

CES DRUMBEAT

April 2017

Mission Statement

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

IMPORTANT DATES

- April 3 ESOL Tutoring Night 5:00
- April 10 ESOL Tutoring Night 5:00
- April 14 Good Friday (no school)
- April 17 Hurricane Make-up Day (student day)
- April 17 ESOL Tutoring Night 5:00
- April 24 ESOL Tutoring Night 5:00
- April 26 Hurricane Make-up Day (student full day)
- May 1 ESOL Tutoring Night 5:00

END OF YEAR AWARDS

- May 16 VPK Graduation @ 9:00
- May 18 KG Graduation @ 5:30 & 7:00
- May 19 1st Grade Awards Ceremony @ 8:30
- May 22 2nd Grade Awards Ceremony @ 8:30
- May 23 3rd Grade Awards Ceremony @ 8:30
- May 24 4th Grade Awards Ceremony @ 8:30
- May 25 5th Grade Graduation @ 8:30

FROM ADMINISTRATION

Testing continues this month. Encourage your child to get rest, eat a good breakfast, and keep working hard. Results will come back at the end of the school year.

We are busily planning for next year. If you would like to provide input in writing on the type of classroom you would like to have your child in next year, please provide to front office before end of May. No specific teacher names as assignments often change.

Mark your calendars now for end of year awards ceremonies. See Important Dates section above for dates and time.

SCHOOL ADVISORY COUNCIL

Our next meeting will be held on May 16th @ 5:30 in the Media Center. School Advisory Council (SAC) agenda and minutes can be found on our website: <http://chiefes.levyschools.org>

KG NEWS

Please work diligently with your child as you review, review, review what has already been taught. Remember, practice makes better. Continue to read with your child, have a conversation with your child, and listen as your child responds. They have the most marvelous ideas floating around inside of those little heads so please encourage good thinkers to be good workers everywhere they are. Graduation cap and gown money is due the week of April 7th. The cost is \$18. Remember to include your child's measurements so that the gown fits properly. The due date is **FIRM** due to ordering deadlines. We love our kindergarten children and can't wait to watch our little "garden of children" grow. Thank you for all of your help and encouragement this year. You are special to us. ☺

1st GRADE NEWS

As we embark on our final nine-weeks, we want to encourage you to continue supporting your first grader. It is difficult to maintain an academic focus now with warmer weather upon us. We are working diligently in class to prepare your child academically, and we need your help with several things. Many students are missing valuable instructional time due to frequent absences, excessive tardies, and early check-outs. During the first hour of our day, we engage in phonics. Many students are chronically late and miss out on this important part of our day. Has your child mastered all of their sight words? These Most Common Words are listed on the back of your child's folder. Please spend extra time practicing these words if your child still struggles with them. Also, make sure your child comes to school prepared to learn. They should bring their folder each day, along with completed homework, and needed school supplies. Finally, make sure you listen to your first grader read to you each night. Becoming a fluent reader is a skill that takes practice. Remember to record all books read on your child's reading log. By working together, we can finish the year strong!

2nd GRADE NEWS

Parents, please assist your child with their homework. We are reviewing and practicing skills in preparation for their final i-Ready Diagnostic test at the beginning of May. Read with your child every day. One strategy when reading a book is for your child to read a page, then you read a page. Hearing fluent reading that is smooth, correct, and with voice inflections teaches your child what good reading should sound like. Thank you for all you do to support CES and education!

3rd GRADE NEWS

This is testing season at school, and it is very important for your child. The FSA Math test will be taken this month and your child is preparing every day. Even though your child has already finished taking the FSA ELA portion of the test, we are working very hard on our reading and writing standards. The 3rd i-Ready Diagnostic Test will be given in May, and can help your child pass into the 4th grade. Please keep encouraging your child to always do their best and be kind to others. Attendance and a good attitude will help your child finish out this busy time successful. Thank you for letting us be your partner in your child's success.

Happy Spring!!

4th GRADE NEWS

- FSA Testing: ELA April 10 - 11; Math April 24 - 25
Attendance leading up to the test is extremely important. We are reviewing every day.
- Field trip money for St. Augustine is due April 3rd
- Cedar Key field trip cost is \$7.00. Money is due April 28th. Trip schedule:
Andrews/Fisher - May 16th
Biehl/Snyder - May 18th
Allen/Mitchell - May 19th

5th GRADE NEWS

Parents, please make sure students have pencils and completed homework each morning. It is also important that students get plenty of sleep each night as we review for the FSA tests which begin April 17th. Student grades are available 24-7 on Skyward. Students and parents can get an access code from the front office.

PTO NEWS

It's almost time for the annual Boys vs. Girls Box Tops contest. Starting April 3rd we will keep track of who brings in the most Box Tops. Please remember to label your bag with your child's name and their homeroom teacher. You can either drop them in the office in the

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correctly marked bin for boys or girls or turn them in to your teacher to be delivered to the office.

If you have any questions or are interested in joining the PTO to help out our school, please call Kari Bastow at 224-8577. Thanks!

STUDENT OF THE MONTH - March

PK - Amanda Luke, Brooke Moore, Kinley O'Steen

KG - Addison Davis, Liliana Henderson, Chloe Hughes, Vaden LeMieux, Kyrsten Siegel, A'Shari Young

1st - Hailee Boggs, Garrett Chavous, Faith Clark, Delanie Daub, Cameron Davis, Lily Hatch, Lillian Prevatt

2nd - Carlee Bowman, Jenise Johnson, Emma Pitts, Sarah Prevatt, Kaylee Quintern, Chelby Yarghn

3rd - Hunter Boyd, Riley Davies, Adalynne Gregory, Joseph Horton, Teala Keefer, Aliyah Latson, Michael Stuckey

4th - Seth Collins, Lance Keener, Halie McFall, Peyton Nelson, Allannah Silva, Breeah Wiker-Corum

5th - Calvin Bryan, Terrell Glover, Calista Knapp, Pedro Sanchez-Torres, Yismaliz Urbina



Happy Easter!!