

CHAPLIN ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER

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From the Principal...

K. Chavez, Principal:

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Dear Parents and Guardians,

Although the school year is still in progress, we need to start planning for the 2019-20 school year. As our vision statement indicates, we are all about creating the best environment that will allow all our students to grow and develop as learners as well as citizens within a community.

The teachers at Chaplin are dedicated to improving the classroom experience for your children each year as they spend time in professional learning and put their new knowledge into practice. They reflect and revise daily to reach all the students in their rooms.

This must be done at the school level also; I have spent a lot of time having discussions with many people about where we are at the present time and where we want to be in the future. In order for us to grow as a community, we need to make some changes that will have the greatest impact on the learning needs of our students. This month's newsletter will walk you through these changes. Please take the time to read through this carefully and consider the positive outcomes for the entire school. Thank you!



At Chaplin School, we strive to cultivate a strong, collaborative school climate and culture that is focused on high academic development and achievement for all students. – High standards for curriculum implementation and student learning.

Important Dates

- May 18 PTO Plant sale and fifth grade car wash
- May 22– Drama performance of “Hats!” (6:30 PM)
- May 23/24– No Pre-k– Staff PD
- May 24– Early Release
- May 27– Memorial Day not school
- May 30– Gr 3-6 Spring Concert (6:30 PM)

Change Quotes

If the facts don't fit the theory, change the facts

Albert Einstein

Staffing Changes

As we progress through the years we realize where we need to make modifications. We cannot stick with the idea of "that is how it has been done in the past." We need to analyze the data and hypothesize the cause and effect relationships that lead to the progress that our students are making. We then need to devise what we consider to be the best course of action. Decisions are never made in haste or without careful reflection and discussion among the staff.

Instructional Consultant

Mrs. Rossi will fill a role that existed at CES in the past. Her experience and knowledge will support teachers in the classroom as an instructional consultant. This position will allow the teachers (who work in isolation often times due to the size of our school) to have another teacher to collaborate with on curriculum and assessment. This position is extremely important to our constant growth. She will also spend a portion of her day delivering Special Education services to some of our students.

School Psychologist

We are in the process of interviewing candidates for a full-time school psychologist. This change will afford the CES student population more consistency with support services that have previously been offered through a part time social worker and a part time psychologist. The new staff member will continue to carry out the same services offered every day of the week rather than a select few days. This person will also be an additional asset to a new program to the school as well as to students who need behavioral supports.

Middle Academy

We are in the process of interviewing for a new teacher to join the CES family. This teacher will join the fifth/sixth grade team and have an impact on the methods and strategies we choose to employ to reach our students in all curricular areas.

The goal is to strengthen the delivery of instruction and to help our students make bigger gains in all areas. The decision to place the teacher in this grade has been guided by our student needs and performance. The present third grade will combine into one class and the present fourth grade class will split into two sections.



For more information about any topics in this newsletter, please contact the school office.

Collaboration

- ◆ Collaboration is essential in our classrooms because it is inherent in the nature of how work is accomplished in our civic and workforce lives.
- ◆ Exercise flexibility and willingness to be helpful in making necessary compromises to accomplish a common goal.
- ◆ Assume shared responsibility for collaborative work, and value the individual contributions made by each team member.
- ◆ “under the right circumstances, groups are remarkably intelligent, and are often smarter than the smartest people in them.” (James Surowiecki)

Source: A Guide to Four Cs 21st Century

Think about how you can model collaboration skills at home with your child.

How can you provide substantial opportunities at home to work in groups?

How can you encourage your child to be a more effective collaborator?

How can you encourage your child to use more vocabulary every day?



Pre-K Readiness Program

I recently met with the parents of the children in our Pre-K Readiness Program to discuss the changes being made. The goal of the program is to prepare the children who will enter into Chaplin's kindergarten class. One of the goals of the Readiness program is to provide a language rich environment in which children learn a sense of self as a learner, a sense of responsibility to oneself and others, effective functioning as an individual and a member of a group.

In order for us to reach as many children in the community as we possibly can, we are in need of transitioning the program to two part-day readiness classes. We can then have greater impact on a larger number of three and four year olds.

We will run the AM session from 8:30 to 11:00 and the PM session from 12:45 to 3:15. The readiness team will use time in between the sessions to meet as a staff to discuss the needs of the children in the classes and to prepare for the children by collaborating in professional development sessions.

We are confident in the positive impacts the changes will have on more students entering Kindergarten!

PTO NEWS!

The CES PTO has a few activities planned, mark your calendars!

Plant Sale: Saturday, May 18 at 8:00 AM in the school gym

The PTO Road Race will take place on June 1. Please see the school website for a registration paper.

Please consider joining the PTO at the beginning of the 2019-20 school year. We are always looking for parent involvement.

Box Tops for Education

Mr. Burelle is still collecting box tops so please send clipped box tops in with your child. There will be a contest held for the class with the most box tops at the end of the year! Who's class will it be this time?

Our monthly PTO meetings are the FIRST Wednesday of each month at 6:30pm in the CES Library, we'd love to see some new faces and get some new ideas!

-Chaplin PTO

The CES PTO provided a Taco Tuesday on Friday to the staff in honor of Teacher Appreciation Week! Their thoughtfulness was greatly appreciated by the staff! We want them to know how much they are appreciated in these kind gestures and for all they do to assist the classes in funding for field trips and in other ways. Their actions do not go unnoticed by any of us. We are fortunate to have such caring parents.

Evacuation Drill

Chaplin Elementary entered into a shelter in place on Friday, April 25 after receiving the tornado warnings. The students and staff were directed to remain in the classrooms and to stay away from the windows. In the event that tornadoes came to the area, the teachers would have had students move to the hallway to take cover in the strongest parts of the school structure.

Drop-off and Pick-up

Students are expected to be in class at 8:40 AM when the day commences. Students entering the building after this time will need to stop at the office to report in. They will be marked tardy at this time.

Thank you for getting to school on time and allowing the teachers to start the day smoothly and energetically!

Please be sure to sign your student out in the hallway when picking your child up at the end of the school day!

Lunch Payment

If you send cash in for lunch payment, please remember to put it in an envelope with your child's name on the front. This will allow us to make sure the account is credit efficiently.