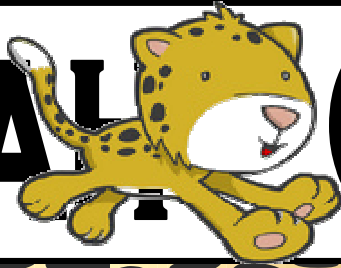


CHEETAAL CHAT



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THE PRINCIPAL'S POINT

Dear Creek View Elementary School Families,

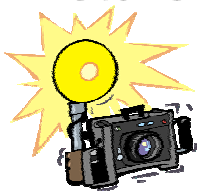
This week I would like to congratulate the following students who were elected to the 2009-2010 CVES Student Council: Carson Bard, Julia Gu, Reid Shulz, Amanda Light, Faith Scrivin, Kyle Wheelles, Erin Cullen, Lauren Smith, Robert Riordan, Berkeley Chandler, Dylan Nguyen, Callie Dawson, MacRae Brown, Lauren Nguyen, Neha Embar, Rohan Kansara, Dharani Balakumar, Drew Baker, Lexie Bryant, Kenji Lim, Justin Finley, Kynnadi Walden, Camryn Chapman and William MacDonald. These students will be participating in many school-wide community service projects including the food and clothing drive, and other meaningful projects throughout the school year.

Building an effective relationship with your child's teacher is critical, and, like you, every teacher wants to achieve this goal. As with any relationship, mutual respect, the ability to listen, and lots of communication form the foundation. When parents and teachers work together, everyone benefits, especially your child. **Tomorrow, October 9th**, is Conference Day. Parent/Teacher Conferences have been underway all week. If you have not had a conference with your child's teacher this semester, please call or email him/her as soon as possible. Report Cards will go home with your child two weeks from now, on October 22nd. Please be on the lookout for it. Keep in mind that this will be the first nine week report, and we are only half-way through the first semester. This is a great time to encourage your child to be responsible for their own education by always putting forth their very best effort. Your support and encouragement can make the difference for many years to come.

Matt Rogers

**Early Release Day Is Wednesday, October 14th.
All Students Will Be Dismissed At 11:10 A.M.**

Picture Re-Takes



Students who missed having their school picture taken a few weeks ago will be given another opportunity on October 29th. New students, students who were absent, or forgot to bring in picture money are welcome to have their photo taken. Additionally, if packages that were purchased are unacceptable to you, just bring the entire package back to the photographer on Re-Take Day and have the photo taken again. Look for new Life Touch picture envelopes in an upcoming Thursday folder.

Teacher Appreciation Luncheon



Thank you 5th grade parents for the wonderful lunch that was provided on Wednesday for the faculty and staff. Salads, soups, and sandwiches was the theme for this first luncheon of the year. Faculty and staff were overwhelmed with the outstanding choices that were available. This was a very welcome treat. Our staff looks forward to these wonderful luncheons throughout the year showcasing the culinary skills of our generous school community. Thank you again!

Forgotten Items

Please help us in teaching our boys and girls responsibility. Many items are brought in to school from parents because their child forgot them at home or in the car. These items include homework, lunchboxes, jackets, instruments, among other things. Our Creek View policy is to not interrupt instructional time to call students to the office to retrieve these items. All students have been instructed to check the front desk to see if a parent brought something in to school. Items such as forgotten lunch money can be brought to the cafeteria by the parent to put on the child's account. Homework, textbooks, snacks, water bottles, etc., will be placed in the teacher's mailbox to be picked up at specials or lunch time. Students in band and orchestra should know to check the front counter as they enter the music department. Eyeglasses and medication are the only exceptions where the office staff will call students from class.

Original Works of Art

Imagine your child's artwork on a coffee mug, tote bag, note cards and more. Original Works offers a range of products you can purchase and they make wonderful gifts for the holiday to share with family and friends. All proceeds go back to the art department to enhance their learning environment.

Students have been sent home with their artwork and a packet that includes product information and order forms. Please return artwork, order form and check made out to CVES.

Please note that the price of the coffee mug and journal were omitted on price sheet:

Coffee mug is \$14.00, the journal is \$15.00

Orders are due by Oct 16th

Transportation Changes

Please keep in mind that if you need to get your child from school before dismissal or have a change in your schedule and do not want your child to ride the school bus or go to Prime Time, the office needs to be notified before 1:50 p.m. Dismissal is a very hectic time of day, and while teachers do have the procedures down to a science, it still causes a disruption in their routine and causes confusion with our students when we must interrupt the process and make a last minute switch after the bell rings. **Prime Time parents:** If you decide at the last minute to pick your child up from school instead of sending him/her to Prime Time, please call the office before 1:50 p.m. and we will have your child dismissed carpool. Any transportation changes after 2:00 p.m. cannot be honored.



Ready? Set? Go!

Organization of Binders, Backpacks and Study Space

You have all already bought those all important back to school supplies, binders, subject folders, notebooks, pencil pouches, accordion folders, etc. How many of you buy this with the hope that this year will be the year that your child stays organized?! It isn't always the tools that are the problem, it is the time taken to keep things organized.

Let's go back to the agenda and advanced planning. Set aside specific times during the week to go through the binders and back pack. We suggest two times a week; Sunday and mid week. Schedule this planning time in their agenda so they know it is an important activity. This will also give you a good idea on whether or not the organizational system you have set up is working. If not then you can begin to modify and tweak a system that better fits your child's needs.

Understand doing this will take more time at the beginning and your child may need you to walk them through it for a while. But, as you build this time into your regular routine, it should begin to take no more than 10 minutes to keep everything on track.

Remember, scheduling 15-20 minutes with your child on Sunday night to plan the week and organizes their materials sets the tone for the coming week and teaches them basic organizational habits.

Looking Forward

Friday, October 9
Conference Day - No School for Students

Monday, October 12
Brownies-Troop 3801
Legos
Spanish
Cheetah Times

Tuesday, October 13
Katie Reeve Community Mtg 9:30
Chess

Wednesday, October 14
Early Release Day
Students Dismissed at 11:05 a.m.

Thursday, October 15
PTA Connections Newsletter
Vision and Hearing Screening
Keyboarding
Chorus

Friday, October 16
Flu Shots for Students 2:45
Due date for Original Works

Thursday, October 29
Life Touch Picture Re-takes

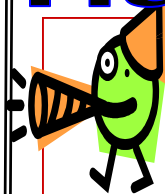
ATTENTION!

Wednesday morning we experienced an event that we hope will *NEVER* repeat itself. During the annual Walk To School day, an under-ground yellow jacket's nest was disturbed. There were several students and parents stung. Thank goodness there were no severe reactions. However, we may not be as fortunate the next time; insects do not discriminate.

If your child has a *known* insect allergy please bring in the appropriate medication and forms.

If you have any questions, please contact our clinic assistant, Heidi Osthoff at extension 138

Hats Off!



Hats off to the students and teachers of Creek View!

Because of your incredible support of our "Hats Off to Clarkdale" fundraiser on Friday, September 25th, we were able to send a check for \$900 to

Clarkdale Elementary School in Cobb County. These funds will be put to very good use as the school begins the process of rebuilding. Thanks to all for your amazing spirit of community service!

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