



CROCKER CHRONICLES

November 10, 2011

NO SCHOOL FRIDAY NOVEMBER 11: (Veteran's Day)

Dear Crocker Farm Families,

I hope that everyone has found that their respective lives have returned to some sense of normalcy and that your homes are well-lit and warm again. This past Monday morning at Crocker Farm was a thing of beauty. The sun was shining, the temperature was pleasant, and we were thrilled to have our students arrive back at school. A large number of our Crocker Farm staff came out to the playground to greet children, taking time to engage and check-in with known faces. It was quickly noticeable that lots of friends and class-mates were quickly running and playing together, as well as laughing and busily chatting with one another as they stepped off the bus or out of cars. Back in the building, teachers took time to help integrate children back into their school routines, as well as making sure to get a clear sense of how each child was fairing. I think it would be reasonable to report that the morning went very well and that children were soon diligently back at their job of focusing on their schoolwork. Well done everyone.

Two important safety notes: I wanted to remind everyone that we strongly encourage families who choose to drive their child to school to use the Shays Street entrance. Families choosing to use the West Street entrance for morning drop-off, can **only** park in the first parking lot immediately after entering the main drive-way. We want to maintain a safe and accident free zone at all times and your cooperation on this matter is necessary. In addition, our main drive-way entrance is now officially a **one-way system**. What that means is this: If you use the parking lot in front of the school, upon departure you must drive toward the playground, around the semi-circle loop, and then out the driveway. As always, no cars can go around the loop while the buses are dropping off or picking up children. Again, your cooperation is much appreciated.

As always, if you have any questions, thoughts or concerns, feel free to be in touch.

Enjoy the nice weather,
Derek Shea
Assistant Principal

TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 29, 2011: 1:20 DISMISSAL- RESCHEDULED CONFERENCE DATE.



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EL VIERNES 11 DE NOVIEMBRE NO HAY CLASES DADO A LA CELEBRACIÓN DEL DÍA DE LOS VETERANOS DE GUERRA

Queridas Familias de Crocker Farm,

Espero que la vida de todos haya vuelto a la normalidad, y que sus hogares estén alumbrados y cálidos nuevamente. El lunes por la mañana se veía hermoso aquí en Crocker Farm. El sol brilló, la temperatura fue agradable, y estábamos muy entusiasmados por el regreso de los estudiantes a la escuela. Muchos de nuestros miembros de personal salieron a darles la bienvenida a los niños, tomándose el tiempo de socializar y saludar a las caras conocidas. Fue fácil darse cuenta que muchos de los amigos y compañeros de clase correteaban y jugaban juntos, además de estar riendo y hablando mientras que salían del autobús o de los carros. En el edificio las maestras se tomaron el tiempo de asistir a la transición de los niños a las rutinas escolares, asimismo asegurándose de tener una idea clara de cómo ellos la estaban pasando. Pienso que es justo asentir que la mañana se pasó muy bien y que los niños rápidamente acogieron el trabajo de la escuela. Buen trabajo a todos.

Dos notas importantes sobre seguridad: Quiero recordarle a todos las familias que traen a sus niños a la escuela en carro de utilizar la entrada en Shays Street. Las familias que deciden escoger la entrada en West Street tienen derecho a estacionarse **solamente** en el primer estacionamiento, inmediatamente después de haber entrado a la entrada de carros principal. Queremos mantener un área segura y libre de accidentes en todo momento y su cooperación es inminente. Igualmente, nuestra entrada principal es ahora **unidireccional**. Lo que significa que: Si usted utilizó el estacionamiento al frente de la escuela, a la salida usted debe conducir hacia el área de juego, alrededor de la curva del semicírculo, y luego salir por la entrada de carros. Como siempre ningún carro puede pasar alrededor de la curva mientras los autobuses están descargando o cargando a los niños. Nuevamente, apreciamos grandemente su cooperación.

Recuerde de sentirse libre de contactarnos si tiene alguna pregunta, sugerencia o preocupación.

Disfrute del Clima,
Derek Shea
Asistente de Principal



WEDNESDAY CLUBS **ARE COMING!**

WHAT ARE WEDNESDAY CLUBS?

The PGO is already in the process of planning Wednesday Clubs Winter & Spring 2012! Wednesday Clubs are a fun enrichment opportunity for Crocker Farm students - small groups of kids working with adults around a theme on Wednesday afternoons. The PGO aims to make clubs available to all students who want to participate.

WEDNESDAY CLUBS NEEDS LEADERS!

We know that there are LOTS of kids who are interested, but to make the program a success **we need YOU!** We're looking for leaders for all 3 sessions (you can teach 1, 2 or all 3). Each session will last 5 Wednesdays (1:20 - 2:30 pm).

Session 1: Jan. 18, 25, Feb. 1, 8, 15

Session 2: Feb. 29, Mar. 7, 14, 21, 28

Session 3: Apr. 4, 11, 25, May 2, 9

COULD I TEACH A CLUB?

Sure! What's your talent? How about Dancing, Computers, Legos, Chess, Jump Rope, Exploring Nature, Writing, Book Club or ???

WHAT DO I NEED TO DO TO SIGN UP?

Please let the PGO know that you're interested by contacting Erika (studiozed@comcast.net / 413.559.0224). Check your calendar for which session(s) you are available, think of a Club topic and plan a few lessons around that topic. Crocker Farm will ask you to fill out a CORI form and attend an introductory workshop before Clubs begin.

WHAT ARE THE BENEFITS OF BEING A CLUB LEADER?

- You will be helping to build community at Crocker Farm!
- Your child/ren are guaranteed a spot in a club.
- The PGO will help pay for supplies if you need them.
- Having more Clubs means that more kids can participate.

Achievement, Diversity & Community

ABSENT LINE: Parent/Guardians are required to call the absentee line, 362-1659 if your child will not be in school. If your child is tardy to school, please have him/her stop by the office for a pass before going to class. **Call before 9:00 to avoid getting an automated phone call.**

Linea para reporter ausencias: Se les require a todos los padres/encargados que se comuniquen con la escuela llamando al telefono 362-1656 si su hijo(a) va a estar ausente. Si su hijo(a) va a llegar tarde a la escuela por favor asegurese que su hijo (a) se reporta a la reporta a la oficina primero.

SAFETY:

- Please enter and exit through the **main entrance** during the school hours, 8:30-3. All doors will be locked from 9-2:45, including the main entrance.
- All visitors/parents entering the building are required to stop into the main office to sign in and receive a visitor's pass. **DO NOT** go directly to your child's room. We will be happy to assist you!
- If your child will be taking an alternate route home please send a note to inform the teacher otherwise they will go home their regularly scheduled route. **NO EXCEPTIONS**

Label all backpacks, jackets, lunchboxes, books, instruments with your child's name. We get a lot of items into the office and we don't know who they belong to.



INCLEMENT WEATHER: If the weather is inclement in the morning, please refer to the following to learn whether school will be cancelled or delayed:

RADIO:

WHYN: 93.1
WHMP: 1400 AM 99.3 FM

TELEVISION: These local channels carry cancellation or delay in opening announcements beginning around 6:30 AM.

WWLP: Channel 22
ABC40

The Amherst school system also has a telephone **NEWS LINE** which will carry announcements of school closings and/or delays due to poor weather conditions. Call the **NEWS LINE** at **362-1898** beginning at 6:30 AM. **Please do not call the schools.**



To see the updated No Child Left Behind Report card for Crocker Farm, please go to: <http://bit.ly/oag7L8>

If you would like to be receiving the Chronicles via email, please send me your email and child's name to Aldrichca@comcast.net

