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| August 2019 Newsletter |
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Chickasaw Elementary School



# Upcoming Events

**August 8**

Students First Day of School

August 21

Early Release Day 1:30 pm for teacher professional development

August 22

Board Meeting 6:00 – 7:00 pm

August 29

Progress Reports Go Home

September 2

Labor Day: No School

September 3

\*K, Bridges, and LeClaire Parent Meetings 4:00pm

\*1st Grade Parent Meeting 4:30pm

September 4

\*2nd Grade Parent Meeting 4:00pm

3rd Grade Parent Meeting 4:30 pm

September 5

\*4th Grade Parent Meeting 4:00pm

5th Grade Parent Meeting 4:30 pm

Vision Research (K, 2nd 4th grade)

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| Dear Parents,The first day of school went so smoothly on Tuesday, Aug. 8th! The Chickasaw High School football team, cheerleaders, and band welcomed 511 elementary school students. The first day of school was tear free!This year we have several new faculty and staff members. We are looking forward to you helping us to welcome them to the Chieftain Family.* Andrea Banks, 1st Grade
* Amy Glenn, 3rd Grade
* Chris Lyons, 3rd Grade
* Brooke McArthur, 3rd Grade
* Kellie Stacy, 3rd Grade
* Ashley Earnest, 4th Grade
* Debra Bridges, Special Education
* Katlyn Eller, Special Education
* Martina Melton, Gifted Services (Mrs. Melton is a returning teacher to CCSS.)
* Rhonda Daugherty, Bookkeeper
* Delicia Hendrickson, Special Education Paraprofessional

**School Procedures**Students who are not enrolled in morning Tribe Time (before school care) may not be on campus before 7:30 am. Students riding a bus, being dropped off in car line, or who walk will be directed to breakfast in the cafeteria, or to the gym if they do not wish to eat breakfast at 7:30 am. Teachers pick students up from the cafeteria and gym at 7:45 am. The tardy bell rings at 8:00 am. Kindergarten students eat breakfast in the cafeteria from 8:00 – 8:30 am. Teachers take attendance and send snack orders to the office by 9:00 am each day.If the way your child needs to dismiss changes at any time, please send a note to his/her homeroom teacher. The office staff cannot make transportation changes over the phone for the safety of the students. **Parents/guardians/others MAY NOT park and walk up to take students from dismissal pods for their safety.**CES offers before and after school care (Tribe Time) for $5 a week per child. At this time Tribe Time is full. For more information see Juwan Withers, Registrar, or Amy Lowe, Reading Coach. Their contact information is jwithers@chickasawschools.com, and alowe@chickasawschools.com.  |
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## Visiting the School

When visiting the school, please come through the office. Instructional time is of the utmost importance, parents will not be allowed to conference with the teacher while students are present. Parents are encouraged to set up conferences with teachers on his/her planning time. You may also wish to send a note, a Remind 101 text or email directly to the teacher. If you call the office, an email will be sent to the teacher as a message to return your call.

**September 11** CES is excited to host a First Responder Luncheon for the City of Chickasaw

September 12

All spirit shirt, sweatshirt, fleece orders due by 12:00 pm

September 19

Progress Reports will go home

September 23 – 27

#startwithhello week

CES will participate in this national initiative to make all kids feel welcome and a part of our school.

September 25

 Early Release at 1:30 pm for teacher professional development

Safe and Civil Schools

CES is proud to announce we have been named by the Alabama State Department of Education as a demonstration site for Safe and Civil Schools! Here is why:

1. Faculty and staff are focused on making all students and parents feel welcome and a part of the school family.
2. Positive and safe arrival and dismissal procedures.
3. Faculty and staff are circulating and monitoring cafeteria, hallway, and restrooms to minimize off task behaviors.
4. Teacher practice a 3 to 1 positive interaction to corrective feedback.
5. The administration focuses on minimizing interruptions to instructional time so teaching and learning are always occurring.

CES is expecting our first visit from Jackson Elementary September 18!

**Communication**

Clear communication between parents and teachers are key for student success! Please join us on Facebook on the following pages:

**Chickasaw City Schools**

**Chickasaw City Schools Kindergarten Class**

**Chickasaw Elementary School First Grade**

**Chickasaw City Schools Second Grade Class**

**Chickasaw Elementary Third Grade**

**Chickasaw City Schools 4th Grade Class**

**Chickasaw 5th grade Chieftains**

**Chickasaw Elementary School Counseling**

**Chickasaw Elementary Library**

Make sure your phone number stays current in the school office. We use text messages a lot to communicate with parents.

Check your child’s red communication folder daily. Fourth

and 5th Grade students will have planners to help with

communication and organization.

Most, if not all, grade levels will be using the Remind 101 app to stay connected with parents.

# Parent Involvement

**Help Keep Our Chieftains Safe**

**Please…**

* Stay in your car during arrival and dismissal car line.
* DO NOT drop students off in any of the 3 parking lots or the street behind the cafeteria.
* DO NOT walk up to students who are waiting in any dismissal pod and attempt to take them from a teacher.
* Abide by the speed limit on the streets before and after school. Drive slowly in the parking lot.

## Chickasaw Elementary invites our parents and community to be involved! Want to know how?

We have created an Advisory Committee for parents and community members to give us input on things such as the budgeting decisions, resources for parents to help their children academically and socially. We would love for you to participate! Please let Mrs. Amick know if you are interested.

Chickasaw Elementary also has an active PTO. As of our Meet the Teacher Night, we have over 30 families signed up for PTO.

Can’t help with every event? That’s fine, even if you can only help every once in a while or once a year, here is how you are needed:

* Tear out and staple decodable books for grades K – 2
* Fall and Spring Book Fair
* Work a booth at the Fall Festival or Spring Fling
* Watch a class so teachers can have a duty free lunch
* Attend a field trip as a chaperone
* Co-sponsor a club (First Friends, Student Council, National Elementary Honor Society, Recycling Club, Yearbook, Engaging Youth in Engineering, etc.)

Please consider this a personal invitation! You are needed!

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**Uniform Reminder**

**Red, collared shirt**

**Navy bottoms**

**Only red, white, navy jackets (or a combo of the 3 colors) - No hoodies**

**Tennis shoes (light up, no wheels)**

**No unnatural hair colors**