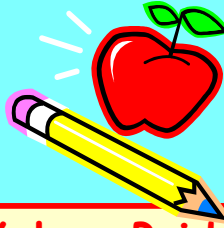


# BACK TO SCHOOL!



Chickamauga  
Elementary  
Newsletter  
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Issue 5

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

## 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 served many 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." Currently, we do have leftover clothing and some unused funds. This will be a welcome gift in the spring as we help replace shoes and other items.

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

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.

Sincerely,

Jeff Sikes  
Principal  
Chickamauga Elementary School

## Technology & Communication

- 1) **One Call Now** is an emergency/mass notification system that will automatically contact you in the event of school closings, emergency situations, special events, and general information. Please visit the system website for more detail concerning One Call Now.
- 2) **Infinite Campus Parent Portal** gives parents of Chickamauga City Schools' students immediate access to available attendance and grading. Please visit the system website for more details concerning Infinite Campus Parent Portal.
- 3) **My Payment Plus** is a program that allows parents to check their child's lunch account for an accurate balance or incurred charges. Parents may use the program to pay the charges or place more money on the account balance for a small fee. Otherwise, parents can just check their child's balance and send in the money via envelope to avoid the transaction fee. If you need more detail concerning the program, please contact your child's teacher and they can send you another flyer detailing the program.
- 4) **E-mail** is used and checked daily by every teacher. The e-mail gives parents another avenue for communication with their child's teacher other than the established agenda and classroom phone/messaging system. In addition, every grade level sends their weekly newsletters via email. **If you have not given your child's teacher a good email address in order to receive these newsletters, please do so immediately.**

## May 2018 Reward Event

As you know each year there is a big reward event for the students for doing such an excellent job on the state tests. In the years past, the students have witnessed U.S. Army Silver Wings parachute on the football field, alligator wrestling, a fun filled circus, and the teachers playing basketball against the Harlem Wizards.

The faculty and I try to inspire the students to do their best on the state tests by challenging them each March; if they do their best, the students will enjoy a big reward event in May; but the students must do their best.

Well, this upcoming May will be no different. If the students do their best, they will receive a big reward event in May. However, I need your help. I am looking for SPONSORS to help with the costs of the event. I believe the event this year will be the best ever.

If you are interested in helping to sponsor, please contact Mr. Sikes at 706-382-3100 Ext. 1001.

## 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. **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](http://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 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 has been extended to January 31<sup>st</sup>.*
- Now selling a paperback yearbook for just \$18.
- Please see Erin McLeod for all yearbook orders.

## Upcoming Events

### PTO Meeting

- January 11<sup>th</sup>
- CES Media Center
- 6:00 P.M.

### Issue Report Cards

- January 12<sup>th</sup>

### No School/Martin Luther King, Jr. Holiday

- January 15<sup>th</sup>

### 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Performance

- January 25<sup>th</sup>
- 6:00 P.M.
- CES Cafeteria

### Trojan House Activity Day

- January 26<sup>th</sup>
- **All students wear their house apparel!**
- Due to special activities on this day, we ask that students not have guests during lunch time.

### PTO Meeting

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