

# The Cougar News



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Central Elementary School, 608 Johnson Road, Central, SC 29630

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A model school-wide Title I School

## 4K and 5K Enrollment

Enrollment for 4K and 5K begins this month. If you know people who have a child entering our 4K or 5K program next year, please help us spread this information. Children must register at the school in the attendance zone in which they reside and must be registered by their parent/legal guardian. Registration hours are from 8:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. each day.

Parents are encouraged to register kindergarten students during the scheduled dates of January 3 through January 31, 2018. However, students may be registered at the elementary school in their attendance zone during normal school hours any time before the first day of school begins. Please note:

- A child must be four years old on or before September 1, 2018 to register for four-year-old kindergarten. Each student is screened; only qualified students are accepted into the program. Please call 397-1400 for screening dates.
- A child must be five years old on or before September 1, 2018 to register for five-year-old kindergarten.

**To enroll in the School District of Pickens County, all students must reside in Pickens County with their parent or legal guardian. When a student first enrolls, the following three documents are required:**

- the student's state-issued birth certificate – not the hospital keepsake copy;
- the student's completed South Carolina Certificate of Immunization;
- proof of Pickens County residence (see guidelines below).

### Proof of Residence

- A parent or guardian must provide proof of Pickens County residence when a student first enrolls at any school.
- Proof of residence is also required when a student moves from elementary school to middle school and from middle school to high school.
- A principal may require proof to verify the student's residence at any time.
- Acceptable proof of residence is a current electricity, gas, water or cable/ satellite bill in the parent/guardian's name.
- The bill must show the service address.
- If a bill in the parent/guardian's name is not available, an *Affidavit of Residence* is required. Each school has instructions for completing an affidavit.

### School Choice

Limited school choice is available in the School District of Pickens County. Applications must be submitted before the deadline. For more information, visit us at [www.pickens.k12.sc.us](http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us) or call us at 864-397-1400.

## Central-Clemson Public Library

The Central-Clemson Public Library offers **FREE** service that we'd like to make you aware of:

**One-on-One Computer Tutoring:** They offer one-on-one 30-minute computer tutoring sessions. If you need help with email, a resume, downloading a book, or any other computer topic, call them at 639-2711 to schedule a session.

**Tax Assistance:** The Pickens County Library System will once again host the IRS's Volunteer Income Tax Assistance (VITA) program through United Way and AmeriCorps. VITA enables lower income families (household income under \$60,000/year) to have their taxes prepared for free. For more information, call 639-2711.



## Title I News

At the end of the month, a survey will be sent home in your child's Cougar folder called "How Does Our Garden Grow?" This survey will help us as we continuously attempt to improve our services to families, so we would like to have your comments about the Title I program and the parental activities at Central Elementary. Please be on the lookout for this survey. It will be sent home with your child's report card on Thursday, January 18<sup>th</sup>. Surveys **are due** back by Friday, February 9<sup>th</sup>. We appreciate and try to use all feedback we receive.



## Parent Workshops (Title I sponsored)

This semester we're offering lunch & learn parent workshops based on feedback parents have given us about the areas they'd like to learn more about to help their children with behavior. Each of these sessions will be held from 11:00-1:00, and lunch will be provided. Lisa Fields from Heath's Haven will be our presenter, so any foster parents attending these workshops will receive recertification hours.

**This month's workshop topic:** "Strategies and Activities to Help Children Deal with Anger in a Healthy Way"

**When:** Thursday, January 25, 2018 from 11:00-1:00 PM

**Where:** Central Elementary's Parent Resource Room

**Workshop Description:** There is a growing issue of anger management in this country. This session provides a basic understanding of anger and its nature. Participants will be provided activities to use in assisting young children in how to understand anger and healthy strategies to manage their anger.



# Central Elementary's Calendar of Events

## January

1<sup>st</sup> & 2<sup>nd</sup>: No School

3<sup>rd</sup>: Students Return to School

12<sup>th</sup>: 1<sup>st</sup> payment for 3<sup>rd</sup> grade field trip DUE (\$25 for students / \$28 for chaperones)

15<sup>th</sup>: No School (MLK holiday)

18<sup>th</sup>: Report Cards Go Home

**25<sup>th</sup>: 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)**

**26<sup>th</sup>: PBIS Cougar Leader Breakfast** (invitation only)

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

30<sup>th</sup>: Volunteer training for Spanish speakers; 5:30 PM

## February

6<sup>th</sup>: 5<sup>th</sup> Grade Visits Edwards Middle School

7<sup>th</sup>: Class Picture Day

7<sup>th</sup>: SIC/PTO Meeting; 7:15

9<sup>th</sup>: Birthday Celebrations

13<sup>th</sup>: Interim Reports Go Home

14<sup>th</sup>: Valentine's Day (Ask your child's teacher for class party details.)

16<sup>th</sup>: No School (In-Service Day)

19<sup>th</sup>: No School (Presidents' Day)

**20<sup>th</sup>: Lunch & Learn Parent Workshop:  
"Understanding Children's Behaviors: Tools for Coping with Challenging Behaviors;"  
11:00 AM-1:00 PM (lunch will be provided)**

**23<sup>rd</sup>: PBIS Cougar Leader Breakfast** (invitation only)

23<sup>rd</sup>: All 5<sup>th</sup> graders registration forms for Edwards Middle School are DUE!

**Note:** Events bolded are Title I sponsored events.