



Cresthaven "Star" Chronicle

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Welcome Back!!

On Monday students arrived for their first day in their new school facility. They were amazed at the size of the school and the many special features throughout the building. Our teachers also used a variety of creative ways for students to explore their new surroundings. Some students took a class tour while others enjoyed a treasure hunt to help them identify who is in the building and where classes are located. Also on the first day all students were given a new back pack filled with school supplies during our welcome back assembly. These items were provided by Discovery Communications. Students will write thank you letters to express their appreciation for their back packs. Special guests Ike Leggett, County Executive, Michael Durso, Board of Education member, Dr. Ursula Hermann, Community Superintendent and Dr. Myra Smith, Performance Director also joined students in the celebration of the school year. Mr. Leggett addressed the students and encouraged students to "always use their minds and think about their actions, love themselves and reach for the stars". Throughout this year students will use new technology such as promethean boards and new computers to enhance their instructional experience. Our students have begun the school year with affirmations and support to be successful learners.

Today, students received their first Friday folder full of information. We ask that you review the items in your child's folder, sign necessary documents and return them to your child's teacher. Specifically be sure to review the school Behavior Expectations Plan with your child, sign and return the bottom portion and return it to your child's teacher.

Mark your calendars! Next Tuesday evening the PTA will host a family Meet & Mingle, PTA meeting and Community Open House from 6:00pm-8:00pm.

Reminders: Please adhere to the signs in our parking lot areas. The smaller lot is designated for student drop off at arrival and pick up during dismissal. The larger area is also marked with signs for staff parking and bus drop off **only**. For safety purposes we ask that you **do not drop your child in the bus drop area**.

Construction Update

Fun facts about the new Cresthaven Elementary: \$23+ million construction cost; 7600 square feet; the school sits on 9.8 acres of land; There are 23 classrooms; building capacity is 511 students; 83 parking spaces and all classrooms have promethean boards for instruction. Construction will continue on the soccer field and basketball court throughout September. Finishing touches on the entrance canopy are also being completed.

Queen's Comments!

Dear Cresthaven Families,

Let's Smile, Let's Move is our theme for the year. We are off to a great start to the 2010-2011 school year and the students and staff are smiling and moving into the new Cresthaven Elementary facility. Thank you to all for joining us during the Open House. It was good to see so many families touring the building and sharing their thoughts about the new school. During this first week of school students have continued to share their excitement about their new school and the experiences they will enjoy throughout the year.

Remember Let's Smile and Let's Move!!

Sincerely,
Mrs. Berry, Principal

Calendar Items

- Mon. Sept. 6 - Labor Day- No School**
- Tues. Sept. 7 - PTA Meeting—6:00pm- 8:00pm**
- Thurs. Sept. 9 - Rosh Hashanah - No School**
- Tues. Sept. 14 - Election Day—No School**
- Wed. Sept. 15 - PTA Executive Board Meeting @ CES
6:30pm-7:30pm**
- Thurs. Sept. 16 -Back -School-Night 7:00pm—8:30pm**
- Thurs. Sept. 30 -Hispanic Heritage Celebration/ESOL Family
Night 6:30pm-8:00pm**
- Fri. Oct. 1 - Early Release Day- Dismissal 1:00pm**
- Tues. Oct. 5- PTA Meeting @ CES 6:00pm-8:00pm**
- Mon. Oct. 13- Reading Night—6:30pm-8:30pm**
- Oct. 25-29 Book Fair @ Cresthaven**

Bus Changes: In an effort to support all students who ride the school bus, we will use the color system to identify the buses. Students will still ride the same bus as scheduled, no other changes have been made. The list below provides the bus routes and the corresponding color. If you have questions regarding the change please contact the school office at (301) 431-7622.

Bus # 6305 Burgundy

Bus # 6307 Gold

Bus # 6308 (AM)/# 6331 (PM) Orange

Bus # 6318 Silver

Bus # 6322 Red

Bu # 6327(AM)/# 6329 (PM) Pink

Bus # 6332 Green

Bus # 6333 Blue

Enjoy the long weekend!

