



Welcome to Curlew Creek Elementary!

We are so happy to have you and want to welcome you with “Big Arms” into our friendly, close-knit school. We have compiled some valuable information to help you get acquainted with Curlew Creek Elementary and to help put your mind at ease. ☺

**School Principal:** Kathy Brickley

**Assistant Principal:** Reva Faust

**School Hours:** Hours are 8:35-2:35pm. School front doors open at 8:05am as this is when supervision is available for our wonderful students. Please do not drop them off any earlier as they will not be supervised. If you require an earlier drop off time, please see below about our YMCA program we have available. The front office remains open until 3:30pm.

**Modified Student Dress Code:** At Curlew Creek Elementary, we have a Modified Student Dress Code. This implementation increases school safety, a sense of school community, a focus on learning, school pride and spirit. For more details, please visit [www.pcsb.org/domain/7299](http://www.pcsb.org/domain/7299).

**School Supply List-** Get all the school supplies needed for your child’s grade class by going to <http://curlew creek.org/> and then selecting “Our School” and then “School Supply Lists” link.

**Faculty and Staff-** Do you want to reach out to your child’s teacher? Please go to <http://curlew creek.org/faculty-staff/>. This link provides a full listing of our Faculty and Staff. Just click the link next to their name and it will generate an email to your child’s teacher. Teacher listing is in grade order.

**Holidays-** What days does my child have no school? Go to <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/22401>.

**Report Card Schedule and Important Testing Dates-** When does my child receive their report card? Go to <http://www.pcsb.org/Page/23706>. Want to know when there is important testing dates coming up? Got to <https://www.pcsb.org/Page/2>, choose “View district calendars” to find the current school year’s Statewide Assessment Calendar link.

**School Calendar-** Our School Calendar is a wealth of knowledge in keeping you in the know for our various upcoming events, no school days and important testing dates. Special dates and events are continually being added and it’s the perfect place to look if something needs to be rescheduled. Please go to <http://curlew creek.org/school-events/> for the latest info and updates. Also, check our Facebook events page at <https://www.facebook.com/curlew creek.pta/>.

**Car Circle Process:** As you enter the school grounds, please make your immediate right (heading East) into the car circle path. The car circle will have you make a big loop towards the PE fields and then brings you back around towards the front of the school. Please do not block the pedestrian walk way that intersects the car circle line as this may prevent children getting into class on time and cause an unsafe condition. When you are picking up your child at the end of the day, please make sure you have your child's name hang tag available for viewing. This will expedite the pick-up process as they announce your child's name and route them to the pick- up number area.

**Lunch Time:** You are welcome to have lunch with your child on any day as they love when their parents come join them! When you arrive, you will need to sign in at the front office and receive a visitor sticker label to attach to your shirt. You will then proceed straight to the Cafeteria area by following the signs and then wait for your child to arrive. There will be some specific days that we will have a "closed campus" for testing, but you will be advised of when those days are as they arise. Depending on what grade your child is in, will determine what time slot their lunch time is. Please ask your child's teacher for the time or go to <http://curlewecreek.org/cafeteria/>. Parents have the ability to put money on a lunch account using My School Bucks. You can sign up at [www.myschoolbucks.com](http://www.myschoolbucks.com). You may also apply for free/reduced lunches at [www.myschoolapps.com/home/pickdistrict](http://www.myschoolapps.com/home/pickdistrict).

**Communications:** We have so many great lines of communication to keep you in the know.

- Curlew Creek's school website is [www.pcsb.org/curlew-es](http://www.pcsb.org/curlew-es).
- Curlew Creek PTA website is [www.curlewecreek.org](http://www.curlewecreek.org).
- We are also on Facebook under Curlew Creek Elementary and Curlew Creek PTA so please "like" us as we post on a regular basis.
- Our Principal, Kathy Brickley, also sends out an automated voice message to your phone number/email on file weekly.
- Curlew Creek PTA has a monthly email newsletter. To sign up, go <http://curlewecreek.org/signup/> . See past newsletters here as well.
- Great information is always posted in our outside display board in front of the school as well.
- Flyers about school and community opportunities are sent electronically via Peachjar so go to [www.peachjar.com](http://www.peachjar.com) and register.
- For any questions, comments or suggestions you are always free to email Curlew Creek PTA at [ccepta@gmail.com](mailto:ccepta@gmail.com).

**Volunteer:** Curlew Creek loves our volunteers! Volunteers are an invaluable part of our school. Volunteer's efforts are reflected in happier, better functioning and more successful students. Our Staff/PTA welcomes any services big or small. There is always something we can use your help on whether here at the school, for the PTA or at home. In order to volunteer at the school,

you need to fill out a Volunteer Registration Form. Please see attached form. You may also obtain a copy via [www.curlewecreek.org/volunteers-2](http://www.curlewecreek.org/volunteers-2) or pick up a form in the front office.

Level 2 volunteer is a fingerprinted volunteer that is usually going on a field trip or is in any other unsupervised position. For further information or questions, please contact Janet Martin. She can be reached at martinjane@pcsb.org or 727-724-1423. Remember there are many ways to volunteer outside of school hours. So much can be done from home. 😊 Please check out our web page at [www.curlewecreek.org/pta-committees](http://www.curlewecreek.org/pta-committees) or email us at [ccepta@gmail.com](mailto:ccepta@gmail.com).

**PTA Membership:** PTA is the largest child advocacy group in the nation. So by being a PTA member you have a VOTE and VOICE on issues that directly affect the education of your child. A portion of the funds we receive from memberships are put right back into the school, such as teacher grants and student programs. The \$8 investment that you make you in child's education and future will also give you access to our awesome Benefit Provider Program (please see attached forms). For more information on this program you can visit [http://curlewecreek.org/benefit\\_provider\\_program/](http://curlewecreek.org/benefit_provider_program/). You can sign up as a member online at [www.curlewecreek.org/product/pta-membership/](http://www.curlewecreek.org/product/pta-membership/) or submit the attached form to the PTA box located in the front office. As a PTA member you are not required to volunteer. The PTA has three general meetings a year. For every PTA meeting you attend, you will have access to have your children be supervised and also be given a No Homework Pass for your child. 😊

## **PTA PROGRAMS**

**Walk to School Wednesdays and Fitness Fridays-** Children get active and walk to school! It is from 8:00-8:25am. This includes walking from the corner of Curlew Road and Landmark Drive, walk over the bridge and into school. Collect your punches to earn a fitness token. No need to sign up, just come on out and get moving!

**Reflections Art Program-** PTA Reflections is a nationally acclaimed student recognition program to encourage artistic creativity in the classroom and at home. Students of all grades and abilities may participate and explore the arts. It takes place in the Fall and the children submit entries by a specific date. Please visit [www.curlewecreek.org/reflections-art-program/](http://www.curlewecreek.org/reflections-art-program/) for more details.

**Math Superstars-** Math Superstars is an enrichment program designed to enhance your child's journey through mathematics. Students grades K-5 participate in this voluntary program by completing grade specific math sheets which begins in September and runs thru March. Please visit [www.curlewecreek.org/math-superstars/](http://www.curlewecreek.org/math-superstars/) for more details.

**Bowling Club-** Bowling Club is an after school bowling program for students from Pre-K to 5th Grade. Children bowl and have some fun with their friends at Countryside Lanes in Clearwater.

Games are usually played the first Friday of every month and runs from October thru March. Please visit [www.curlewecreek.org/bowling/](http://www.curlewecreek.org/bowling/) for additional information.

**Secret Pal Program**- Brighten someone's day by adopting a teacher or a staff member as your secret pal! You then remember this person during the school year with cards, small gifts, items for their classrooms or anything that shows appreciation for everything your Secret Pal does to make our school great! Holidays, birthdays or special occasions throughout the year are appropriate times to show your Secret Pal that you care. To sign up, please go to [www.curlewecreek.org/secret-pals-program/](http://www.curlewecreek.org/secret-pals-program/).

**All Pro Dads**- All Pro Dads is open to Pre-K thru 5<sup>th</sup> grade. It provides an opportunity for dads to spend quality time with their children that will strengthen their relationship, as well as benefiting the child's school and the entire community. The team captain will communicate as to the activities planned so that you can RSVP to the events. There are prizes and giveaways, and the kids always have a lot of fun. Please RSVP at the Curlew Creek All Pro Dads web page: <http://allprodadsday.com/chapters/4293>

**Coyotes on the Move**- This is a free six-week after school program where teacher and parent volunteers cover topics on Self-esteem, Teamwork, Communication, Anger Management, Self-discovery and Coping Skills. We will have group discussions, journaling, activities and then participate in physical exercises that correlate with each weekly theme. At the end, we then offer a healthy snack! "Coyotes on the Move" is open to 3rd-5th grade boys and girls initially, with plans to open it up to our younger Coyotes based on the number of approved volunteers we have. Please visit [www.curlewecreek.org/coyotes-on-the-move/](http://www.curlewecreek.org/coyotes-on-the-move/).

**Coyote Book Club**-The Coyote Book Club is open to 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students. The book club meets on Tuesday mornings from 7:30 – 8:15 in the Media Center and begins in the Fall. The students are divided into groups and will read 6 Sunshine State books. These books are selected each year by the Department of Education and are used in the school and county-wide "Battle of the Books" competitions that take place each spring. Participation in Battle of the Books is not mandatory for book club members, but it is a good way to prepare for the competition. This Book Club offers the opportunity for students and parents to read together in small groups and discuss their favorite parts of the book. For further details, go to [www.curlewecreek.org/book-club/](http://www.curlewecreek.org/book-club/).

### **Curlew Creek Before/After School Programs:**

**YMCA**- The YMCA is a before and after school child care program. The hours are from 6:30am to 6pm. The program is conducted by trained YMCA staff. To learn more about this program and how to apply, Visit the Suncoast YMCA website at [www.ymcasuncoast.org/locations/pinellas-pasco-school-age-programs](http://www.ymcasuncoast.org/locations/pinellas-pasco-school-age-programs). You may also download a registration packet at

[www.ymcasuncoast.org/images/PCSAP Online Registration Packet D 2014.pdf](http://www.ymcasuncoast.org/images/PCSAP_Online_Registration_Packet_D_2014.pdf) . Their phone number is 727-789-4718.

**PCS STEM Academy:** PCS STEM Academy is open to Grades 2<sup>nd</sup> thru 5<sup>th</sup>. This program is to increase student achievement by engaging students in innovative science, technology, engineering and math instruction. It is a 26 week program which begins in the Fall and takes place once a week after school. To learn more about the PCS STEM Academy, please contact the STEM Academy Facilitator at our school, Ms. Schlereth at [schlerethn@pcsb.org](mailto:schlerethn@pcsb.org) or visit [www.pcsb.org/STEM](http://www.pcsb.org/STEM).

**Mad Scientist Club After-school Program:** Mad Science holds seasonal after school program at Curlew Creek. The program is presented by highly-trained professional instructors who make science fun and exciting for children. These programs are highly correlated with STEM fundamentals and are aligned with Florida's Next Generation Sunshine State Standards. To enroll online, please go to [www.register.madscience.org/greatertampabay/afterschool-register.aspx?action=searchandorg=16652](http://www.register.madscience.org/greatertampabay/afterschool-register.aspx?action=searchandorg=16652) or call 727 895-5595.

**Bricks4Kidz:** Bricks 4 Kidz® afterschool program offers STEM-principled educational play activities for children ages 3-13+, where they learn, build and play with LEGO® Bricks. The programs are led by trained Bricks 4 Kidz teachers. They offer two 6-week sessions at 3:00 on Wednesdays. To register online, please go to [www.my.bricks4kidz.com/index.php?action=locationandlocation=367](http://www.my.bricks4kidz.com/index.php?action=locationandlocation=367) .

**First Tee After School Program:** After School Golf program at Chi Chi Rodriguez. Want your child to get a better swing or just learn how to Golf? Then this is the place to be! For further details, please visit [www.thefirstteeclarwater.org](http://www.thefirstteeclarwater.org) and to register. Phone number is 726-8829.

**High Performance Taekwondo:** High Performance Taekwondo is providing Taekwondo classes and after school care until 6pm. They are located at 35801 US Hwy N, in Palm Harbor. Transportation is included. The school is run by Gladys Mora, a two-time Olympic athlete. No registration fees. Uniform is included. For more information, contact Doyle Mills at 727-871-0970 or [dmills\\_pb@yahoo.com](mailto:dmills_pb@yahoo.com)

### **Other School/PTA Programs Info:**

**Girlfriends of Pinellas County:** This is a program designed to empower young ladies in Pinellas County through academic support and mentorship. Students are provided with the resources, tools and guidance necessary to encourage self-discipline, positive behavior, and to cultivate high self-esteem and self-reliance. Mentors, community leaders, teachers and school administrators work closely with students to foster a supportive relationship through reinforcement in behavior, academic achievement and social growth. Please visit [www.pcsb.org/Page/458](http://www.pcsb.org/Page/458) for more details or contact Janet Martin.

**Chorus:** This chorus program is open to 4th and 5th grade students led by Ms. Mullinex, the music teacher. There are two major performances a year where students get the chance to dance, act, sing, and perform. This is a great opportunity for students to get the chance to be on stage. All parts are on a sign-up basis and the director tries very hard to give every student a special part that would like one. Special part practices are before school from 7:30 to 8:10am. Please contact school for details.

**Coyote Spirit Store-** Do you need a nice new Coyote T shirt, approved modified dress code shirts or maybe some Spirit sticks? We have a great variety of merchandise for your child to choose from. Apparel, pencils, erasers, spirit sticks, magnets and so much more. The Spirit Store is open once a week before school starts from 8:05-8:30. You may also order online via <http://curlew creek.org/spirit-store/>.

**Commitment to Character Awards-** The Commitment to Character program is aimed to promote high student achievement in a safe and respectful learning environment. Each month the teachers chooses a student in their class that exemplifies that month's trait. Encourage your child to work towards winning the C2C award each month. For more details, please got to <http://curlew creek.org/commitment-2-character-awards/> to see each month's character trait.

**Spirit Nights-** Spirit nights are held throughout the year at local participating restaurants/locations in the community. The host restaurants/locations help our school by donating a portion of your check when you mention "Curlew Creek". These event are a great way to foster a sense of community in the school, so please join us! Got to <http://curlew creek.org/spirit-nights/> for more information.

**Box Tops-** It's easy to find Box Tops. In fact, you may have some in your home right now. Clip Box Tops from your favorite products and turn them in to your child's school today! Box Tops are each worth 10¢ and they add up fast! Your collections help Curlew Creek earn additional funds to improve our children's education. We also hold a classroom competition each school year. For a complete listing of companies and products, go to our Box Tops webpage at <https://curlew creek.org/box-tops/> to find the product list link.

**Coke Rewards Program-** Curlew Creek is registered at the My Coke Rewards for Schools program. Families can donate points to our school, so we can get rewards like art supplies and sports equipment, and support all the ways kids play. Even the smallest point contribution can lead to great things for students in your community. For more information, go to <http://curlew creek.org/my-coke-rewards/>.

**Red Robin-** Burgers for Better Schools – A delicious way to support the Kids you love! If you are a Red Robin Royalty Member, and you join the "Burgers for Better Schools" program, Red Robin will donate one percent of your purchases at participating Red Robin® and Red Robin Burger Works® restaurants to our school. For more info, please go to <https://royalty.redrobin.com/>.

We once again want to welcome you to our Curlew Creek family! Feel free to reach out to our School Staff or our PTA if you have any other further questions and/or concerns.

Thank you for allowing us to be your child's school for their invaluable education!

Sincerely,

Curlew Creek Elementary PTA

**My Child's Schedule:**

Please give this to your child's teacher and they will more than glad to inform you of your child's weekly class schedule.

Lunch time is at \_\_\_\_\_ daily.

	M	T	W	T	F
PE Days	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Art Day	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Music Day	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____
Library Day	_____	_____	_____	_____	_____

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