**Chickasaw Elementary**



**September Newsletter 2019**

**Chieftain PRIDE**

Chieftain PRIDE is our school’s motto. We are encouraging students to be **PREPARED**, show **RESPECT**, have **INTEGRITY**, show **DETERMINATION**, and display **EXCELLENCE**. Teachers have received business cards with one of these characteristics, and each week a student is selected to write his/her name on the card and turn it in to the office. A drawing is held each Friday. Both the student and the teacher is recognized and rewarded.

Scott D., and Marquise G., Mrs. Howell, and Ms. Cochran have been recognized and rewarded for being **prepared** during the month of August.

During the month of September we will focus on **RESPECT**. Please talk to your children about how to show **respect** wherever they are. At school we give examples of how to show **respect** on the bus, in the hallway, restrooms, gym, cafeteria, classroom, but **respect** extends to home, stores, and the neighborhood.

**Recognitions**

The *Employee of the Month* is honored by receiving a certificate and attending the monthly Chamber of Commerce Luncheon and by being able to park in a designated spot. For the month of August Rebekah Dawes was selected. Ms. Dawes is a valuable member of the Safe and Civil Team, EYE Coordinator, Social Committee Co-Chair, and is constantly beautifying the campus by watering and planting flowers, and cleaning out cluttered areas. Her dedication to making CES an **excellent** place for students and adults is certainly appreciated!

*Employee of the Week* receive flowers from Rose Bud Florist. We appreciate their weekly donations to bring smiles to our employees. The following employees have been honored:

Mercedes Rivero, Kellee Threadgill, and Addie Vaughn

Teachers nominate their co-workers to receive the *PRIDE door hanger* each week. The person who nominates their co-worker types an email to Mrs. Amick about why his/her colleague shows school PRIDE. The statement is read over the announcements. Mrs. Heather Horton was the first teacher to be nominated this year. She in turn nominated Tammie Brown.

Each week the cafeteria staff nominates a class who shows Chieftain PRIDE to earn the *Golden Spatula*. The class is selected based on keeping the cafeteria clean, and having appropriate cafeteria behavior. Mr. Lyons’ and Mrs. Lucy Williams have received this honor during the month of August.

**September Events**

* **Mon.,** **September 2** Labor Day (No school)
* **Homecoming Week Tuesday, Sept. 3 – Friday, Sept. 6**
* **Tues., September 3** Camouflage/Neon Day for Homecoming Week
* K/Mrs. Bridges and 1st Grade Parent Meetings (K and Mrs. Bridges – 4:00 pm/1st 4:30 pm)
* **Wed., September 4** Wacky Wednesday: Mix Match or Tacky for Homecoming Week
* 2nd and 3rd Grade Parent Meetings (2nd – 4:00 pm/3rd 4:30 pm)
* **Thurs., September 5**Career Day – Dress in a career for Homecoming Week
* 4th and 5th Grade Parent Meetings (4th – 4:00 pm/5th 4:30 pm)
* Vision Research: Kindergarten, 2nd and 4th will be screened for vision
* **Fri., September 6** Spirit Day (Jeans and/or school appropriate shorts for students)
* Early Release 12:30 pm

**Homecoming Parade Route 2:00 pm**

**Beginning:** 50 Chieftain Way (CHS) to Kansas

 Kansas to Grant

     Grant to Thompson

**Ending:** Thompson to JC Davis Auditorium

                    Parking Lot

* **Wed., Sept. 11** Early Release Day for students at 1:30 pm. Early release for teacher professional development.
* **Wed., Sept. 18** Afternoon site visit by Jacob Edwards (National Consultant) and Pam Adams (State Consultant) of Safe and Civil Schools
* **Thurs., Sept. 19** First Priority in Mrs. Kelone’s Classroom 7:45 am
* First Priority is a faith based organization for students in grades 3, 4, and 5. The youth pastor from Destination Church will meet this year with our students the 1st and 3rd Thursday of each month. Students must have signed permission slips in order to participate.

Mon., Sept. 23 – Fri., Sept. 27 #startwithhello week

Start with Hello is designed to teach students the skills needed to create a culture of inclusion and connectedness, and encourage them to include *all* students. This campaign was started by the Sandy Hook Promise organization. For more information, please visit [www.sandyhookpromise.org](http://www.sandyhookpromise.org)

We will discuss the following themes: making others feel included and welcome, kindness, friendship, greeting others who you may not know, tolerance, multiculturalism, etc.

* Mon., Sept. 23 #startwithhello activities in class
* Tues., Sept. 24 #startwithhello activities in class
* Annual Title I Meeting and Open House 5:30 pm
  + The Annual Title I Meeting will begin in the gym at 5:30. Then we will move to classrooms.
* Wed., Sept. 25 #startwithhello Writing Wednesday
* Early Release Day at 1:30 pm.
* Thurs., Sept. 26 #startwithhello activities in class
* 2nd grade may dress out in Friday’s themes since they will be on a field trip on Friday.
* Board of Education Meeting 6:00 pm
* Fri., Sept. 27 #startwithhello Dress Out Day – Dress in a superhero costume. “Be someone’s superhero…include them and be kind.” Or wear green. “Be someone’s lifesaver…encourage and support them.”
* 2nd grade field trip: Frozen the Musical
* Fri., Oct. 4 Bridges Class Field Trip: Zoobeez Indoor Petting Zoo

**Arrival and Dismissal**

Students have a 30 minute window for arrival each morning. *Car riders* and *walkers* who want to eat breakfast need to be at school as close to 7:30 am as possible. Students who arrive after 8:00 am are marked as tardy.

\*Kindergarten students wait in the gym from 7:30 – 7:45 am. K eats breakfast from 8:00 – 8:30 am.

If your child(ren) are *car riders* at dismissal, you will not be allowed to park, then walk up to get them from the sidewalk. Students who are *walkers* will not be loaded into a vehicle at the street. This is for student safety.

**If your child is a bus rider, here are somethings you need to know:**

**Students can:** Whisper talk at **Level 1**, and remain seated while the bus is in motion or picking students up/dropping students off.

**Students should:**

* Obey the driver, keep your hands and feet to yourself at all times. Hands, feet, objects, heads, etc. must remain in the bus at all times for student safety.
* Be courteous when entering, while on, and when exiting the bus.
* Use appropriate language on the bus and at the bus stop.

Bullying, harassment, antagonizing others is not allowed at the bus stop or on the bus.

School rules apply on the bus and behavior is subject to disciplinary action. Examples of offenses that may require disciplinary action are: fighting, disrespect/defiance, disruption that makes driving/riding conditions dangerous, inappropriate language, possession of alcohol, drugs, or weapons, damage/destruction of school property.

1st Minor Offense: Parent contact and possible (3) school day suspension and/or bus suspension

2nd Minor Offense: Parent contact and possible (5) school day suspension and/or bus suspension

3rd Minor Offense: Parent Contact and possible (7) school day suspension and/or bus suspension

4th Minor Offense or Major Offense: Parent Contact and possible remainder of the year suspension from the bus. Date of enforcement will begin after the 4th offense and will then be lifted as deemed appropriate by the administration.

This information can be found in the: