



Cresson Elementary School

IMPORTANT DATES February

- 7 PTO Meeting
- 7 Family Movie Night
- 8 Teacher Professional Development – No School
- 11 Lincoln’s Birthday – No School
- 18 Washington’s Birthday – No School
- 27 Hats Off to Reading Night
- 3/1 Read Across America Day - Guest Readers
- 3/1 Pajama Day

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Cresson Parents as Partners

It is no secret that parents are an important part of their children’s educational experience. Articles are written about the topic, districts and schools continually seek new and innovative ways to make connections between the home and school, and parents strive to carve time out of their busy lives to support their students’ education, often feeling guilty that they cannot participate more.

Although we don’t have a large PTO or a great number of regular classroom volunteers, I see Cresson’s parents as being highly involved and very supportive of Cresson. Starting with the first day of school, Cresson enjoys parents showing their support for their children and their children’s education. Most of our parents walk their children to class on their first day of school so that they can see their classrooms and meet their teachers. A large percentage of our parents attend Back-to-School Night to find out more about what their children will learn in the coming school year. Parents attend conferences in October and January to discuss their children’s academic progress. Each trimester, parents attend Cresson’s awards assemblies to recognize the achievements of the children. These are all fairly traditional examples of parent involvement.



But parent involvement is so much more: ensuring that their children have a place and time to read and complete homework, talking about their school day, and sharing experiences related to their learning and development. Involvement is making sure that their children are in school every day and on time. It is attending the social events, like Spooktacular Night, Movie Nights, Hats Off to Reading, the Fabulous Fifties Sock Hop, the Winter Program, the Spring Celebration, and the list goes on. It is completing surveys and providing feedback so that we can continually provide better learning experiences for our children.

Our Rocket Science Day was a huge success because so many parents came to school to participate in science activities with their children. Lunch with a Loved One was an event in which more than two thirds of our parents came just to share a quick meal and some time with their children. Volunteers signed up to come and read to classes to share their love of literacy with the children during Read Across America Week. Any time we have called on our families, they have answered with enthusiasm and generosity.

Parents may not be able to serve as classroom volunteers, serve regularly on committees, or take on a leadership role, but they are involved. So, the next time you receive a survey about how important it is to be involved in your child’s education, and are asked how involved you are in your child’s school, think about all of the things mentioned above. I think you will find, as I have, that Cresson parents are truly partners in their children’s education. We are grateful.

Sincerely,
 Principal Rigg