

# CES DRUMBEAT

## January 2018

### Mission Statement

*The Staff, Parents, & Community work together to ensure the success of all Students while cultivating their Dreams for Tomorrow.*

### IMPORTANT DATES

- January 8 PTO Meeting @ 5:30
- January 9 SAC Meeting @ 5:30
- January 12 Report cards go home
- January 15 Martin Luther King holiday  
(no school)
- January 22-26 Literacy Week

### SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be held on January 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:30 in the Media Center. School Advisory Council (SAC) agenda and minutes can be found on our website: <http://chiefes.levyschools.org>

### PBS NEWS

Due to weather, our quarterly event was changed from a Field Day to a Dance Party. Students loved dancing, swinging, and sliding to the music. Hopefully with better weather, one of our next events will be a Field Day. We are working on getting our PBS Store up and running. If you are interested in helping to manage the store for students to purchase items using Tribal Tokens, please email Becca Momberg at [rebecca.momberg@levyk12.org](mailto:rebecca.momberg@levyk12.org). We would love to have a volunteer manage the store once or twice a week in the mornings.

### FROM ADMINISTRATION

I would like to welcome everyone back from the winter break and hope that all were able to enjoy the time to relax and participate in some memorable activities with family and friends. Thank you to all of our staff members, families, local businesses, and churches for providing gifts and meals for so many families over the holiday season and helping to make the holidays for those in need a bit more special.

As we move into the second half of the school year, I have a few reminders. First, I want to welcome any families who are new to CES and trust that you will find yourselves to be part of an outstanding and supportive learning community. Secondly, I ask all families to be mindful of re-establishing the necessary routines to ensure that your students are in attendance and on-time each morning to get each school day off to a great start. In addition to morning routines, we also ask our families to continue to be mindful of early dismissal habits as well. Although there are times when an occasional early dismissal is necessary for an appointment or urgent family need, early dismissals should be minimal as this loss of instructional time can certainly affect a student's performance. As always, we appreciate your support as our teachers and students strive to maximize their instructional time shared each day.

During the month of January your child will be taking an i-Ready diagnostic assessment in reading and math. You can ask your child's teacher for information on when and what the test involves (varies by grade level). Teachers and administrators use the information from this assessment to determine student learning needs. We want all students to do their very best so we can make the right decisions when lesson planning for this semester.

Finally, report cards will go home with students on Friday, January 12. Please be sure to review with your child. We are currently working on a plan for parent conferences and will keep you informed. In closing, I thank everyone for a warm welcome back! Thank you for all that you do in supporting our students and teachers as we look forward to an outstanding second semester here at CES!!

Michael Homan, Principal



## **KG NEWS**

The first semester is over and students are getting closer to 1<sup>st</sup> grade. Make sure you are working with your child on reading sight words. If not already, they should be starting to read some words by putting the sounds together and have emerging skills for writing a sentence by breaking the sounds apart. This quarter in math we will be working on addition. By the end of the year it is expected that your child will be able to add fluently with sums to 5. Make sure you are reading with/to your child EACH DAY. Folders are sent home every afternoon and it is expected that they bring their folder and backpack to school each day. We will have a few field trips this semester. Information will be sent home ASAP. If you are interested in chaperoning on any field trips, please make sure you have completed and submitted the volunteer application and are on the approved list.

### **1<sup>st</sup> GRADE NEWS**

Welcome back!!! We hope everyone had a great break. At this time of year first graders should be becoming more independent readers. One way to help your child with this goal is to practice the Most Commons Words that were sent home. These are words that appear often in text, knowing them quickly will help your child significantly!! If you have misplaced your copy please let your child's teacher know. Also, please make it a goal to read together every night. Reading should be an enjoyable experience for you and your child. Thank you

### **2<sup>nd</sup> GRADE NEWS**

Happy New Year! Welcome back! We want to encourage students to be at school every day, ready to learn. We will continue learning many new important skills as we build our foundation for third grade. Two-digit addition will switch to two-digit subtraction. Practicing those math facts daily at home will make adding and subtracting two-digit numbers easier. Read your library books every night and become a pro at reading sight words while increasing your vocabulary. Literacy Week is coming up at the end of the month, so be ready to participate in activities using your favorite book.

### **3<sup>rd</sup> GRADE NEWS**

Happy New Year! We hope that you and your families have had a restful holiday break. We are going to begin our new year with hard work and a positive mindset. We have a lot to do and learn. Please encourage your child to always do their best! As always, continue reading nightly and practicing those math facts. We will be taking our 2<sup>nd</sup> i-Ready Diagnostic Test this month to

help us to see how your child is progressing, and what areas we need to focus on. If you have any concerns or questions, please don't hesitate to contact your child's teacher. Thank you for all you do!

### **4<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**

Happy New Year! Over the next few weeks we will continue to work on math fact fluency and then begin our unit in fractions. The focus in Reading will be on poetry and prose, the kids will love to read amazing poetry and the journey they will be lead into! The Science unit will cover "Life Sciences" and students will have the opportunity to discover through investigations this 9 weeks. Bundle up and stay warm!!! Best Wishes for everyone is this New Year of 2018!

### **5<sup>th</sup> GRADE NEWS**

Happy New Year and Welcome Back to 5<sup>th</sup> grade! We are excited to start off this new year on the right foot! Students will be super busy this month learning the required FSA skills. Please have your students wear a jacket when the weather is cold these next few weeks! We want our kids to be healthy and in school!

ELA students will continue learning about informational text and begin the key ideas and details in information text unit! The majority of the grades will be taken from the Ready books and writing prompts that we will complete in class. Please continue to read 20 minutes per night at home!

Math students will continue adding and subtracting fractions with unlike denominators. Please continue to work on multiplication/division facts. These must be memorized.

Science students will begin a unit on Adaptations with the culminating lesson being a fieldtrip to Cedar Key! The science fair will be April 5. Students should begin figuring out what their project will be on.

### **ART ROOM NEWS**

The third through fifth grade collage contest is taking longer than expected, so the winners will be announced in the February Drumbeat. The winning pieces from all three grade levels will be displayed in the cafeteria.

With the holidays past us, all grades will resume their regular curriculum!

Thanks for any and all donations of art and craft supplies. We can always use them!

## LUNCHROOM NEWS

Welcome back students! We hope everyone had a nice break over the holidays. Parents we have a new cafeteria system now and you can go on SKYWARD to see what your student(s) ate for breakfast and lunch and if they bought a la carte items. All breakfast and lunches are free for every student but they can buy extra and we have fruit drinks, chips, fruit snacks and ice cream that students can buy.

We also have a new web site that allows you to view all info on the meals and a la carte items that we serve and sell. The site is [MealViewer.com](http://MealViewer.com), scroll down to our school site and you can pull up all info on our meals.

As always if you have any questions please contact Brenda Rolfe, Lunchroom Manager on our direct number @ 493-6019.

## STUDENT OF THE MONTH

### December Tribal Trait - Hardworking

**PK** - Niles Berry, Kaitlyn Fowler-Burnett, Jocelyn Masters

**KG** - Yanuel Flores, Aaliyah Hayes, Anna Hernandez-Navarro, Briar Moore, Braelyn Perkins, Daniel Shell, Bree Shultz

**1<sup>st</sup>** - Star Byrd, Saffire Clark, Vaden Lemieux, Josalyn McFall, Kaelyn Rix, Layla Smith

**2<sup>nd</sup>** - Deavryn Debritto, Dalton Frye, Lauren Haley, Memphis Hoffman, Jesse Inostroza, Airin Mazariegos-Garcia, Joseph Wilcox

**3<sup>rd</sup>** - Bridgette Chozo, Haley Quandt, Laycee Stalvey, Jessica Townsend, Mariah Williams, Juliana Wingett

**4<sup>th</sup>** - Jayshawn Bowers, Audrey DeBerry, Easten Hathcox, Peyton Libby, Leilu Muller

**5<sup>th</sup>** - Katelynn Foster, Michael Goodale, Arrington Grant, Halie McFall, Sharon Quigley, Anthony Richardson, Angel Richmond



## PTO NEWS

PTO is made up of parents and guardians who want to help make Chiefland Elementary a better school for everyone. We welcome new faces and anyone looking to help out. If you'd like to become more involved, please call Suellen Florance at 535-7150. Stay up to date with PTO news by visiting us on Facebook at ChieflandElementaryPTO.