# Chickasaw Elementary School

March Parent Newsletter

## March Events

* **Fri., 3/1** The Pre-K Mardi Gras Parade was a great community event. The Varsity football players and coaches each took the hand of a Pre-K student and lead them around the gym as the CMS/CHS band played. Our K students had a wonderful time and no one left empty handed.
* 3rd Grade had a successful trip to Linda’s Learning farm. Looking forward to seeing what new vocabulary was learned and life experiences gained.
* **Mon. – Fri., 3/4 – 8** Mardi Gras Break 
* **Sun., 3/10** Daylight Savings Time
* **Tues., 3/12** Last day for Tribe Time participants to sign up for Azalea Trail Race (3/23)
* CES Pageant Practice 3:15 – 4:30 (Pageant Parent Meeting at 4:30 pm)
* 21st Century sponsored STEM Expo Night
* K - 2 5:00 - 5:30 pm
* 3 - 5 5:30 - 6 pm
* Drawing for 3 at home STEM activities. Parents who listen to at least 3 presentations get a card to enter the drawing.
* **Wed., 3/13** First Friends (Love) 3:15 – 4:15
* CES Pageant Practice 3:15 – 4:30
* **Thurs., 3/14** First Priority 7:45 am (Club for 4th/5th grade students. Only students with parent consent may attend. Sponsor: Kelone)
* “Meet the Chief of Police” at Chickasaw Civic Center 3:00 – 6:00 pm
* **Fri., 3/15** Last day of 3rd Quarter
* **Sun, 3/17** St. Patrick’s Day 
* **Mon., 3/18** Teacher Workday (No school for students)
* **Tues., 3/19** 4th Quarter begins
* **Wed., 3/20** K will have an on campus field trip
* CES Pageant Practice 3:15 – 4:30
* **Thurs., 3/21** Safe and Civil Site Visit by Dr. Jacob Edwards and Pam Adams
* **Fri., 3/22** 5th Grade Field Trip to Gulf Quest National Maritime Museum
* **Sat., 3/23** Azalea Trail Race
* **Mon. – Fri, 3/25 – 29** Mandatory Parent Report Card Conferences and Spring Book Fair
* **Mon., 3/25** No Faculty Meeting so teachers can meet with parents for report card pick up (Report cards will not be printed until 3/26; however, teachers can still notify parents of 3rd quarter grades and if retention is a possibility.)
* **Tues. 3/26** Report Cards will be printed. Report cards must be picked up at the school by a parent or guardian where a meeting is held with the teacher.
* Pageant pictures will be taken for photogenic contest
* All pageant program ad money is due
* ¼ Page Ad - $25.00 (may only write a short message to contestant, No Photo) Example: ¼ Page Ad - Good Luck (Contestants Name)! We love you! Mom & Dad
* ½ Page Ad - $50.00 (may send a 4 x 6 photo with a short message)
* 1 Full Page Ad - $75.00 (may send 5 x 7 photo with a message to contestant)
* CES Pageant Practice 3:15 – 4:30
* **Wed., 3/27** Early Release Day 1:30
* Early release day is mandatory professional development for teachers. If a teacher schedules a parent conference, it will be after 3:15; however, meetings may or may not be scheduled after 3:15 on this date. Refer to the invitation that the teachers send out.
* **Thurs., 3/28** Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm at 201 N. Craft Hwy
* **Fri., 3/29** Pre-K Registration Closes

**A look ahead to April…**

* Tues., 4/2 CES Honors Assemblies
* CES Pageant Practice 3:15 – 4:30
* Wed., 4/3
* TIMSS Testing for 4th Grade
* First Friends (Love) 3:15 – 4:15
* CES Pageant Practice 3:15 – 4:30
* Thurs., 4/4 First Priority 7:45 am (Club for 4th/5th grade students. Only students with parent consent may attend. Sponsor: Kelone)
* Fri., 4/5 Pageant Tea at Chickasaw United Methodist Church 12:30 pm
* Sat., 4/6 CES Pageant
* All participants to the gym by 1:00 pm
* Pageant begins at 2:00 pm.
* Mon. – Thurs., 4/8 – 11 Alabama State Department of Education onsite monitoring at all campuses.

Scantron Mid-Year Diagnostic Test Results for Grades 3 – 5

**Reading**

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| Grade Level | # of Students Who Showed Growth | Average Points Gained | # of Students Above Far Above or Above Average |
| 3rd  | 77/90 = 85% | 160.1 | 21  |
| 4th  | 79/98=81% | 196.3 | 39 |
| 5th  | 68/95=72% | 173.3 | 33 |

**Math**

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| Grade Level | # of Students Who Showed Growth | Average Points Gained | # of Students Above Far Above or Above Average |
| 3rd  | 72/86=84% | 172.5 | 30 |
| 4th  | 81/96=84% | 123.3 | 26 |
| 5th  | 67/94=71% | 105.6 | 19 |

**Science:** Only 5th grade is accountable for science for the 2018 – 19 school year.

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| Grade Level | # of Students Who Showed Growth | Average Points Gained |
| 5th  | 69/96 = 72% | 108.9 |

**Parents: Did you know? chronic absenteeism** – is categorized by the state department of education as missing 15 or more days of school.

From the 1st Day of school to friday, march 1 CES has 19 students who are considered chronically absent. These 19 students account for 462 absences and 633 tardies.

Please make sure students are at school and on time every day! Poor attendance hinders students from learning and meeting their full potential.

**Counselor’s Corner - Mrs. Addie Vaughn**

**The School Counseling Program provides:**

**Classroom Lessons** to all of our elementary students every week on topics such as emotions, coping skills, mindfulness. Conflict resolutions, friendship, diversity, buddies-not bullies, growth mindset, career awareness, personal safety, teamwork, and more.

* **Group Work** with students such as lunch buddies, friendship, social skills groups.
* **Individual Counseling** with students on a short-term basis to meet social, emotional, or behavioral goals.
* **Crisis Intervention** to prevent crises and plan for safety.
* **Consultation** with staff and parents/guardians to plan for student needs and provide resources and education.
* **Referral Assistance** for services such as mental health counseling, case management, or crisis support.
* **Your CES Counselor, Mrs. Addie Vaughn** is here to help your child manage and navigate through the stages of social and emotional learning at every grade level.