



Cougar Tales

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END OF THE YEAR EVENTS FOR MAY

4-5	SCREADY/ELA Testing Grade 3
6	SCREADY/Math Testing Grade 3, 4 and 5
12-13	SCREADY/ELA Testing Grades 4 and 5
14	SCPASS/Science Testing Grade 4
19	Field Day Events in Morning, 5K
19	Field Day Events in Afternoon, Grade 1
20	Field Day Events in Morning, Grade 2
20	Field Day Events in Afternoon, Grade 3
21	Field Day Events in Morning, Grade 4
21	Field Day Events in Afternoon, Grade 5
28	Grade 5 Awards 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Dismissal Reports Cards Issued

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ARRIVE ON TIME

Please make sure that your child arrives each morning prior to 7:45 AM. When a child is late, the teacher must stop her instruction to assist with that child and get him or her caught up. Ultimately, the entire class is affected. Thank you for helping your child to start each day on time and ready to learn!



REGISTRATION FOR 2021-2022

Please make plans to come to registration on August 5, 2021, between 8:00 AM and 4:00 PM. Registration is for all Cowpens Elementary School students, not just new students. You will need to complete important paperwork and pay fees. The school will again provide each child with a field trip shirt. Shirt samples will be available for your child to try on. You will be able to meet the teacher during our PTO Open House on August 12, 2021.



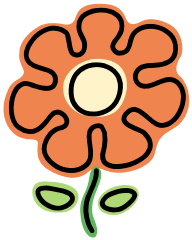
- Work hard until the last day of school
- Cougar Club closed 5/27 and 5/28

Dress Code Reminders

With warmer weather comes summer clothing. As a reminder, please be aware that we do have a dress code policy in place for all of our Cowpens Elementary School students. The information pertaining specifically to summer dress is as follows:

- No halter, spaghetti strap or midriff tops
- Sleeveless tops must be 3 adult fingers wide on the shoulder
- No low-rise or baggy bottoms that do not fit the waist
- No shorts or skirts above finger tip length (stand with arms extended straight down by your side. Shorts and skirts must be longer than where your longest fingertip touches your leg)

THANK YOU, PTO!



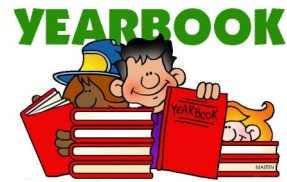
PTO allowed us to purchase beautiful flowers for our pots at the entrance to the school. The flowers were planted in celebration of Earth Day.

Fuel Your Brain!

Your child is encouraged to bring a water bottle to school daily to drink in class. Drinking water can make a big difference in helping students stay focused, creative, and energized. Most importantly, it helps their cognitive skills stay balanced, which prepares them for optimal learning. Water allows our children to grow and learn with the best possible strength and health.

ORDER YOUR YEARBOOK

Make sure that you order a copy of the Cowpens Elementary School 2020-2021 hardcover yearbook. Everyone that had their fall picture made will have their photo in the book. All clubs and groups will also have their pictures included. Don't miss out! Order now! Yearbooks are \$25.00 per copy and they will arrive in late May. You may send your money to your child's teacher to reserve your copy. Please make checks payable to: Cowpens Elementary School.



WARM WEATHER SAFETY TIPS

It is that time of the year when the weather begins to warm up and our days are longer that we find ourselves spending more time outside. It is important to remember some safety tips to pass along to our children. Remember to wear a helmet when riding a bike. Make sure your child's helmet fits correctly. Wearing a brightly colored helmet or brightly colored clothes also helps your child be visible to other riders and drivers. If your child is playing a sport make sure they have the proper equipment and that they drink plenty of water. This will help them be more alert and have more energy to do their best. If they are playing on a playground make sure that they are supervised. Be aware that playground surfaces and equipment can wear over time. The most important thing to remember is to be safe in any activity that you choose and have fun .



State Testing for Grades 3-5

Each spring our students, along with all students in the State of South Carolina, participate in the assessments established by the South Carolina Legislature. The **SCReady™**, which assesses students in English language arts, reading, and math, will be administered to students in grades 3-5. The SCPASS, which assesses students in science, will be administered to all students in grade 4. Your child has worked hard this year and now will be able to show a level of mastery for our state standards in the above named subjects.

For your information, a calendar of testing dates follows on the next page.

As parents, please help your children be successful by ensuring that they:

- . Do get plenty of rest the night before the test.
- . Are at school and on time each day.
- . Do eat a good, healthy breakfast – We provide free breakfast each day of testing.
- . DO NOT have appointments and other out of school functions during testing time.
- . Do wear comfortable clothing including a jacket or sweater.
- . Do their best on the test. It is not timed.
- . Do get a hug from you for a positive start to the day.

Please also note that the South Carolina Department of Education states:

Policy on Use of Electronic Communication, Imaging, and Photography Devices:

During the test, students may not have ANY electronic or other device with them that can be used for communicating, timing, creating images, or storing images. These devices include, but are not limited to, cell phones, media players, electronic readers, headphones, stop watches, electronic translators, hand-held devices, SMART watches or any electronic imaging or photographic devices. **Please leave all devices at home.**

This test is untimed; however, a student **MUST** complete the test in one day. Students may actively work on the test until the end of the school day.

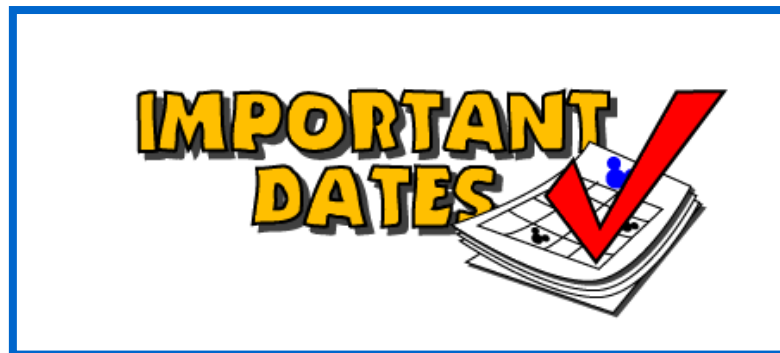
Your encouragement and support will make a big difference in your child's outlook of this educational experience. Thank you for the support you have given your child and our teachers all year.

Statement of Non-Discrimination

Spartanburg School District Three does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person(s) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Pupil Services 3535 Clifton Glendale Road Glendale, SC 29346 (864)279-6000. rgoode@spartanburg3.org

State Testing Schedule 2021

Test	Grade Level	Subject	Dates
MAP Spring	5K-Grade 5	Reading	April 13
MAP Spring	5K-Grade 5	Math	April 15
SCREADY	Grade 3	English Language Arts Day 1	May 4
SCREADY	Grade 3	English Language Arts Day 2	May 5
SCREADY	Grades 3, 4 and 5	Math	May 6
SCREADY	Grades 4 and 5	English Language Arts Day 1	May 12
SCREADY	Grades 4 and 5	English Language Arts Day 2	May 13
SCPASS	Grade 4	Science	May 14



We are thrilled that we will be able to offer our 5K – Grade 5 children Field Day events this year. They have worked extra hard and deserve a fun break!


Unfortunately, due to COVID restrictions, we are still not allowed to invite adults in this year.

Each grade level will participate as follows and then have a regular remainder of that day:

May 19, 2021 – 5K (8:00 – 10:30)
May 19, 2021 – Gr. 1 (11:30 – 2:00)
May 20, 2021 – Gr. 2 (8:00 – 10:30)
May 20, 2021 Gr. 3 (11:30 – 2:00)
May 21, 2021 – Gr. 4 (8:00 – 10:30)
May 21, 2021 – Gr. 5 (11:30 – 2:00)

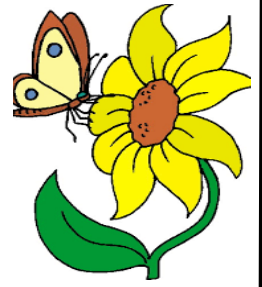
Remember to apply sunscreen before sending your child to school and send a towel, a hat, and water. Shorts and a t-shirt with tennis shoes are also recommended.

Field Day





May 2021



Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
					Career Day	1
2	3	4 Teacher Appreciation Day Grade 3 ELA SCREADY	5 Grade 3 ELA SCREADY	6 Teacher Assistant Appreciation Day Grade 3-5 MATH SCREADY	7	8
9 HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY!	10	11	12 School Nurse Appreciation Day Grades 4 and 5 SCREADY ELA	13 Grades 4 and 5 SCREADY ELA	14 Grade 4 SCPASS Science	15
16	17	18	19 Field Day 5K Morning Gr. 1 Afternoon	20 Field Day Gr. 2 Morning Gr. 3 Afternoon	21 Field Day Gr. 4 Morning Gr. 5 Afternoon	22
23	24	25	26	27 Dismissal 11:30	28 Gr. 5 Drive-thru Graduation 8:30 am Dismissal 11:30 Last Day of School	29
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