



# Cape View Elementary

Home of The Captain Winston E. Scott Science and Technology Center

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Dear Parents,

Please join us on Saturday, November 5<sup>th</sup> from 8:00-10:00 a.m. for our Annual Veteran's Day Pancake Breakfast. This is an opportunity to recognize and say, "Thank You" to those who serve or served our country. All Veterans and their immediate family (wife, husband and children) eat for FREE! Also our chorus will be performing around 9:30 a.m. for this special occasion. This is open to all veterans, students, families, business and community members. The cost of the breakfast if you are not a Veteran is \$3.00 for adults and \$2.00 for students.

I would like to personally reach out to all Cape View parents to encourage you to volunteer time at the school. The school is comprised of a very small PTO and SAC committee. We need your help to strengthen these two stakeholder groups. Many parents do not realize you must have a "Level A" Volunteer status in the system to chaperone field trips. Sadly it is often too late to get registered and approved in time to attend a field trip. If you need help getting signed up, please see my secretary, Barbara Mohr, and she can help get you signed up. Visitors may not chaperone field trips.

If you have a child in grades 4, 5 or 6 please talk to them about the requirements of their Science Fair Project that will soon be due. Our school science fair will be set up on December 7<sup>th</sup> and projects will be judged on December 8<sup>th</sup>. This gives your child one month to be working on these before they are due. Teachers do take a grade for projects and participation is required. All students are given a science board and any materials needed to perform their experiment. If there is something that they need, please tell them to ask Ms. Wedel in the science lab. All students must have a science log in which they record their information, research, graphs, summary and conclusion. Ms. Wedel has scheduled a Make N Take Night the week of November 7-10. Fourth grade will be held on Monday, November 7<sup>th</sup> from 2:35-3:35 p.m. in the computer / science lab. Fifth grade will be held on Wednesday, November 9<sup>th</sup> from 1:20-2:20 p.m. as this is an Early Release Day. Sixth grade will take place on Thursday, November 10<sup>th</sup> from 2:35-3:35 p.m. This Make-N-Take opportunity is for last minute touches and actually putting the final pieces on the projects. This is not the time to start your project!

A great topic for discussion with your child each night is **HOMEWORK**. Are you asking your child what they have for homework? Most teachers assign nightly homework even if it's just reading for 20-30 minutes or practicing multiplication facts or cursive. Those things need to be practiced on a daily basis in order to attain mastery of other content. Did you know that you can track your child's grades in Edline? If you do not know how to access Edline for your student, please let us know so we can help get you set up with a password. Parents if you did not have the opportunity to speak to your child's teacher during our most recent parent conference night, please know that you can schedule a conference at any time by contacting the school. Communication is an important tool between parents and teachers.

Cape View is working to support all of our students in the area of literacy with a focus on writing. This is a part of the School Improvement Plan, which is now located on our school website for you to review. Teachers are receiving professional development this Wednesday on text-based writing strategies. Our writing committee is working with grade levels to create grade appropriate scoring rubrics. And last but not least students are given more writing opportunities as they write across all content areas.

I have started a Shout-Out Board for teachers and employees. If you have a compliment to pay a teacher or other wonderful employee, please send in your note of recognition so that I might share the good things that are happening from your point of view. Teachers love compliments and surely deserve to be recognized for their hard work. I will be happy to pin up your **NOTE of APPRECIATION!**

November Events	
"EARLY RELEASE DAY" 1:15 p.m.	11/2
Student of the Month (SOM) Breakfast Media Center 7:30 a.m.	11/4
Friday Fest Taylor Avenue 6:00 p.m.	11/4
Veterans' Day Program and Pancake Breakfast 8:00-10:00 a.m.	11/5
"EARLY RELEASE DAY" 1:15 p.m.	11/9
"HOLIDAY FOR ALL" VETERANS' DAY	11/11
"DATE CHANGE" FALL PICTURE RETAKES	11/15
PBS 2:45 p.m.	11/15
"EARLY RELEASE DAY" 1:15 p.m.	11/16
"DATE CHANGE" SAC Meeting 5:00-6:00 p.m.	11/17
Interim Reports	11/22
"TEACHER/STUDENT HOLIDAY"	11/23
"HOLIDAY FOR ALL" HAPPY THANKSGIVING	11/24- 11/25
"STUDENTS RETURN"	11/28
"EARLY RELEASE DAY" 1:15 p.m.	11/30
Friday Fest Taylor Avenue 6:00 p.m.	12/2
Light-Up Cape Canaveral Taylor Avenue 6:00 p.m.	12/3
"EARLY RELEASE DAY" 1:15 p.m.	12/7

Mrs. Keane



## Put it to Paper: Tips for Parents to Improve a Child's Writing Skills

by Audrey W. Prince, M. Ed.

Writing is an essential skill. It is more than just putting words on paper. Writing is a process of communication that plays an important role in your child's life, both in and out of the classroom. Parents can make a big difference in helping a child develop writing skills by encouraging writing activities that are simple and fun. The following are activities parents can do with their child to promote writing at home.

### Writing Activities

- **Send a Message** - Frequently leave notes on pillows, desks, mirrors, wherever. Have your child write you a note in return. A family chalkboard or message board is a great tool for encouraging your child to write messages.
- **Letters** - Make letter writing a habit for your child. Have your child write letters to family and friends.
- **Give Writing as a Gift** - For birthday presents or for other gifts, have your child write a story for the recipient.
- **Postcards** - Have your child write and mail postcards on family vacations or special outings.
- **Say "Thank You"** - Let your child get in the habit of writing "Thank You" notes for gifts or whenever it is appropriate to do so.
- **Journals** - On your child's birthday, give him/her a special journal. Encourage your child to write in his/her journal as often as possible.
- **Make a Menu** - Let your child design and write the menu for a family dinner. This is a great activity that will keep a child busy while mom or dad is cooking. If some of the words are difficult, write them down on a separate sheet of paper for the child to copy.
- **Use Writing Prompts** - Writing prompts are a great way to help a child begin a story. An example of a writing prompt is: *Pretend you are the first person to create a flying car. Tell what the car would look like and how it would work.*
- **Be Creative** - Encourage your child to write and perform skits or puppet shows. Set aside time for other family members to see the performance.
- **Travel log** - When you go on vacations, trips, or special outings, have your child record new sights and experiences from his/her journey.

Remember that the important thing for parents to focus on is the content more than grammar and other details of his/her child's writing. When a child begins to write, he/she runs the risk of receiving criticism. Parents have the job of encouraging their child to continue. Also, parents should keep supplies of paper, pencils, markers, and other writing tools within easy reach. Writing is a skill and habit. Helping your child put thoughts into words gives him/her a great sense of accomplishment. Fostering good writing habits will make a big difference in your child's attitude about writing. Help your child learn to write well and enjoy doing it!



## Parents Invited to Review Possible New Social Studies Materials

Brevard Public Schools is in the process of reviewing Elementary Social Studies Instructional Materials. We want to invite our parents to be a part of this important review and selection process. If you would like to participate, please join us on Monday, November 14th for a review and input meeting from 9:00-11:00 a.m. at the Educational Services Facility in Viera. We will meet in training rooms 3 and 4. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Kassie Erenstoft, Elementary Social Studies Resource Teacher at (321) 633-1000 ext. 343 or Tara Taylor, Director of Elementary Leading and Learning at (321) 633-1000 ext. 330.

## **CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR STUDENTS OF THE MONTH**



### **OCTOBER, 2016**

Rowan Joyner  
Victory Silva  
Jacob Hinkley  
Oliver Magnan  
Lana Lopeman  
Aliana Bass  
Ayden LaChance  
Rayann Pace



## **PTO NEWS**

### **Veteran's Day Program and Pancake Breakfast**

#### **Saturday, November 5, 2016**

8:00-9:30 a.m. Breakfast; Program begins at 9:30 a.m. (Chorus will be performing.)

\$3.00 for adults, \$2.00 for children (Breakfast is free to veterans and their immediate family.)

### **Movie Night**

#### **Friday, November 18, 2016—4:30-6:30 p.m.**

\$5.00 for Admission and Meal Ticket (hotdog, chips and a drink)

Popcorn and snacks will be for sale for \$0.50

Movie starts at 5:00 p.m.

Everyone is invited to bring a blanket or pillow to lay back in the cafeteria and watch the movie.

## **Strategic Plan Objective L3, #7—Access to Programs**

Brevard's high-tech businesses, community members, and non-profits along with many others give back to our students in countless ways. The purpose of the strategic plan objective is to create more opportunities across the district for every student to have access, and to allow the community at large to give back in their area of expertise.

This survey is for local business partners, organizations, and community members. Please complete the survey through the link provided.

<https://goo.gl/forms/EemjtlyjY9ia30z2>



***Congratulations!!***

*LouAnn Schroeder, Volunteer of the Year*

### **Scholastic Book Fair**

Thank you so much for all your support during our fall Scholastic Book Fair! We earned over \$1,500.00 dollars in Scholastic products for our media center! This is amazing! We will use these funds to purchase new high interest books for our students and some supplies needed to keep our media center up and running.

### **Cafeteria News**

**Save \$\$\$\$\$**

The Cafeteria has breakfast for students at no charge.  
Not only menued items but other choices as well.

### **Important Dates for Current 6<sup>th</sup> Grade Students West Shore Jr./Sr. High School**

If your child is interested in attending West Shore/Jr./Sr. High School next school year, please be aware of the following application deadlines for their lottery.

<b>Accepting Online Applications:</b>	November 5, 2016 - January 9, 2017
<b>* Informational Meetings:</b>	November 30th and December 1st, 2016 6:00 pm West Shore Gymnasium
<b>*Lottery Pull Date:</b>	January 19, 2017
<b>*Notification Letters Mailed:</b>	January 26, 2017



## TITLE I CORNER

### School Improvement Plan (SIP)

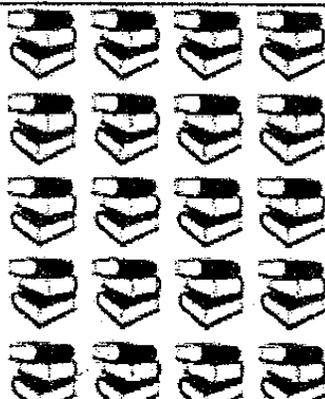
Cape View's School Improvement Plan is located on Cape View's website. Click on the "About Us" section and then click on *2016-17 Cape View School Improvement Plan (SIP)*. In addition, you may also find our School Improvement Plan in the Parent Resource Binder located in the front office.

### Science Fair

Please begin to work on your child's Science Fair Project. This year our Science Fair will be held on Thursday, December 8<sup>th</sup>, just a little more than a month away. Science boards are FREE to all 4<sup>th</sup> - 6<sup>th</sup> grade students and will be handed out during our "Make-N-Take Night" which will be the second week of November unless a student asks for their board earlier. The objective of our "Make-N-Take Night" is for students to receive support on assembling their science fair display boards. Students should come prepared with their Science Fair Log. The Science Fair Team will be sending home more information regarding "Make-N-Take Night".

### LITERACY COACH CORNER

## WHY READ 20 MINUTES AT HOME?

❖ Student A reads an average of 20 minutes per day.	❖ Student B reads an average of 5 minutes per day.	❖ Student C reads an average of 1 minute per day
❖ 3,600 minutes per school year.	❖ 900 minutes per school year.	❖ 180 minutes per school year
❖ 1,800,000 words per year.	❖ 282,000 words per year.	❖ 8,000 words per year.
❖ Scores in the 90 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 50 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.	❖ Scores in the 10 <sup>th</sup> percentile on standardized tests.
		

If they start reading for 20 minutes per night in Kindergarten, by the end of 6<sup>th</sup> grade, Student A will have read for the equivalent of 60 school days, Student B will have read for 12 schooldays, and Student C will have read for 3.

**WANT TO BE A BETTER READER? SIMPLY READ.**



Dear Families,

The Positive Behavior Support (PBS) has been an enormous success at Cape View Elementary. It has made our school a more positive learning environment and it motivated the students to work harder towards a common goal - being the best they can be! The PBS committee feels that rewarding students for their hard work is one way to reinforce the students' behaviors and work ethics. However, the committee has a limited number of members. If you would like to donate some of your time running errands, volunteering at the PBS School-wide celebrations (once every month), searching the community for donations, serving as a parent representative on the PBS committee - we would be grateful! Please fill out the bottom portion of this paper and return it to school with your child. Again, we would greatly appreciate any help and time you would be willing to share.

Sincerely,  
The PBS Committee

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**Yes! I would enjoy volunteering my time to help out with PBS!**

Name of Volunteer

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Phone Number/e-mail address

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Student's Name

Student's Grade and Teacher

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**I would be able to volunteer on the following days (please circle all that apply)**

Monday      Tuesday      Wednesday      Thursday      Friday

**I would be able to volunteer at the following time/s**

Morning      Afternoon      Both

**I would be interested in helping out with the following activities  
(please circle all that apply)**

- Running errands
- PBS School-Wide Celebrations
- Serving on the PBS Committee
- Searching for donations from our community

**THANK YOU**

