



Warrior News

Chestnut Mountain Elementary

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Have you heard about Chestnut Mountains' new program of choice, The Creative School of Inquiry (CSI)? To learn more, see p. 3 of this newsletter.

September

September is a busy month at Chestnut Mountain! Our students are settled and learning grade level curriculum, as established by the Georgia Performance Standards. Our goals are to raise student achievement in the areas of reading, English/language arts, and math. The vision of Chestnut Mountain Elementary School is to promote excellence in learning through teamwork and character. Our focus is to provide a holistic education for our students, not just one focused on subject area knowledge. We teach character education, as well as how to work with others, while incorporating 21st Century skills.

Did you knowParents have a role in helping us realize the vision of our school? We believe our students can be successful, especially since we partner with parents to make it happen! We believe it takes a strong partnership with parents to help our students succeed. We invite you to get involved in your child's education. Review their homework and read with them nightly. Together, WE can make a difference!

This month, on September 10th we will have the Third Annual Walk-a-Thon, a fund-raising event sponsored by our PTO (Parent / Teacher Organization). As a parent of a CMES student, you are automatically a member of PTO. At the end of the month, we will have our first PTO meeting of the year which will be a Celebration of Learning! Students will be showing off what they have learned during the first two months of school. It's a drop in open house and you can even purchase dinner for your family! You won't want to miss it! For more information see PTO News on p. 3.



LABOR DAY HOLIDAY (No School)

Monday, September 6, 2010

PICTURE DAY

Wednesday, September 22, 2010

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Chestnut Mountain
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School Council Meeting
Schedule
2010-2011
September 28, 2010
November 30, 2010
February 1, 2011
April 12, 2011
Meetings begin at 8:00am

**Welcome
New Partner in Education!
Dojo American Karate
of Braselton!**

We are excited to have a new partnership. Representatives from Dojo will be working with our students on character education through Karate during their PE classes on Fridays. They are working with our K and 1st grade students this month.

Notes from Nurse Andrea

Our school year is off to a terrific start! The kindergarten classes have completed a hand washing class. Be sure to have your Chestnut Mountain Warrior demonstrate for you at home.

Friendly Reminder about Medications:

Must be brought to school by an adult.

Must be in the original container (bag or box).

Must have a medication form.

5th Grade Hearing & Vision Screenings

September 1, 2010

Nurse Andrea's Wish List!

Latex-Free Band-aids!

Counselor's Corner

A Note from the Counselor – Sydney Holmes

Running Late to School?

At times things happen that cause parents and students to be delayed and not get to school on time. We are all human and we understand when these things happen on occasion.

One of my goals as the school's counselor is to teach the students how school relates to the world of work. If adults are consistently late to work they may be penalized verbally, have their pay docked, or even fired. Because our teachers begin teaching promptly at 7:50, when students are late to school they miss out on instruction. I have also noticed that when students are late for school they have a difficult time getting themselves together and settling in with the class. They have missed part of their daily routine and they often feel a bit out of sorts.

If you are having problems getting your student to school on time on a regular basis, I would like to help. Please call me or expect a call from me (to offer assistance) if your student is often tardy. Hopefully, together we can come up with a plan that will solve the problem.

PTO news

- Our third annual Walk-a-thon will be held on Friday, September 10th during students' block time. This is the only fundraiser PTO does during the year, so we need your support. Funds raised by PTO are used to provide materials in the classrooms. In addition, we are raising money for playground enhancements. Kickoff for the event will be held during block times on Thursday, Sept. 2nd. Students are asked to get sponsors from their family members and friends, not to go "door to door" asking for donations. Come join in the fun!
- Our first PTO meeting will be held along with a *Celebration of Learning* night on Sept. 30th from 5:30 pm to 8 pm. Dinner served from 5:30 pm to 6:30 pm. PTO will offer Sonic hamburgers, chips, dessert, and drink for the cost of :1 plate for \$3 or 2 plates for \$5. Classrooms will be open to view student work from 6:30 pm - 7:00 pm, with the PTO meeting shown on the classroom projection systems live at 7 pm. A second session for viewing student work will be held from 7:30 pm- 8:00 pm in the classroom.
- Did you know that the CMES PTO has partnered with Sonic for this school year? Sonic Spirit Week will be the first full week of every month running Monday through Sunday. Our school receives 25% back on all purchases made any time during the first week of each month at the Oakwood location. Just make sure to tell them you are with CMES!

CSI



Chestnut Mountain has a new program of choice! Parents who live outside of the CMES attendance zones can choose to have their child apply for our Creative School of Inquiry (CSI) . Currently, we have one class at each grade level in third, fourth and fifth grades. Our CSI teachers incorporate the Georgia Performance Standards into thematic units, tapping into the students' interest. Students develop questions, research and discover their answers, then create authentic products to show what they have learned. Here's a description of the program in the words of our SEARCH teacher, Ashley Hayes:

Chestnut Mountain Elementary School in Hall County has just launched the Creative School of Inquiry (CSI). In CSI, gifted students, as well as high achieving learners, are using Bloom's Taxonomy contracts to promote research, inquiry, and choice in learning. The students are off to a great start learning about the standards with authentic assessments geared toward their interests. With these assessments, technology is highly visible, as students are creating and showcasing their learning with Animoto, Glogster, Voicethreads, Wall Wisher, You Tube, etc. The possibilities are endless as rigor continues to drive this new program.

Be sure to visit the CSI Evidence rooms at PTO Celebration of Learning night on Sept. 30th!