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Cougar Tales

Thank you all for being flexible and understanding as we started the 2020-2021 school year at Cowpens Elementary School. We truly appreciate you for sharing your children with us as we work together to educate them and keep them safe.



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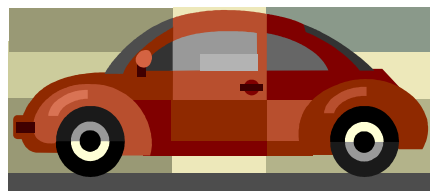
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Arrival/Dismissal Procedures

Thank you to everyone for your patience during arrival and dismissal. We have many new children arriving in cars and trying to learn new car numbers. This year's car numbers are on yellow cards. Please remember to give a new tag to anyone picking up your child. For your child's safety, anyone picking up a child without a new tag will be asked to provide a picture ID and their name must be listed on the sign-out sheet.

We will have a Cowpens Police Officer out front daily at 2:10 PM to assist with traffic. The officer will not allow cars to pass other cars waiting in line on Foster Street. The line of traffic can be avoided if you arrive around 2:40. You must pick-up your child prior to 2:50 daily.

Your cooperation allows us to get everyone in and out safely.



Free Meals For ALL!

Beginning September 14, 2020, free meals will be provided for all D3 students. This includes free breakfast and lunch on campus for in-person students and 5 day meal kits free for D3 students enrolled in our Virtual Program. No applications are required. Please notify the school at 279-6300 if your child attends in-person and you do not want a free meal sent home for your child to eat on eLearning days.



Wear Your BEST Smile!

- All 4K-Grade 2 and "B" Students in Grades 3-5 will have school pictures on 9/24.
- "A" Students in Grades 3-5 will have school pictures on 9/28.

New Faces at CES



We are pleased to welcome our new staff members: Haley Revels, Hailey Robertson, Robin Harris and Terri Bridges.

Our school and your children will most definitely be in good hands with these new additions.

Principal's Reminders

- Our school campus is smoke free. This includes not smoking or vaping in your automobile on school grounds.
- Please call the school at 279-6300 if your child is absent or tardy. You may leave a voice message before or after school hours. If we have not heard from you, we will make an attendance call to ensure your child's safety.
- Remember to walk your child to the front door if he/she arrives after we come inside at 7:45.
- Car riders must be picked up by 2:50. We do not have after-school care at this time.
- CES is a Title I School and the Title I Plan is available on our website.



Notes from PE.....



As we begin another year in PE, I have just a few reminders for you. For safety purposes, flip flops are not allowed in PE. Your child needs to wear tennis shoes on PE days. If your child wears flip flops, they will not be able to participate that day. I ask that you please have your child dressed appropriately on their designated PE day. Appropriate dress includes soft-soled shoes (lace up or Velcro only). Children should not be dressed in clothing that may prohibit activity or become tangled in equipment. Examples would be excessively baggy clothing, loose belts, or long skirts. Appropriate dress does not include sandals, slip-ons, or hard-soled shoes. Dresses are acceptable as long as pants or shorts are worn underneath.

Mike Reid, PE Teacher

SAFETY FIRST

Our students have done an amazing job wearing a mask when social distancing is not possible.

Stop the spread - Wear your mask

Go
Cougars!



GREETINGS FROM OUR SCHOOL COUNSELOR

Dear Parents,

I hope each of you had a wonderful summer. I am very excited about a start to a new school year! This is my eleventh year as the school counselor. I have truly enjoyed working with the children and their families here at Cowpens Elementary and I look forward to meeting new students this year.

I will continue to see children on a bimonthly basis in classroom guidance. During our guidance time we will discuss social skills, manners, bullying, study skills, safety, alcohol and drug awareness, feelings, careers and our character word of the month.

I am also here to help students who are facing particular difficulties. I will see children on an individual basis or in a small group. Please let me know if a problem arises with your child and you would like for me to talk with them. It is important to remember that school personnel and parents working together is a winning combination for children.

As always, feel free to contact me at any time if you have a concern or question regarding your child. I will be more than happy to assist you. I can be reached at 279-6307 or at my email address abella@spartanburg3.org.

I wish your child a successful school year!

Respectfully,
Angela Bellamy



ANTI-BULLYING RULES



- 1) We will not bully others.
- 2) We will try to help students who are bullied.
- 3) We will try to include students who are left out.
- 4) If we know that someone is being bullied, we will tell an adult at home and at school.

Notes From Nurse Bridges



Please help me welcome our new nurse, Mrs. Bridges, to our CES family!

Nurse Bridges has a message for us:

- Remember students **may not** transport medications to and from school. A parent/guardian must bring in all medications.
- Let's stay healthy by practicing good hand washing before and after eating, after restroom use and after playing outside.

It is my privilege to care for your child while he/she is here at school. Please feel free to contact me at 279-6304 with any questions or concerns you may have.

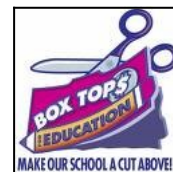
Terri Bridges, School Nurse

Free Money for CES

Please collect Box Tops from products that you already purchase. Cowpens Elementary School receives a dime for every Box Top that you send to us or scan. In addition, your child gets a small prize from Mrs. Garrett for helping our school.

Ingles donates a portion of everything that you spend if you register your Ingles card with our school identification number. Your card must be registered at the beginning of each school year. Please send a note if you need a form to register your Ingles card for 2020-2021.

Thank you for helping us earn free money for our kids at CES!



Spartanburg School District Three Conducts Child Find Screenings (SEARCH)

for children with special needs ages 3-5 years who are NOT enrolled in school.

*If you know a child living in Spartanburg School District Three who
has **difficulties seeing, hearing, talking, walking,
learning/doing, or behaving,**
please have the child's parents call to schedule an appointment for a
FREE screening.*

Dates: DATES: 9/9/20, 11/11/20, 2/10/21, 4/14/21

Place: Pacolet Elementary School

Time: 9:00 am – 11:00 am

**FOR AN APPOINTMENT CONTACT
SPARTANBURG SCHOOL DISTRICT THREE
SPECIAL SERVICES OFFICE 864-279-6020.**

Federal law mandates services for children with disabilities from birth to age 21 years. Children ages 0 (birth) to three (3) might be eligible for **BabyNet Services**. For more information contact **Spartanburg's BabyNet Office at (621-0865) or babynet@scfirststeps.org**

Public schools are required to identify and provide services to children ages three (3) to five (5) who meet the criteria for services under IDEA (Individuals with Disabilities Education Act). For more information, contact your local school district.



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 nondiscrimination policies: Director of Personnel and Pupil Services 3535 Clifton Glendale Road Glendale, SC 29346 (864)279-6000 rgoode@spartanburg3.org

District Three Schedule Update

In an effort to give our families as much planning time as possible, District Three will be releasing schedules for the **following** week as early as possible while we navigate our way, slowly, safely, and steadily back to 5 days a week of on-campus learning.

September 21-25, 2020

FIVE DAYS A WEEK LEARNING FOR 4K-2ND GRADE

3RD GRADE THROUGH 12TH GRADE

Monday Sept. 21	Tuesday Sept. 22	Wednesday Sept. 23	Thursday Sept. 24	Friday Sept. 25
GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP A	GROUP B	GROUP B*

Please note: Group A and Group B students will be alternating Fridays while we continue our Hybrid model.

