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Believe....Achieve....Succeed!!!

Parent Involvement:

We continue to seek opportunities for parents and families to get involved in the education and development of their children. Recently, the staff at Cresthaven discussed the importance of your partnership as we work to develop and sustain life long learners. What we know is that when parents and families are involved in the school everyone wins. Students receive higher grades and higher test scores, they are confident learners and sustain long-term academic success. Some benefits of parent involvement to the school community is improved home/school relationships, positive attitudes and better understanding of the schooling process, and successful school programs. Here at Cresthaven you have many opportunities to get involved. You can volunteer in the classroom, participate in PTA activities, chaperone a field trip, participate on the Family Involvement Committee, participate in the curriculum night activities, attend parent workshops, attend the Principal's coffee and conversation events and many more. We will continue to seek additional opportunities to engage parents in school activities and dialogues to provide the best possible school experience for our students and community. If you are interested in volunteering contact Trica Young, Roscoe Nix/Cresthaven Elementary Schools PTA president, Trica_smiles23@msn.com, for more information. To participate and/or join the Family Involvement Committee contact Srelyne Harris, Chairperson, Cresthaven Family Involvement Committee, Srelyne_A_Harris@mcpsmd.org.

Fall Harvest Festival

Join us next Friday, October 29th for our annual fall harvest celebration. The student parade will begin at 2:15pm in the large parking lot area. Classroom festivities will be from 2:40pm to 3:15pm. The parking lot area will be closed at 2:00pm on Friday in preparation for the parade. Parents are welcomed to enter the parking area to see the fabulous display of costumes. Please see the attached letter for more details.

Lost & Found

As we prepare for the winter weather and enjoy these wonderful fall days, students are wearing jackets and sweaters to school but may not come home with them. Not to worry, we have established a lost and found in the All Purpose Room and we have many items to be claimed. Looking for that sweater, jacket or hat? Come and take a look you just may be surprised at what you find!!

Calendar Items

Oct. 25-29	Book Fair @ Cresthaven
Thurs. Oct. 23	Cresthaven After School Enrichment Activities Begin
Fri. Oct. 29	End of the first marking period Harvest Day Festival Costume Movie Night
Mon. Nov. 1	Professional Day—No School
Tues. Nov. 2	Election Day—No School
Wed. Nov. 3	PTA Meeting @ Roscoe Nix ES
Mon. Nov. 8	Picture Day- Students
Nov. 8-12	Book Fair @ Roscoe Nix
Nov. 11-12	Early Release Days— Parent Conferences

Queen's Comments!

Dear Cresthaven Families,

In response to parent inquiries about students bringing snacks to school, especially for students who have the last lunch period, classroom teachers have agreed to allow a daily 15 minute snack break. Students will have a daily "healthy" snack break from 10:00am-10:15am. Every Tuesdays and Thursdays a fruit or vegetable snack will be provided for all students by MCPS Food Services. For the other days individual students are allowed to bring a "healthy" snack if they wish, to enjoy during the break. Healthy snacks are defined as snacks low in sugar and salt, such as apples, oranges, carrots, celery etc. Please do not send candy, potato chips or soda with your child as a snack selection.

Thank you for your feedback and for your support as we continue to work together to encourage healthy lifestyle habits.

Mrs. Berry, Principal