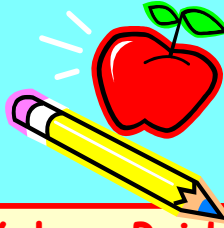


# BACK TO SCHOOL!



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**Trojan Houses of Tradition, Valor, Pride & Perseverance!**

## From the Principal's Desk

We are starting to lose storage space for all the lost and found jackets, hoodies, and pullovers. As a result, starting this week, we will place the lost and found clothing in the hallway next to the music classroom. Please come by and recover any items that your child may have lost. Over the Christmas break, we will donate any unclaimed items to a charity in an effort to create more storage space.

For seven years now, the 5<sup>th</sup> grade students, with the help of Mr. Houston, have been creating our yearbook. I believe that a yearbook created by the students will be more memorable and exciting. The students will be designing the cover, choosing the pictures, and creating the layout inside page by page. The student yearbook staff will consist of editors, photographers, and writers. This will be an excellent experience for the students, one in which they can hone their skills in an effort to maybe one day join the middle and high school yearbook staffs. Please don't miss out on this opportunity to catch the memories of your child's elementary experience. If you order now, you can reserve a 2017-2018 yearbook for a reduced price of \$30. (The price will increase to \$35 after Christmas break.) **Again this year:** We are now selling a paperback yearbook for just \$18. Please see Erin McLeod for details or to purchase a yearbook.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sikes  
Principal  
Chickamauga Elementary School

## Needy Family Fund & Closet

*Every year we have families that need help with Christmas for their children. Due to the number of inquiries from parents and community members offering to help our families, Mrs. Guthrie and I felt compelled to organize the effort. So here are the details if you want to help:*

- Teachers will be taking up new toys, new clothing, and/or money donations.*
- Contact your child's teacher for that grade level's needs in regards to clothing sizes.*
- If our Christmas needs are met with all the donations, any leftover toys & clothing will be stored in our Needy Family closet. Any extra monetary donations will be placed in our Needy Family account for future use for those families in need.*

*Donation deliveries will occur before Christmas break. So please have all donations turned in by 12/07/17.*



## 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. As the weather begins to turn cool, please make sure that your child has a jacket or hoodie for outdoors. While our building does stay warm during the winter, recess can become very chilly without some type of jacket.
2. 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.
3. Please help us with the student absences and tardies. Regular and timely attendance is critical for optimal school success. A Dr's note or parent note must be sent each time your child is absent. Students are encouraged to keep absences 5 or less for the entire year.
4. 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 Ray at 706-382-3100 ext. 1054 for information regarding PTO sign up.

## Trojan Merchandise

### Trojan House Merchandise!

- You can purchase Trojan House merchandise in the mornings. Items range from \$0.25 to \$8.00 and include: pencils, pens, erasers, highlighters, bookmarks & water bottles.

### Yearbook (New paperback edition!)

- If you order now, you can reserve a 2017-2018 hardcover yearbook at a reduced price of \$30. The full price is \$35. The reduced-price ends January 1<sup>st</sup>.
- Now selling a paperback yearbook for just \$18.

## Upcoming Events

### PTO Santa Shop

- December 12<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup>
- CES Media Center

### CES Christmas Chorus

- December 14<sup>th</sup>
- 6:00 P.M.
- CES Cafeteria

### Early Dismissal

- December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Will start dismissing around 11:30 A.M.

### Classroom Christmas Parties

- December 20<sup>th</sup>
- Each grade level will disseminate the details in their weekly newsletters.

### Christmas Break

- December 21<sup>st</sup>-January 5<sup>th</sup>
- Students' first day back from Christmas break is January 8<sup>th</sup>.

