Concord Elementary

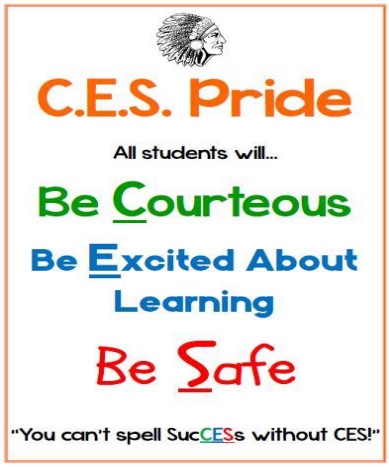
March 2016 Newsletter

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE: **In January, we asked our students and parents to set New Year's Resolutions. How are these resolutions going? A resolution is a goal. Did we set goals that are we keeping or do they need a reboot? Here are some tips for boosting or *rebooting* Reading goals.**

1.) Make a "Must Read" list of all the books you want to read.
2.) Take on a Reading Challenge!
How many books can you read before Spring Break?
3.) Reread a Favorite Book
4.) Visit Our Local Libraries or Bookstores

March is Read Across America Month and Dr. Seuss's Birthday. This is a perfect time to work towards Reading goals and get caught up in a good book. In the words of Dr. Seuss, "*The more you read, the more things you know. The more that you learn, the more places you will go."* Keeping Shining On! *Mrs. Rinella*

Mrs. Grubba would like to thank everyone who participated in the R.E.A.P canned food drive. CES collected over 25 boxes.



Current Events

March 7-25: Coins for Caring Collection

March 8: Theatre IV presentation: "Hugs & Kisses"

March 9: Career Exploration for Grades 3-5

March 11: End of 3rd Nine Weeks

March 14-25: Testing- Please refer to attached calendar.

March 18: No School- Teacher Work Day

March 21: PTA- Third Grade Performance

March 22: Jersey Mike's Night

March 24: Spring Pictures

March 25: Snow Make-up Day

March 28 – April 1: Spring Break

P.T.A News

Spring is in the air CES Family! Our yearbooks are selling like hotcakes - get your money in as soon as possible so that there is no delay in getting your students their book. We have an exciting fundraiser coming up - a Color-thon!! Keep an eye out for ways to serve in this new opportunity. We look forward to seeing you at our next meeting on March 21, 2016 at 7 p.m. to discuss!

Joyfully Yours,
Renee McArdle

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2016-17 SCHOOL YEAR

Plans are underway for the 2016-17 school year! Mrs. Rinella and other division level administrators have been working on the division's comprehensive plan. During the last several years, CCS and CES have made great strides in ensuring our students are safe. Our students continue to shine when we have fire drills, safety drills, and lockdown drills.

To ensure our students and teachers are safe, our morning drop off routines will change for the upcoming school year. Upon entering the building, only students will be permitted to walk to class. Parents and guests will need to use the car rider drop off line and any adult needing to enter the building will be required to sign-in in the main office.

SOL Test Prep Parent Workshop

If your child is taking the Virginia Standards of Learning (SOL) tests for the first time this workshop is for you! Please join us on Monday, March 21st at 6:30 in the library. It will be prior to the 3rd grade PTA performance. Parents will be made aware of the purpose of the tests, strategies and attitudes that may be helpful for their children's success.

MR. WELLS' MESSAGE

It brings joy to my soul to see students excited about reading and earning AR points! Mrs. Rinella and I are very excited about the possibility of having to kiss a pig for the next AR incentive. Our goal still stands at 150! To date, we have approximately 70 students who have already met or exceeded their AR goal.

Now is a great time to be reminded of the importance of regular attendance. Regular attendance in elementary school sets up the stage for a successful school career. As a reminder, in the event your child is absent please send in a note explaining the absence.

Shine On!
Mr. Wells