



## Cresson Elementary School

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### Principal's Message

I am excited to welcome you to the 2024 - 2025 school year. We had many fun, educational experiences last year such as Red Ribbon Week, our annual Thanksgiving engineering event, career day, winter and spring performances and three STEM Saturday Schools. I am looking forward to recreating these events and even more. I have really enjoyed working with the wonderful Cresson students and families over the past year and I am excited to continue our partnership. I look forward to another exciting year of learning at Cresson!

### Registration

The Little Lake City School District will continue to use an online registration system. You will be sent an email by the end of July with directions on how to register your student for the upcoming school year. Completing this registration will ensure your student is placed in a class. The office will be open beginning Monday, August 5th from 8am - 4pm and will be able to provide support with registration. Please note, students will not be placed on a class list until they are registered.

### Attendance

Good attendance is an important characteristic of a successful elementary student. Even elementary school attendance is one of the most important predictors of which students will graduate from high school. Attending school each day allows students to stay current with instruction, practice important grade level skills and receive the support they need to be successful. When a student returns to school they are trying to catch up on what was missed and continue to miss what is currently being taught. Poor attendance can also have a negative effect on social emotional development. For example, students who are chronically absent in the early years of their education may not learn crucial school readiness skills (like critical thinking, problem solving, and creative thinking), and can fall behind their peers in social emotional development. A student is considered chronically absent by the state of California for missing just two days of school a month or a total of 18 days in a school year. Even attending part of the school day (in the morning or afternoon) can help. If your child does have to miss school please contact the school office. If your student has to miss three or more days of school due to a family event or illness please request a short term independent study contract. This will allow

us to send assignments home so your child can practice grade level skills and the absences will not be counted toward their total.

### **Back to School Tips and Reminders**

Back-to-School is an exciting time! It can also be a stressful time as we try to prepare for the upcoming year. The following guidelines help promote the safety and success of all our Cresson Cougars.

- Please keep your contact information (phone, address, email) current. If a need arises we want to contact you as quickly as possible.
- Check your email for communication from the classroom teacher and information about school events.
- Use extreme caution and patience when driving near the school during drop off and pick up times. Please use the designated areas when you drop off or pick up your student and pull over to the curb.
- Please model safety for all the students by using the crosswalks when crossing the street.
- Please remember there is no supervision before 7:45am. At 7:45am the gate opens and students may enter campus to get breakfast or wait for school to begin. The gate is locked at 8:15am when classes begin and students will have to enter through the office after that time. Students will be marked tardy after 8:15am.
- Children should not bring games, toys, sports equipment or electronics to school.
- Due to health and safety concerns, do not send food items (cookies, cupcakes, etc) to the class to celebrate your child's birthday. If you wish to honor the occasion with a treat please send a special book for the classroom library or stickers and pencils for the students. Students can enjoy these items day after day as a reminder of your child's special day.
- Wednesdays are always minimum days. Please make arrangements for your student to be picked up at 1:30pm on Wednesdays.
- You are an important part of the Cresson team. Please contact your child's teacher or the office if you have any questions or concerns.

### **School Safety**

All schools in the Little Lake City School District are closed campuses for student safety. For added safety, from now on, the front office doors will remain closed and locked. If you need to access the

school office to pick up a student, drop off items, or for any other reason, please call the office (562-868-6620), ring the bell or knock on the door.

### **School Communication**

It is our goal that information is shared frequently and in a variety of ways so that families have access to important information and news on a regular basis. We will communicate with families in the following ways:

- Parent Portal and Class Dojo will be the primary means of communication. Please check these apps at least once a week to stay current on school news.
- Wednesday folders will continue to be used to share some information.
- The school newsletter will go out once per month with news and information about upcoming events.
- The marquee in front of the school will share upcoming events.
- Progress reports and report cards will go home twice a trimester to keep you informed about your child's progress.
- Teachers will send home periodic information that is specific to their classrooms. Teachers communicate through email or text via Class Dojo or Remind.
- We do not interrupt classroom instruction with phone calls, but parents can reach teachers and the principal by calling the office and leaving a message or requesting an appointment. You can get a message directly to the staff by emailing them.
- We will also post events and announcements on our social media accounts:
  - Facebook: Cresson Elementary School
  - Instagram: @cresson\_es
  - Twitter: @cresson\_es

### **Parent Involvement**

There are many opportunities for parents to get involved at Cresson Elementary School. We need parents to serve in leadership roles as part of our School Site Council (SSC) and English Learners Advisory Council (ELAC), and our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO). More information on these opportunities will go home in the next few weeks.

### **Classroom Assignments**

Class assignments will be sent via email by August 13th. The first two weeks of school are busy times that can also lead to many changes. New students enroll and others have moved over the summer. Class numbers can change from day to day. Because of this, requests for changes will not be considered until after the first two weeks of school, once attendance numbers have stabilized. We appreciate your patience and understanding during this time. Every Cresson staff member is prepared and eager to provide engaging instruction to all students.

### **Important Upcoming Dates**

August 14, 15, 16 - Minimum Days - 1:30pm Dismissal  
August 21 - Minimum Day - 1:30pm Dismissal  
August 28 - Minimum Day - 1:30pm Dismissal  
August 30 - Teacher PD #1 NO SCHOOL  
September 2 - Labor Day Holiday NO SCHOOL  
September 4 - Minimum Day - 1:30 Dismissal  
September 5 - Cresson PTO Meeting at 3:30pm  
September 11 - Minimum Day - 1:30pm Dismissal  
September 11 - Cresson Back to School Night at 5pm  
September 18 - Minimum Day - 1:30pm Dismissal

### **Boys and Girls Club**

The Boys and Girls Club will provide after school child care for the 2024 - 2025 school year. If you are interested in registering your child for this program or if you have any questions, please contact the program supervisor, Veronica Duenas-Macias at [veronicad@bgcw.org](mailto:veronicad@bgcw.org).