



Cougar Tales

CHRISTMAS WISHES



Cowpens Elementary School students and staff are working together to create a virtual holiday surprise to share with you and our community. We cannot wait for you to see and hear the music, the warm wishes and the sweet faces. This is our way of sharing the joys of the season! More information to come.

POLAR EXPRESS DAY



Get your pajamas ready for Polar Express Day on December 17th!!! We will wear PJ's and slippers to school and enjoy hot chocolate while we listen to and watch The Polar Express. This is a fun way to enjoy a wonderful holiday book.

Winter Holidays

School will dismiss on Friday, December 18th at 11:30 AM. We will not have Cougar Club on the 18th. Students will return to school on Tuesday, January 5, 2021.

SANTA SHOP

Each year, our PTO sponsors the Santa Shop so that your child will have the opportunity to purchase Christmas gifts for family members. This year our Santa Shop opened online on November 23 and will close on December 4, 2020 Thank you for supporting our PTO while allowing your child to shop for the special people in their lives.



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Note

CES is a Title I School. We welcome your input.

Students return on 1/5/21.

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SPARTANBURG COUNTY SCHOOLS

School officials cannot ever guarantee the safety of road conditions. The district administration makes the decision whether or not to operate schools. Parents must make the decision whether or not to send their children to school during bad weather conditions.

When ice or snow causes hazardous driving conditions, we will operate schools only when roads are safe. School officials begin checking road conditions at 4:00 a.m. However, many times road conditions cannot be determined until two or three hours later because snow or ice may occur at daybreak. When possible, a decision is made early - usually by 5:30 a.m. Once a decision is made, radio and TV stations are notified, and the announcement is aired with the 6:00 a.m. news. The announcement is repeated frequently until the normal time for school to begin. **Our district will also use our Rapid Alert system to notify parents at 6:00 a.m.**

If a decision to close schools cannot be made by 5:30 a.m., school opening may be delayed for an hour or more. If an announcement is made that the school opening time will be delayed, teachers will not be at the schools until the announced time. Therefore, students may not be brought to school until the announced opening time. When schools close due to weather conditions, we request students and parents to help school personnel communicate accurate information as early and as quickly as possible.

The radio and TV stations are anxious to cooperate with the schools in making these announcements. We believe that radio and TV are helpful tools through which the announcement can be made and appreciate the cooperation of these stations.

THE PLAN IS AS FOLLOWS:

- District officials will request that local radio and TV stations announce the decision as soon as we make it. The announcement will be broadcast no later than 6:00 a.m. on the day concerned, provided school personnel can get the message to radio and TV stations.
- District officials will request that the media make announcements as often as possible. Students, parents, and other concerned persons are asked not to telephone the district or school personnel, or radio and TV stations. We need the telephone lines open so that those responsible for making the decision can communicate with each other.
- If a radio or TV is not available, the parent, student or other concerned person is asked to arrange to get the information elsewhere. Your cooperation in following this plan will be greatly appreciated.



TERRIFIC KIDS FOR NOVEMBER

Leona Lo

Breeah Dover

Delilah Stacy

Madeline Bailey

Karwin Glenn

Aletxa Paniagua Arcos

Kendra Vazquez

Erik Reyes Gomez

Evelyn Corneliz-Alto

Lyedison Dover

Cadance Sullivan

Mina Burgess

Lexus Morgan

Lauren Searcy

Abigail Lindsay

Amani Cummings

Karen Martinez-Lopez

Sara Bone

Mason Fortner

Chandler Brown

Aiden Smalley

A NOTE FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Dear Parents,

During the holiday season we try to assist our families experiencing financial difficulties. If you would like to sponsor a child or donate clothes or toys for Christmas, your generosity will be greatly appreciated. We are asking that all donations be received by December 11th. If you are interested in assisting a child, you can contact me for further information at 279-6307 or by email at abella@spartanburg3.org.



As always, feel free to contact me at anytime if you have a concern or question regarding your child.

I will be more than happy to assist you.

Seasons Greetings,
Angela Bellamy
School Counselor

Angel of Hope Tree

Thank you so much for your five dollar donation to the American Cancer Society. The angel ornament was sent home for your child to decorate.

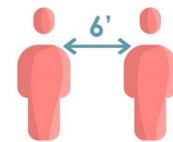


When the ornament is returned to school, it will then be hung on our tree in the front lobby. On December 18, we will take the ornaments and give them to patients at Hospice House of Spartanburg. Your \$5.00 donation will not only help The American Cancer Society, it will also help make the season a little brighter for a person in need of comfort and support.

STAYING SAFE



Everyone must wear a mask



Social Distancing & limiting number of occupants



Handwashing & use of hand sanitizer



Cleaning & disinfecting



No shared supplies



Isolating & sending home those who are symptomatic

Giving Warms the Heart!



We are asking that students bring in items that will be given to Cowpens Elementary School children who need extra assistance at Christmas. Examples of items needed are new toys, games, socks, mittens, and hats. (No toy guns, please) Items will be collected each morning in the front lobby. Thank you for allowing your child to help others!

Buckle Up!

South Carolina's child passenger restraint law requires that:

- An infant under 2 must be secured in a rear-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the height or weight limit allowed by the manufacturer of the car seat.
- A child at least age 2 **or** under 2 who has outgrown the manufacturer's height or weight limits for a rear-facing car seat must be secured in a forward-facing car seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child exceeds the highest height or weight requirements of the forward-facing car seat.
- Children at least age 4 who have outgrown their forward-facing car seat must be secured by a booster seat in a rear seat of the vehicle until the child can meet the height and fit requirements for an adult safety seat belt. Lap **and** shoulder belts must be used.
- A child at least age 8 **or** at least 57 inches tall may be restrained by an adult safety belt **if the child can be secured properly by an adult safety seat belt.**

SPELLING BEE WINNERS

Our annual 5th Grade Spelling Bee was held on November 12, 2020. We had a total of 15 students who participated and they all did an excellent job. Congratulations to our winner, Ashlyn Lindsay, and to our runner-up, Troy Carias! We wish Ashlyn all the best when she competes in the Regional Spelling Bee.

