



Chickamauga
Elementary
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When it comes to good character, we don't clown around!

From the Principal's Desk

Welcome back CES families. I would like to express how excited and honored I am to enter my fourth year as the principal of Chickamauga Elementary School. The staff and I have had a busy summer preparing for the 2014-2015 school year.

You may have noticed from the banner in front of the school, our theme for the year is "When it comes to good character, we don't clown around!" I believe that our main goal as a staff is to deliver the best possible instruction to your child. While teaching is a very rewarding, fun, and exciting job, the gravity of its importance is momentous.



As a result, communication between the school and parents is a must in order for your child to reach their potential. I believe in an open door policy and welcome future conversations.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sikes
Principal
Chickamauga Elementary School

Summer Reading Program

CES started a summer reading program three years ago in an effort to help students improve on their reading skills, as well as encourage a love for reading. The below passage describes in detail the planned activities. The three activities are:

- 1) A project selected from the list of projects on each of the two books read over the summer. The list of projects to choose from can be found on the website. Also the list of projects will be sent home on the first day of school.

Or

- 2) Your child may choose to complete one project for one book and participate in a "Walking Book Report" for the other book read over the summer. A "Walking Book Report" can be done with a nonfiction book. For example, a student who read a book on geological features may dress up as a volcano. Dressing up as your favorite character is typically done with fiction books. There will be a contest with a winner from each grade level receiving a **\$25 gift certificate to Barnes and Noble!!!!** This activity and the project activity listed in item #1 above cannot be done on the same book. All summer reading projects are due 8/29/14 as well as the "Walking Book Report". The judging for the "Walking Book Report" will be conducted on the morning of 8/29/14.
- 3) Students help their teacher design and decorate the classroom door with themes from your grade level books....the winning class with the best door gets a **coke and pizza party!** Judging will be conducted on 8/22/14.



Cafeteria Prices

Breakfast:

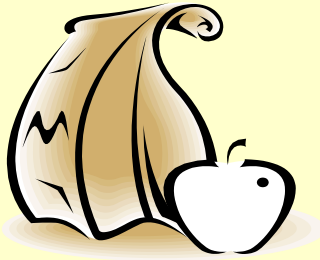
Student = \$1.70

Visitor = \$2.25

Lunch:

Student = \$2.60

Visitor = \$4.50



Reminders to Parents

1. *We are in desperate need of a traffic trooper to direct traffic on Crescent Ave. in the mornings since Kenney Rogers retired. Mr. Rogers did a wonderful job for over 15 years! His dedication to the school system was so evident and he will be missed by all. If you are interested please contact Mr. Sikes at 706-382-3100 ext. 1001.*
2. Please make sure that your child knows how they will be dismissed: parent pickup, car rider, or walker.
3. Please make sure that you complete and return by **8/20/14** the student information sheet & the nurse's card that went home last week.
4. Please remember that boys must keep their hair:
 - above their ears,
 - above their eyes,
 - and off the collar of a collared "golf shirt".

Trojan Merchandise

T-shirts/Circus Theme! (\$12 each)

- We are currently selling and will be taking preorders for our "When it comes to good character, we don't clown around!" T-shirts.

Nike Female Dry-Fit Gordon Lee Shirts (\$25 each)

- These Nike shirts are going fast, so please see Dale Anderson as soon as possible.

Yearbook (New paperback edition!)

- If you order now you can reserve a 2014-2015 hardcover yearbook at a reduced price of \$30. The full price is \$35. The reduced price ends January 1st.
- New this year: We are now selling a paperback yearbook for just \$18.
- Please see Dale Anderson for all yearbook orders.

Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting/Membership Sign-up

- August 19th: 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (CES Media Center)
- Beginning this year, the grade level student performances will be held on a separate night from the PTO meetings. Please visit the system website, www.chickamaugacityschools.org, and click on the elementary tab for more information.

Labor Day (No School)

- September 1st

Pictures

- September 5th

Book Fair

- September 5th-September 12th (CES Media Center)

PTO Meeting

- September 9th: 6:30 P.M. to 7:30 P.M. (CES Media Center)
- Fall Festival Planning

Grandparents' Day

- September 12th: 8:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.