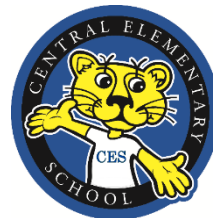


The Cougar News



December, 2017

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A model school-wide Title I School

December Tidbits

Before you know, Christmas will be here and then we'll be welcoming in 2018! This year has really flown by! We wanted to take a moment to make you aware of some things going on during the month of December. Students are working on earning their way into our PBIS ROAR celebration on December 19th. No referrals (including bus referrals) and 33 good days out of 38 is the key to entry into our *holly jolly* good time! For more information, please look at your child's classroom newsletter, contact his/her teacher, or contact Mrs. Roberts at brandiroberts@pickens.k12.sc.us. In addition, class Christmas parties will be held at various times and days. Please contact your child's teacher for party details.



Christmas Break

Christmas break begins with an **early dismissal** at 11:00 AM on Tuesday, December 19th. Students return to school on Wednesday, January 3, 2018!

Early dismissal:
December 19th at 11:00 AM!

Lego League Project

At Central Elementary, we're fortunate to have two teams of students participating in Lego League. Each year, children are challenged to think like scientists and engineers as they choose and solve a real-world problem. This year, the theme of that problem is water.



SHOELACES
For Haiti

One of our groups has already created an interesting contraption to collect rainwater. Our second team has collaborated up with an organization to help people in Haiti purify water using shoelaces. That's right! Our brilliant children have found a way to purify water using shoelaces! Because of this, we need your help!

If you are able to help, our Lego Team is collecting new or gently used shoelaces between now and Christmas break. Any color, size, or shape shoelace works. Donations can be brought to the front office or delivered to Dr. Newberry's classroom. Thank you for helping our amazing children help others!

For more information on Lego League, visit <http://www.firstlegoleague.org/>



Winter Warmth

The Pickens County Ministerial Association is hosting "Winter Warmth 2016." This is a free, used clothing give-away. No merchandise dealers or re-sellers are allowed. They will have baby and toddler clothes, as well as items for teens and parents. This one-day event will be held on Saturday, December 2nd from 8:00-11:00 AM at the Pickens Rec Gym. (545 Sangamo Rd, Pickens, SC)



Workshops to Help Parents

This semester we're offering **technology** parent workshops based on feedback parents have given us about the areas they'd like to learn more about to help their child on projects or just with school in general. We're offering sessions on Windows 10, Excel, PowerPoint, and Microsoft Word. These workshops are designed to help give you the information and tools you need to help your child at home and school. Each workshop will last one hour and 30 minutes.

Those attending these workshops are encouraged to bring questions and/or projects they need help with.

This month's workshop topics: Microsoft Word

When: Monday, December 4, 2017 at 8:30 AM or 1:00 PM

Where: Central Elementary's Parent Resource Room & Computer Lab



Title I News

Central Elementary is a Title I school based on the percentage of students participating in the free and reduced lunch program. Being a Title I school is important to CES because of the opportunities this distinction allows us to provide for the students and families of Central. This distinction allows us to add teaching positions to help maintain lower class sizes, provide additional services for our students, provide unique experiences, provide a Title I facilitator to implement CES's Title I plan, maintain a parent resource room, and a provide a family liaison. Central, also, has additional funds to purchase needed student and classroom supplies. We continue to work to build a library of materials for parents to sign-out for use when working with children at home and to provide after school tutoring to children in need of a little extra help.



Did you know that we have a Parent Resource Room? At Central Elementary, we are here to help you with your child's school needs. If your 4Ker is having trouble tying his or her shoes, we can help! If your 3rd grader can't memorize his or her multiplication facts, we can help! Whatever the need, we want to help! Schedule a time to come in and meet with our Title I Curriculum Specialist, Mrs. Ashleigh Cobey. Her contact information is ashleighcobey@pickens.k12.sc.us, (864)397-1451, or send her a message through our school Facebook page. We hope all of our parents will take advantage of this wonderful opportunity.

Central Elementary's Calendar of Events

December

1st: **PBIS Cougar Leader Breakfast** (invitation only)

4th: **Parent Workshop: Microsoft Word Basics;**
8:30 AM and 1:00 PM

11th – 14th: Santa Shop (\$1 gifts)

16th: Lego League Competition at Seneca Middle School; 8:00 AM

19th: **ROAR Celebration**

19th: ½ Day of School (dismiss at 11 AM)

20th - - Jan 2, 2018: Christmas Break

Note: Students return to school
on Wednesday, January 3, 2018!

January

1st&2nd: No School

3rd: Students Return to School

15th: No School (MLK holiday)

18th: Report Cards Go Home

25th: **Lunch & Learn Parent Workshop: "Strategies and Activities to Help Children Deal with Anger in a Healthy Way;"** 11:00 AM-1:00 PM
(lunch will be provided)

26th: **PBIS Cougar Leader Breakfast** (invitation only)

30th: **Parent Workshop: Read to Succeed Information Session for Parents of Kindergarten-3rd Graders;** 6:00 PM (childcare will be provided)

Note: Events bolded are Title I sponsored events.