



Chickamauga
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CES: Unleash Your Potential

From the Principal's Desk

I hope everyone had an enjoyable and relaxing Christmas break. We are now venturing into our second semester together and I foresee a very successful eighteen weeks.

I would like to give a very sincere thank you to all the parents, community members, various charitable organizations, and teachers for contributing to our Needy Family Fund & Closet before Christmas break. For Christmas, we were able to serve 30 children from our school with food, clothing, and toys from Santa. As stated in the December newsletter, "if our Christmas needs are met with all the donations, any leftover donations of toys & clothing will be stored in our Needy Family Closet. Any extra monetary donations will be placed in our Needy Family Fund for future use for those families in need." At this time we do have leftover clothing and some unused funds. This will be a welcome gift in the spring as we help to replace items like shoes.

The Needy Family Fund & Closet will be accepting donations all year long.

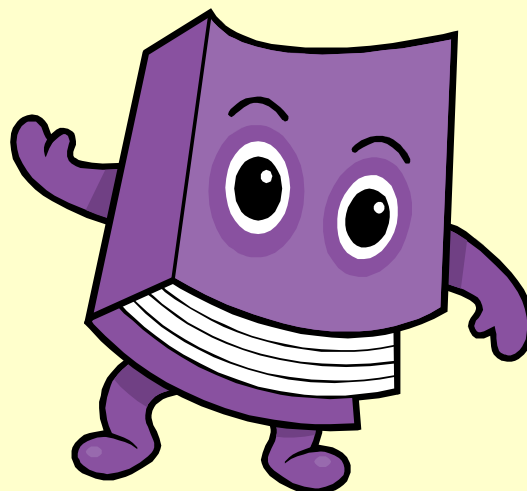
Please check out our school website, as updates are occurring weekly. Go to www.chickamaugacityschools.org and click on the elementary tab.

Sincerely,
Jeff Sikes
Principal
Chickamauga Elementary School

EBooks in the Media Center

As you can imagine, like any other aspect of our lives, technology is affecting libraries across the nation. Here at CES, we welcome technology innovations and work very hard to integrate such advances into our curriculum. I am pleased to announce that our media center will be unveiling EBooks within the next two weeks. We will kick off with approximately 180 different titles with EBook capabilities. The librarian chose titles that were very popular among the students in an effort to increase availability. So if your family owns a computer, Kindle Fire, iPad, Color Nook, etc., your child will be able to checkout an EBook. Don't worry; we have no plans to abandon real books. We are just tirelessly working to promote reading. As a result, we feel that EBooks will spark that aspiration among the students.

Within the next two weeks, the librarian will be training the students on how to access EBooks as well as sending home instructions for the parents.



Parent Survey

Thank you to all the parents that went online to complete the parent survey. I, along with Teresa Guffey, have been reading the results and comments. We do appreciate the positive comments as well as the suggestions for improvement. The monthly meeting that I organize with teacher representatives called the School Improvement Committee (SIC) will be looking over the suggestions and making recommendations for improvement. In addition, your suggestions are always welcome.

Sincerely,
Jeff Sikes

Reminders to Parents

1. **Please make sure that you stop by the main office for a visitor's pass before you leave the lobby area.**
2. Please help us with the student tardies. The teachers start instruction first thing in the morning. Five to ten minutes late each day adds up to a substantial amount of lost instruction time.
3. Please make sure that your student pickup signs are on your car's dashboard during dismissal. Having the official sign lets us know you are the authorized person to pick up your child. If you need more signs please call Dale Anderson at 706-382-3100 ext. 1000.
4. Please if you have not already, please join the PTO. Our school heavily relies on the efforts of the PTO officers and volunteers. Please call **Amanda Barrett** at 706-382-3100 **ext. 1054** for information regarding PTO signup.

Trojan Merchandise

New Merchandise!!!

At the Fall Festival, we unveiled five new GL clothing items for children and adults. We still have some leftover stock. If you would like to purchase these items, please call Dale Anderson at 706-382-3100 ext. 1000. She will know the sizes that we have left.

GL Logo Stickers (\$3 each)

You can now buy GL logo stickers to place on any surface such as a car window, child's school folder, etc. Please see Dale Anderson.

Yearbook (\$35 each)

If you order now you can reserve a 2011-2012 yearbook at a price of \$35. Please see Dale Anderson.

Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting-5th Grade Performance

January 12th: Begins 6:00 P.M. (CES Cafeteria)

Renaissance

- January 27th
- High school gym
- Begins at 8:30 A.M.
- Special Renaissance with the entire K-5th grades celebrating together
- Parents Welcome!

School Holiday-No School

January 16th

SACS Accreditation Review for Entire School System

From January 30th to February 1st

Issue Progress Reports

February 3rd

PTO Meeting-Kindergarten Performance

February 9th: Begins 6:00 P.M. (CES Cafeteria)

PTO Valentine's Dance

- February 11th
- Location: middle school cafeteria for the formal dinner & high gym for the dance