



# BACK TO SCHOOL!



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## We are Jumping Toward Success at CES!

### From the Principal's Desk



### Yearbook

April 18<sup>th</sup> is a big day at CES. That is the first day of the GA Milestones state tests. The first day begins with state testing on language arts part #1, then language arts parts #2 & #3, math, science and social studies the next several days. The students and teachers have been preparing all year for the two weeks of testing. But in my experience as an educator, the parents are a big part of test preparation as well. Please help by making sure that your child gets a good night's sleep before each test. In addition, please make sure that your child receives a good breakfast each morning. I know that these helpful hints seem obvious, but rest assured that such preparation has a big impact on your child's performance during the testing, especially at the elementary level.

On a similar note, CES teachers and students have won again the Title I Reward District for 2015-2016. It is a district award, however we are the only elementary in our district. Once again, a big thanks goes out to the CES teachers and students. Our school has won this award four times in the last six years. Each award came with a \$50,000 grant for CES. However, this year the grant amount was reduced to \$25,000. Our students and teachers and of course our dedicated parents have helped CES earn \$175,000 over the last six years. We won in the extra small district category for highest absolute performance for over three years for all student groups on the state wide assessment.

Please check out our school website, as updates are occurring weekly. Go to [www.chickamaugacityschools.org](http://www.chickamaugacityschools.org) and click on the elementary tab.

Jeff Sikes

Principal  
Chickamauga Elementary School

For ten years, two dedicated teachers have been organizing and creating our yearbook. Both of those teachers have done an excellent job crafting our yearbook year after year. When the opportunity presented itself six years ago for a change in the way we created our yearbook, I decided to go in a different direction. For six years, Mr. Houston's gifted class has created our yearbook. As a result, the quality and layout have been second to none! In fact, the yearbook company had never trained 5<sup>th</sup> grade students to produce a yearbook. This nationwide company had only worked with middle and high school students. Using CES as the model, the company is now promoting 5<sup>th</sup> grade yearbook staffs around the nation.

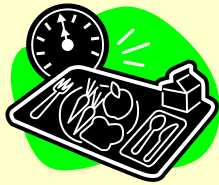
I believe that a yearbook created by the students will be more memorable and exciting. The students, with the aid of Mr. Houston, will be creating the cover, picking the pictures, and designing the inside layout page by page. The new student yearbook staff will consist of editors, photographers, and writers. This will be an excellent experience for the students in which they can hone their skills in an effort to maybe one day join the middle and high school yearbook staffs.

In an effort to assist the new student yearbook staff, we have created a link on the elementary website in which parents can submit pictures from the various events at CES. In the Quick Links section of the **Chickamauga Elementary home page** is a link to "Yearbook." Follow this link for complete directions.

The pricing of the yearbooks is listed on the back page of this newsletter.

## Lunch Charges

The lunch charges in the cafeteria are starting to accumulate. I have recently examined the accounts and there are too many overdue charges. Many do not realize that each cafeteria runs like a separate small business. Unpaid charges hinder the cafeteria from covering their costs. This has the potential to affect the variety of the food offerings. Please, please pay your overdue charges!!! Remember, you can access your child's lunch account at [mypaymentsplus.com](http://mypaymentsplus.com)



## Reminders to Parents

1. Please minimize cell phone usage and text messaging during the car line during dismissal to help speed up the process and reduce safety concerns.
2. Please help us with 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 instructional time.
3. Please check the lost and found for any jackets or pullovers that your child may have lost this school year.

## 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 yearbook for \$35.
- We are now selling a paperback yearbook for just \$18.
- Please see Erin McLeod for all yearbook orders.

## Upcoming Events

### State Testing Schedule

- ELA EOG (End of Grade) Section #1 State Test-April 18<sup>th</sup>
- ELA EOG Section #2 & #3 State Test-April 19<sup>th</sup>
- Math EOG State Test-April 20<sup>th</sup>
- Science EOG State Test-April 25<sup>th</sup>
- Social Studies EOG State Test-April 26<sup>st</sup>

### Grade Level Performance for Kindergarten

- April 13<sup>th</sup>
- CES Cafeteria
- 6:00 P.M.

### Early Dismissal

- April 14<sup>th</sup>
- Dismissal will start at 11:30 A.M.

### PTO Meeting

- April 18<sup>th</sup>
- 6:00 P.M.
- CES Media Center

### State Testing Award Event for Students

- May 1<sup>st</sup>: Grades K-2
- May 2<sup>nd</sup>: Grades 3-5
- 9:15 A.M. to 12:15 P.M.
- Spare Time Entertainment
- More information will come home as event gets closer.

### Field Day

- May 5<sup>th</sup>
- CES Campus