



# Cromer Pride

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**Cromer Elementary School**

## Principal's Corner

I would like to thank the parents, staff, and students at Cromer Elementary for helping to get our year off to a super start! We had a great turn out at our August 16th Meet and Greet and our August 18th Parent Orientation Breakfast. It was wonderful to have so many of our families come early to visit the school, see the classrooms and meet the teachers.

Here at Cromer we will always look for ways to provide a school environment that helps children feel safe and successful. We greatly appreciate that parents are working together with us on safety by checking into the office when visiting.

We would also like to remind parents to please notify the office as soon as possible of any changes in emergency information or changes in transportation home. To help our students and staff with setting a positive school environment, this year we will be focusing on the Character Counts traits (Respect, Trustworthiness, Responsibility, Citizenship, Fairness and Caring). We will be implementing an incentive program called "Citizens of the Month," and "Wonderful Wildcats" students will have an opportunity to eat lunch with the principal or win weekly prizes.

I look forward to working together over the next school year to see that our students, staff and families have a wonderful and successful year!

Traci Elam-Gordon, Principal



## Calendar of Events

- September 5th - No School Labor Day*
- Sept 6th - Sonic Night Cromer School*
- Sept. 8th - Cookie Dough Sales Begin*
- Sept 8th - K-2 Open House*
- Sept. 10th - Humane Society at Cromer*
- Sept 15th - Picture Day*
- Sept 15th - 3rd-5th Open House*
- Sept 17th - Pancake Breakfast  
Summit Fire Station 7:30-10:30 am*
- Sept.22nd Cookie Dough Sales End*

## Enrichment Classes

This year our students have a great opportunity to take enrichment classes. They will be attending their classes every Friday. Students in grades 3-5 had a chance to list their top choices. They will be switching classes about every seven weeks. This means that if they didn't get their top choice they still will be able to take their favorite class at a later date.

Students in **grades 3-5** will miss their enrichment class if they have missing homework or behavior issues in class. This will only be on a weekly basis. They have a new chance every week.

Students in **grades K-2** will be attending their enrichment classes on Fridays also. They will switch classes every three to four weeks. These students will move by homeroom teacher.



## Cromer PTO

The Cromer School Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) is an active organization that supports the learning activities of the students. All parents and guardians are invited to join us.

We encourage you to participate in whatever events and at whatever level you are able. Watch the PTO bulletin board across from the office for information on upcoming events!

Visit us online at [www.cromerpto.org](http://www.cromerpto.org), or email us at [board@cromerpto.org](mailto:board@cromerpto.org).

First PTO Board Meeting will be **Oct. 6th at 6:00pm.**

## Cromer Phone Numbers

Office 773-4150  
Attendance 773-4159  
Cafeteria 773-4156  
Nurse 773-4152  
FACTS 773-2169  
Transportation 527-2300



## FIELD TRIPS in September

Sept 2 Second grade Coconino Fair

Sept 14 Preschool to Bearizona

Sept 16 Mr. McQueen's & Ms.  
VanO's First Graders Public  
Library

Sept 20, 26, 27, 28, 29 Fourth Grade Classes to the Elden Pueblo



## Character counts

Character Counts is a program based on six ethical values. As a school we will focus on a pillar a month. The schedule is:

- Trustworthiness - September
- Respect - October
- Responsibility - November/December
- Fairness - January
- Caring - February
- Citizenship - March

## A Word from Our Librarian...

Dear Kindergarten Parents,  
Welcome from the Cromer Library. We have been working with your child on book care and basic library skills. Starting October 10th Kindergarten students will be allowed to bring home one library book, it will be due back to the library after two weeks. Please keep the book in a safe place to avoid any damage. We are looking forward to a wonderful school year filled with reading and learning!  
A partner in your child's education,  
Mrs. Dowers, Library Assistant

**Please encourage your students to leave their iPods/mp3 players and other electronic devices at home unless approved by the teacher for a specific project. The school cannot be responsible for damaged or lost/stolen items. Students bringing valuable items to school do so at their own risk.**

## Cafeteria Reminders



Please remember to fill out the free and reduced lunch application. Students who

qualified for free and reduced last year have one month to fill out a new application. New students need to turn in the application as soon as possible. FUSD has a no-charge policy.

### Meal prices

Breakfast \$1.60

Lunch \$2.20

## What does a School Counselor Do?

My name is Jessica Knott and I am pleased to be the school counselor at Cromer Elementary school once again.

A school counselor's job is to work in partnership with the school staff, parents, and the community to help students have a more positive and successful school experience. School Counselors work with ALL students and our goal is to help empower students with self-knowledge, positive interpersonal skills, and coping strategies for the issues that elementary children typically face.

The services I provide are to meet with students individually and in small groups. In addition I teach monthly guidance lessons. I also meet with parents when needed to give extra support to the student and family.

For the month of September I will be offering lessons on the character counts trait trustworthiness and on bully prevention

## Note from Health Office

Please make sure you turn in your emergency cards for the new school year. If your contact numbers change at any time please let us know.

If your child is taking prescription medication at school, it must be in the original container with the RX, name and label. A Request for Medication at School form must be obtained from the health office and signed. Students may not carry medication in their backpacks.

If you have questions or concerns call Cromer Health office at 773-4152