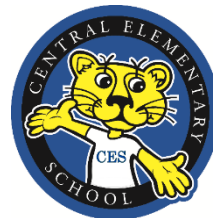


The Cougar News



October, 2017

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

<http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/CES>

(864) 397-1400



A model school-wide Title I School



You and your family are invited to Central Elementary's "Fall for Learning" Family Night!

When: Thursday, October 19, 2017 from 5:30-7:00 PM

Where: Central Elementary (Start in your child's classroom.)

Details: Central Elementary will host "Fall for Learning," a Title I Family Night, on Thursday, October 19th beginning at 5:30 PM. We'll show you fun ways to practice math and reading skills at home with your child. Also, your child's classroom book character pumpkin will be on display in the cafeteria. Make sure to check out their amazing creation before you leave.

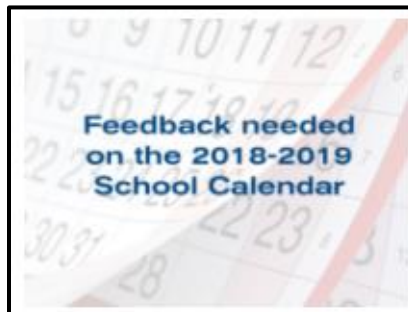
As an added bonus, children are welcome and encouraged to dress up as their favorite character for the evening!



Did you know daily reading to children puts them one year ahead of those who aren't being read to on a daily basis? Reading is the most important skill you can teach a child. Of all the skills children learn, it is the one parents and family members can influence the most. We invite you to visit our Scholastic Book Fair and experience a celebration of reading that provides families the opportunity to get involved in a universal mission: encouraging kids to open a world of possibilities. This year's Scholastic Book Fair "Wild West" will begin October 23rd and end November 2nd. Our family shopping night will be held on Tuesday, October 24th from 4-5:30 PM.

School Calendar 2018-2019

The School District of Pickens County (SDPC) board of trustees has approved the 1st draft of a calendar for next school year.



The calendar will come to the board for final approval on October 23rd, so the district would like to hear your feedback about the calendar before then. You can view the proposed calendar by visiting the website below. While on this site, you can take a brief, 10 question survey about the calendar!

The SDPC will also hold a public input meeting about the calendar on October 10th at 6 p.m. at the SDPC district office.

Please visit the link below and take the survey before October 23rd. Your opinion matters. Your voice matters.

Visit:

<http://www.pickens.k12.sc.us/cms/One.aspx?portalId=137540&pageId=10001637>

A message from our Reading Coach:

Hello! I am, Ms. Williams, your new Reading Coach at CES! I really Love our wonderful students and school! My hope for all of our students is to instill the JOY of reading in their lives. I ask the students to tell me where they see words in the world. They named a lot of places and things and finally came to the conclusion, "Words are EVERYWHERE!"

My next question? If words are EVERYWHERE, then how important is it to know how to read? Their answer, "VERY IMPORTANT!"

I will be in classrooms "catching" our students reading for our "Read to Selfie" Bulletin Board and helping them build their Reading STAMINA© (Visit the link below for more info)

<http://www.readingrockets.org/pdfs/edextras/51787-en.pdf>

<http://www.readingrockets.org/pdfs/edextras/51787-es.pdf> (Spanish version)

I am looking forward to working with your child this year and hope to help them find that JOY in reading!

See You at "Fall for Learning" on October 19th!

Ms. Williams
Reading Coach

VOLUNTEERS! NEEDED!

We need volunteers for our upcoming Book Fair. The dates are October 23-27 and October 30-November 2. If you can help by volunteering some time in our library, we'd REALLY appreciate it! Please either send a note with your child or call Mrs. McCants at 397-1405 if you can help.

We'd appreciate an hour, but two would be even better! Working a 3-hour shift is a huge help, but volunteering a day makes Mrs. McCants dance!

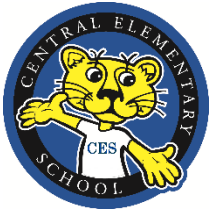
Title I Compacts



Title I regulations require that we send home a Parent and Family Engagement Policy and Title I Compact outlining the efforts of the school, parents, and students to ensure the success of each student. Thank you for reading over and providing feedback on the drafts of these documents. Our Title I Team reviewed all comments and suggestions. Once the final copies are ready, we will send them home. The final copy of our compacts will need your signature. As always, if you have any questions, please be sure to contact the school office at 397-1400 or your child's teacher. Also, a copy of the school-wide Title I Plan is always available in our front office. You may request a copy from Mrs. Cobey (864)397-1451.

Red Ribbon Week

Red Ribbon Week is October 23rd-27th this year. Central Elementary will recognize Red Ribbon Week through various in-house activities with our guidance counselor, Mr. Phelps. On Friday, October 27th, students are encouraged to "Team Up to Stop Drugs." Students will have the opportunity to wear school colors either blue and/or yellow for CES or favorite team colors to show their support.



Central Elementary's Calendar of Events

October

- 10th: **Volunteer Trainings & Parent Room Orientation; 8:30, 10:30, 12:00, and 1:30**
- 11th: Kindergarten Field Trip to Central Rec. for Fire Safety
- 11th: Community Meeting at DWD
- 16th: No School (In-service day)
- 17th: School Bus Safety Week
- 18th: Kindergarten Field Trip to Callaham Orchards
- 19th: **Title I Family Night; 5:30-7:00 PM**
- 19th: School Pictures (used for the yearbook)
- 20th: **PBIS ROAR Celebration**
- 20th: **PBIS Cougar Breakfast** (invite only)
- 23rd – 27th: Red Ribbon Week
- 23rd: **Parent Workshop: Central 101; 8:30, 10:30, 12:00, & 1:30**
- 23rd: Book Fair Begins (Book Fair is 10/23-11/2)
- 23rd: 5th Grade GT Trip to Barrier Island
- 30th: Report Cards Go Home
- 30th: 3rd Grade GT Students Field Trip to Camp Greenville

November

- 2nd: Book Fair Ends
- 6th: **Parent Workshop: Microsoft Word**
- 13th: **Parent Workshop: Central 101; 11 AM at the Central Library**
- 14th: Parent-Teacher Conferences; 3-6 PM
- 14th: **Parent Workshop: Central 101; 5:30 PM Childcare will be provided**
- 22nd – 24th: Thanksgiving Break
- 28th: Interims Go Home
- 29th: **Parent Workshop: Read to Succeed Information Session for Parents of Kindergarten-3rd Graders; 8:30 AM and 1:00 PM**

Note: Events bolded are Title I sponsored events.