

January 14, 2025

Hello Families and Guardians,

Happy New Year! I hope all of you had a fabulous break and 2025 is off to a great start!

Attendance Matters!

C-S EL has joined the county-wide "attendance matters" campaign to increase time on tasks in the classroom, time in the school which builds important relationships, as well as developing positive life-long habits.



Mrs. York's Third Grade Class

Great Attendance!

Congratulations to Mrs. York's third grade class for having the highest number of attendance for the month of November at 68%, and Ms. Buirley's third grade class for winning the highest attendance at 89% in the school for the month of December!

Students who only missed one day, and were only a late sign in and/or early leave one time, each received a colorful "great attendance" award from the office, and each kid received a homemade heart sugar cookie from Mrs. Peters.

Thank you, third grade team, for celebrating the importance of coming to school and attending for the whole day! We challenge each student to come to school on time each day and stay to learn for the entire day. Great attendance not only improves our academic and social skills it also builds excellent life-long habits!

Ms. Buirley's Third Grade Class



A review of Art Club:

Dates for the remainder of the year are: 1/14, 1/28, 2/11, 2/25, 3/11, 3/25, 4/23, 5/13, 5/27.

School Store is every Thursday during student lunch blocks:

Funds earned by the school store are put back into the "student service" accounts to help purchase necessary items.

Construction Update 2025:

Our construction projects continue to look amazing and are projected to be completed by fall 2025! A quick review: We are adding a new gymnasium, allowing our current gymnasium to become an "all purpose room"; a new office with a more secure entrance to classrooms, allowing our current office space to become a student support center; an Early El wing with two-three GSRP classrooms, as needed based on enrollment; and a Pre-K Threes morning class program with opportunity for afternoon daycare, again based on enrollment needs. An additional goal is to offer before and after school care in the PreK wing. We are also investigating the possibility of offering a "Begindergarten" class, which is to be a "bridge" between the Fours class and regular Kindergarten. More info to follow at a later date.

Registration for Threes Class and GSRP Fours classes will begin mid-March.

Field Day 2025 and Congratulations to our very own Mrs. Lutz! ~

Due to the large constructon projects on all sides, as well as Mrs. Lutz welcoming her second baby to her family, we will not hold a field day this Spring. We have arranged for Ms. Ellie Tribbett to take over Mrs. Lutz's class, Ms. Tribbett is a C-S grad, she earned her degree in P.E., and currently is a substutute teacher. We are thrilled to have her onboard in Mrs. Lutz's absence!

Intervention assistance + Title 1 Funds:

As a Title 1 school, we utilize funding to hire and train para supports so they can assist teachers with specific, ongoing, lesson interventions each day. We use testing screeners and weekly checks to determine when students are able to move into another group to receive what they need.

We are very fortunate to have many para supports, plus a full time Literacy Coach/Title 1 Coordinator, Ms. MacVicar, and a one day per week math coach, Mrs. Paige-Gruber, to assist paras, teachers, and students with helping our kiddos get what they need!

If any parent would like to see the specific intervention materials we use, reach out to the office and we can give you a walk-through of the materials.



School Hours:

Our start time is 8:40 and our dismissal time is 3:45.

Drop off and dismissal procedures will remain as they have been for the past few years. Drop off the students from grades 3-5 at the parking lot door grades K-2 at the front door.

Have a fabulous weekend!



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