



Cougar Tales

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END OF THE YEAR EVENTS

MAY

- 7-8 SCREADY/ELA Testing Grade 3
- 14-15 SCREADY/ELA Testing Grades 4 and 5
- 17 SCPASS/Science Testing Grade 4
- 17 SCREADY/Soc. Studies Testing Grade 5
- 22 SCREADY/Math Testing Grade 3-5
- 24 Field Day
- 27 Memorial Day
- 28 5K Celebration 8:30 AM/4K Reception at 10:00 AM
- 29 Grades 1 and 2 Awards 8:30 AM
- 30 Grades 3 and 4 Awards 8:30 AM
- 31 Grade 5 Awards 8:30 AM and 11:30 AM Dismissal

JUNE

- 3 Last Day of School
- 3 Dismissal at 11:30 AM



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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 2019-2020

Please make plans to come to registration on August 1, 2019, 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 15, 2019.



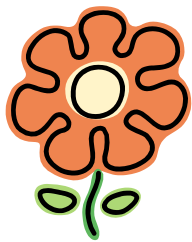
- No School on May 27th
- Work hard until the last day of school
- Cougar Club closed 5/31 and 6/3

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 will be planted in celebration of Earth Day.

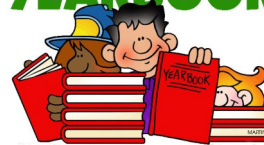
Fuel Your Brain!

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 2018-2019 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 \$22.00 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.

YEARBOOK



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 MAY 2019

Each spring our students, along with all students in the State of SC, participate in the assessments established by the SC Legislature. The SCReady™, which assesses students in English Language Arts, Reading, and Math, will be administered to students in grades 3-8. The SC PASS, which assesses students in Science or Social Studies, will be administered to all students in grades 4-8. 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 **is on page 1.**

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

- . Get plenty of rest the night before the test.
- . Are at school and on time **before 7:45 AM each day.**
- . Eat a good, healthy breakfast – We will provide free breakfast each day of testing.
- . DO NOT have appointments and other out of school functions during testing time.
- . Wear comfortable clothing including a jacket or sweater.
- . Do their best on the test. It is not timed.
- . Get a hug from you for a positive start to the day.

Student devices will be collected prior to the testing sessions and returned after all testing is completed. Students whose IEP or 504 states that they have oral test administration will be allowed to use headphones or earbuds, which will be provided by the school.

As mentioned above, 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. Continue to support and encourage them every day.

Please feel free to contact the school if you have any questions.



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

FIELD DAY

We are excited about Field Day which will be held on May 24, 2019. Mrs. Justus is working hard to make this a memorable experience for all boys and girls.

Please review the following important information regarding Field Day. We thank you in advance for helping us to ensure the safety of all children.

- You must be on the SLED approved list to volunteer and chaperone students and you will wear a YELLOW wrist band.
- All other parents and visitors must sign in and wear an ORANGE wrist band the entire time while at Cowpens Elementary School – if you lose or damage your bracelet, you must report immediately to the office for a replacement. Any visitor without a bracelet may be required to leave the premises.
- No cigarette smoking, e-cigarettes, vaping or tobacco use is allowed on District Three properties.
- Coolers are not allowed.
- Adults must follow the school dress code for length of shorts and types of tops worn.
- You may not take photos of other students.
- Children who are 5 or older and not enrolled at CES will not be admitted for Field Day.
- The doors located by the art classroom leading outside will be the ONLY doors used for entering and exiting the playground area where all Field Day events will be held.
- Children will not be signed-out from school to anyone who is not listed on their Emergency Contact Sheet.
- Parents and visitors will be allowed to report to your child's classroom at 8:15. Please remain in the front lobby until that time.
- Teachers are accountable for students at all times. You must notify the teacher before taking a child away from the classroom group (bathroom, check out, etc.).
- If you plan to sign your child out of school early, you must sign him/her out in the front office. At that time, you will receive a green exit pass. Please be aware that there may be a line and your patience is appreciated. Having your photo ID ready will make the process go more quickly.
- There will be clearly posted signs and staff available to direct visitors.
- Any visitors entering unauthorized areas may be required to leave the premises.
- 4K students do not participate in field day activities.

If you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school at 279-6300. We are looking forward to a safe and fun Field Day!

