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We are Jumping Toward Success at CES!

From the Principal's Desk



PTO

I would like to give a very sincere thank you to the PTO and Faith Triplett for applying for the 2016-2017 Lowe's Toolbox for Education grant from the Lowe's Charitable and Educational Foundation (LCEF). Below is an excerpt from that grant detailing the reasons for our application:

We have a vision to enhance our outdoor reading space on our playground's train caboose. Research in a recent report of the National Early Literacy Panel highlights the fact that literacy skills begin to develop at birth. We recognize as a school that learning can occur anywhere, in any type of setting, as long as we and our community stand united to advocate for the growth and development of our children. The train caboose on our playground is a fun and exciting area for our young elementary students to use that helps them develop literacy skills in a group setting. The development of reading skills eventually prepares our students for their GA Milestones State Tests. This project is very important for our school. We envision using this enhancement to one of our outdoor learning areas for many years to come.

The grant awarded was for the amount of \$2,500 for the equipment and installation of the air unit that will be installed in the caboose.

Thank You PTO!!

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

Jeff Sikes

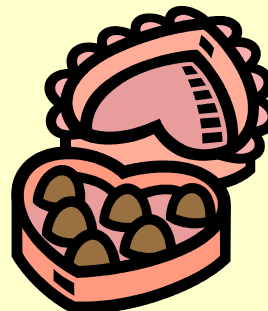
Principal
Chickamauga Elementary School

For the 2/7/17 PTO meeting, we will be having food and door prizes to help increase attendance. We have a wonderful group of dedicated parents that regularly attend the meetings and we are hoping to increase the attendance with some additional wonderful parents. Much of the strength of CES comes from enthusiastic parents. Please make an effort to attend the PTO meeting which starts at 6:00 P.M. in the CES Media Center.

Valentines Parties

The Valentine's parties will be held on February 14th in your child's homeroom. Some additional information:

- 1) The parties will start no earlier than 1:30 P.M.
- 2) Your child may receive delivered flowers and gifts. However, please make sure that the arrangements do not have balloons or glass. In addition, the delivered arrangements will be given to the student at the end of the day.
- 3) The House Valentine Packages will be delivered during the day.



Cell Phones

I need your help! You may have noticed the no cell phone signs posted in the horseshoe. All drivers need to stay off their cell phones once the car enters the horseshoe. This includes text messaging, reading email, phone conversations, video games, etc. This precaution is for the safety of the students, faculty, and parents during arrival and dismissal.



Reminders to Parents

1. Please place your child's name somewhere inside their jackets. If lost, we can more easily locate the jacket if the child's name is inside.
2. **School climate surveys were developed by the Georgia Department of Education to gather school climate perceptions from students, school staff members and parents. Data from the school climate surveys and other sources will be used in the calculation of School Climate Star Ratings for all Georgia public schools. We value your input and need parents to complete the parent survey located on the elementary website: www.chickamaugacityschools.org Survey responses are anonymous and will be submitted directly to the Georgia Department of Education for analysis. Individual data results from the Georgia Parent survey will not be available to the public and will not be posted online.**

Trojan Merchandise

Trojan House Items!!!

- New Trojan House merchandise has arrived. Customized items include pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, bookmarks & water bottles.

Yearbook (New paperback edition!)

- If you order now, you can reserve a 2016-2017 hardcover yearbook at a reduced price of \$30. The full price is \$35. The reduced price ends January 1st.
- We are now selling a paperback yearbook for just \$18.

Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting

- February 7th
- 6:00 P.M.
- CES Media Center

CES Renaissance Program

- February 10th
- 9:30 A.M. to 11:00 A.M.
- GLHS Gym

PTO Valentine's Dance Pictures

- February 11th
- Starts at 5:00 P.M.
- GLHS Gym

PTO Valentine's Dance

- February 11th
- 6:00 P.M.-8:00 P.M.
- GLHS Gym

Trojan House Attendance Contest

- February 13th-16th
- The House with the best attendance during these days will receive rewards and points.

Valentine's Parties

- February 14th
- Start no earlier than 1:30 P.M.
- Held in homerooms

CES Book Fair

- February 15th-16th & February 21st-24th
- CES Media Center

Winter Break

- February 17th & February 20th
- First day back is February 21st

Grade Level Performance (2nd Grade)

- February 23rd at 6:00 P.M. in cafeteria

Donuts for Dads

- February 24th
- 8:00 A.M. to 10:00 A.M.
- CES cafeteria and media center