

News from the School Counselor...



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Bucket Fillers

New Students

A warm welcome goes out to our new students and their families. These students enrolled at CES after January 1st. We hope to see you at our school events and encourage you to become involved in our community. You will soon see why Concord is such a great place to be!

Caydence Cox	Kindergarten	Jones
Zayne Wade	Kindergarten	Bryant
Jamiere Jordan	1 st Grade	Roller
Ethan Johnson	2 nd Grade	LaClair
Kaitlyn Creasy	2 nd Grade	Mills
Laila Wade	2 nd Grade	LaClair
Jayla Wade	3 rd Grade	Cole
Samuel Johnson	4 th Grade	Feister
Jace Mosley	4 th Grade	Feister
Jevon Jordan	5 th Grade	Young
JaQuan Jordan	5 th Grade	Davis



Important Dates

Jump Rope for Heart	Feb. 1 st - 5 th
REAP Food Pantry collection	Feb. 8 th – 19 th
2 Hour Early Dismissal	Thursday, Feb 11 th
Regular School Day (snow make-up day)	Monday, Feb. 15 th
PTA Performance 2nd Grade	Monday, Feb. 15 th
Parent/Teacher Conferences	Thursday, Feb. 18 th
Get Moving Night at CES Free Jersey Mikes	Thursday, Feb. 25 th
Coins for Caring Collection	March 1 st – 18 th
Hugs & Kisses Performance	Tues., March 8 th
Career Exploration Grades 3 – 5	Wed., March 9 th
Teacher Workday – No Students	Friday, March 18 th
Family Life classes taught 3rd – 5th	March 21 st – 25 th
SOL Prep Meeting 6:30 library	Monday, March 21 st
PTA Meeting Grades 3rd: 7:00 P.M.	Monday, March 21 st
Spring Pictures	Tuesday, March 22 nd
Regular School Day (snow make-up day)	Friday, March 25 th
Spring Break – No School	March 28 th – April 1 st

Peace Keeping at CES



Please remind your children that CES offers mediation services when they are having conflicts with others. Mediation offers children a chance to learn the skill of problem solving in a safe and supervised situation. The first step is that they must let an adult know that a problem exists; we cannot help if we are not aware. It is our desire that all of our students develop tools for dealing with the challenges of daily life.

Classroom Guidance

Our students have just finished a unit on trustworthiness and will move onto anti-bullying education followed by careers. This year all of our students will participate in career exploration activities as well as classroom sessions. These are all intended to help students develop an awareness of the 16 career clusters and the world of work. Our dates for these activities are listed below:

Wednesday, March, 9 th	1:00 – 3:15	Grades 3-5
Wednesday, April, 6 th	9:00 – 12:00	Pre-K, K & 1 st
Wednesday, April 13 th	9:00 – 1:45	2 nd Grade

New “C” Team

Our new “C” Team members have begun their work helping around the school in various jobs. These students are teachers' helpers, book buddies, library assistants, flag bearers, mail carriers, and hall monitors. They help make our school a better place.

Haley Vallorani	Christian Watson	Justice Fuffy
Amanda Tate	Maggie Mayhew	Aden Reece
Isaiah Greep	Kaley Matney	Sarah Adams
Clayton Keyes	Lauryn Christian	Isaac McGuire
Reese Sheldon	Evan Combes	Micah Vangas
Kellen Moore	Cosie Mitchell	Chase Mayberry
Sarah Booth	Joey Seigla	Andrew Burke
Justin Chandler	Taylor Mawyer	Autumn Trent
Jr. Lerner		

6 Pillars of
Character:

Trustworthiness
Respect

Responsibility

Caring
Citizenship

Always remember...
Character counts!!

COMMUNITY SERVICE PROJECTS



Campbell County Food Bank REAP Food Collection

A flyer will come home about our annual collection for the Food Bank. If every child brings in one item we will be able to fill 20 boxes. Please help. **The drive will run from February 8th to the 19th.**



"Coins for Caring"

Our biggest community service project will run **from March 1st to March 21st**. For those who are new to our school, this project involves collecting money for **Mental Health America of Central Virginia**. MHACV is a nonprofit agency that offers numerous FREE services to the community. They provide a safe haven of activities, support, counseling and referrals for those affected by mental illness or suicide.

Our students are asked to collect coins/money. Each class will have a box for their money. You can help us by encouraging your children to collect and count their money (a Math SOL). We will have a school-wide grand prize class and a prize for each class that collects the most money at each grade level. Charts will be kept outside each room and a school chart will be in the front of the building showing how close we are to our goal. The children raised \$1500.00 last year; we hope to surpass that this year!



AR Points

Help your child earn more AR points and be eligible for our special events. Find books that are included in the program at: **arbookfind.com**
Encourage your child to **READ...READ...READ!**



SOL TEST PREP WORKSHOP FOR PARENTS

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 Concert. Parents will be made aware of the purpose of the tests, strategies and attitudes that may be helpful for their children's success.

School Store



Our school store will soon be open. Students can use the *Character Cash* that they earn from their teachers to purchase school supplies.

Our School Store managers are:
Dailoni Jones Jayden Hunter
Shaquashia Wade Wesley Burrill
Ryan Abernathy Alanna Payne



Leprechaun Traps

Once again we are going to try to catch a leprechaun. They visit our school every year and wreak havoc. A notice will come home about this optional activity. All traps will need to be at the school by **Tuesday, March 15th**. We thank you for joining in this fun activity. Hopefully, we can finally catch one of these wee people!

Family Life Education

Mrs. Grubba will be teaching the sensitive areas of the state-mandated Family Life curriculum during **the week before Spring break, March 22nd – 25th 2016 to Grades 3, 4, & 5**. If you are unfamiliar with this curriculum or have any questions, please contact her and she will arrange a time that you can view the materials. *Parents always have the right to opt their children out of these classes*. For information about this process, contact Mrs. Grubba. In addition, we have a wide array of resource materials related to human development and puberty for parents to borrow.

A message for parents from the Campbell County Department of Social Services



KEEP KIDS SAFE
by Mark Yudowitch, Parent Educator
January, 2016

“The only thing we have to fear, is fear itself.” These words of Franklin D. Roosevelt still have meaning today. Americans have greater fear of a terrorist attack today than any other time since 9-11-01. And many of these Americans are parents and role models to elementary school-aged children. These are children who are beginning to grasp the idea that death is permanent. Children who are confused about the world they live in will often make very negative assumptions.

Add to this concern the competing news media companies who are broadcasting on television all hours of every day. The incidents that do occur can often be sensationalized. We hear all the time that “perception is reality.” For many reasons it is important that parents maintain regular, open dialogue with their children. As we acknowledge that there are some bad people who do bad things, it is an excellent opportunity to talk about who can be trusted and give some basic precautions for avoiding trouble.

The four basic parenting pillars are to provide: (1) love, (2) structure, (3) consistency, and (4) safety. When we address having a safe physical environment, it is easy to overlook keeping a safe and secure emotional environment. Keep in mind the only natural fears for humans are extremely loud noises and abandonment. All other fears are learned, including fear of heights, closed spaces, snakes, clowns and terrorism.

Concerned parents can talk to their children and reassure them that they will be safe at home, at school, and anywhere else they may go. Remind them that there are policies in place to protect people, and that law enforcement is effective. Listen to whatever concerns a child may have and respond appropriately. Display confidence and a positive attitude, which in turn will be contagious. Attitude, more than even aptitude, will determine one’s altitude! A safe child will not only feel more secure, but also be more productive. Pass it on.