



BACK TO SCHOOL!



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

From the Principal's Desk

Once again, I am very pleased with the start of the school year. The teachers and faculty have worked very hard to make sure that the year started smoothly. I would also like to thank parents for your support of the school.

The Summer Reading Program was a success as well. The "Walking Book Report" costumes were wonderful. Each grade level winner won a \$25 gift card to Barnes & Noble. There were also awards for 2nd and 3rd place within each grade level.



As you have all noticed, we are continuing our initiatives from last year with the CES Essentials and the Trojan House System. Each of these programs are centered on positive reinforcement for good behavior, good grades, and participation in extracurricular activities. If you would like more information about the CES Essentials and the Trojan House System, please visit our website. The school system website is www.chickamaugacityschools.org

Sincerely,

Jeff Sikes
Principal
Chickamauga Elementary School

Greg Landers

Impossible Not to Like

Greg Landers was a GL middle school science teacher who passed away on August 8, 2018. Greg was the perfect example of what Gordon Lee is. He loved the school system, the students, his colleagues, and everything associated with it. He was the perfect ambassador for public education. He represented the teaching profession with integrity and honor. Throw away the college textbooks, and ignore your college professors. If you truly want to learn how to teach, you can study his actions for a week.

While many in our profession strive to become great teachers, he achieved that and so much more. He knew his students before they entered his classroom on the first day of school. Many did not realize that Greg attended numerous elementary activities and functions in an effort to get to know the kids. He would interact with 6th and 7th grade students daily. By the time the 8th grade Savannah trip arrived, he knew which students had never seen the ocean. He would discretely round up those few students and take them down to the beach at St. Simmons after the lighthouse tour. He would encourage them to take off their sandals or shoes, so they could feel the sand and ocean between their toes. This was not on the massive 8th grade field trip agenda, nor was this activity required by administration. He did this because he wanted those students to experience the joy of the Atlantic Ocean.

While I am very heartbroken because I lost a dear friend, I am blessed that I got to know him. I am a better educator, friend, and father because of my friendship with Greg. Just like his students, he taught me so much. May God bring healing to the places in your heart that no human words can touch.

CES Library Book Fair

The CES media center book fair will run from **September 7th to September 14th**. Please come by and visit the book fair.

Cafeteria Prices

Breakfast:

Student = \$1.70

Visitor = \$2.50

Lunch:

Student = \$2.65

Visitor = \$4.50



Reminders to Parents

1. *We are in desperate need of a traffic trooper to open car doors in the mornings. 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 refrain from using your cell phone while driving in the horseshoe. The cell phone usage has become a safety hazard for the students and faculty.
4. Please remember that boys must keep their hair:
 - above their ears,
 - above their eyebrows,
 - and off the collar of a collared "golf shirt".

Trojan Merchandise

Yearbook (New paperback edition!)

- If you order now, you can reserve a 2018-2019 hardcover yearbook at a reduced price of \$30. The full price is \$35. The reduced-price ends January 1st.
- Now selling a paperback yearbook for just \$18.
- Please see Erin McLeod for all yearbook orders.

Upcoming Events

PTO Meeting

- August 21st
- 6:00 P.M.
- CES Cafeteria

Pictures (Picture Day)

- August 31st

Trojan House Activity Day

- August 31st
- Due to the various activities, students will not be available to have lunch with their parents on this day.

Book Fair

- September 7th-September 14th
- CES Media Center

Grandparents' Day

- September 14th
- 8:15 A.M. to 10:15 A.M.
- Lifetouch will be taking pictures in the CES Gym

Pajama Day

- September 7th
- Proceeds go to the nurse's fund for supplies