthy, and eating local—all of these practices are responsible and keep us healthy and well. Watch for projects that your children complete that emphasize our theme and character trait throughout the entire month of October.

Thank you Tina Vineyard, of Vineyard Printing, for the great look of our Comets logo.

Fall Parties Thank You

On Friday, October 5th, each of our classrooms held a Fall Party. Many of the classroom parties were organized by parents and had cute themes and fun games for the students to celebrate before the start of Fall Break.

As you know, we spend a lot of time teaching and modeling healthy eating and choices with our students. We have a Healthy Snack List and we encourage students and families to use this to help make choices about snacks at school. There were many examples of healthy treats and snacks available at each of the Fall parties, thank you.
FRC Information:
Coordinator: Ms. Evans, LSW/MSW
Phone: (private line) 859-448-4789
Location: Main Office far right corner
Services provided:
Child Care- Refer families to adequate care for their children
Basic needs: Refer families in need of food, clothing, shelter, school supplies
Eye Exams, health care, dental care, educational support, referrals for adult education and parenting classes, Prevention programs such as Red Ribbon Week, Girls on the Run, Family Literacy night and more...

If your family is in need this holiday season (Thanksgiving or Christmas), please contact Amber Evans at the FRC as soon as possible.

Resources of the month:
What: Campbell County DCBS office
Newport, Ky 41071
Phone: 859.292.6700
What: determines eligibility for Medicaid, KY temporary assistance for needy families, and helps with food stamp assistance.

A BIG THANK YOU!!

Family Dinner & Game Night
Thank you to all the families that came out for CRES Family Dinner and Game Night! We hope that you had as much fun as we did completing the CRES Challenge! A HUGE thank you to all the volunteers for their hard work that evening and making the event run so smoothly! We couldn’t have this event without you all!!

This year the families had to read clues to find out where they had to go to complete their challenges. Over all, each family had 10 challenges to defeat. Congratulations to our 1st place family team- the McGill’s! Also, congrats to our second place family team the Mallery’s!

Quarter Auction to benefit CCS
FRC’s!
When: October 16
Where: Newport Elk’s
Time: Doors open at 6:15 p.m.
and bidding starts at 7
There is a Halloween Theme; if you dress in costume you get a free paddle. All other paddles are a $1.00 each. 14 different vendors will be in attendance!
Hope to see you there!

Holiday Assistance
CRES FRC is looking for sponsors to help out for this upcoming holiday season. If you are interested or know of a business/church/family that would like be part of this please contact Amber Evans at the FRC: 448-4789 or amber.evans@campbell.kyschools.us

October is Safety Month at CRES!!
See what all we have going on:

During guidance this month, Ms. Otto and Ms. Evans will be working with students on social/friendship skills, consequences of behavior choices, and red ribbon activities.

Friday October 19th, we will have an all school health and safety fair where students will be able to identify health agencies in our community. Students will also be able to recognize the benefits of physical activity.
At Campbell Ridge, we will Cooperate, Respect, Engage, and Be Safe with our friends and our teachers.