



Chilton Elementary School Fall Newsletter

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A Shout Out to our Parents/Guardians

I am happy to report that to date we have only had that one positive case at the elementary school of COVID-19. It did not spread to anyone else and our 14 days of quarantine for our two classrooms was over September 30th – so hopefully that means all of the precautions and safety guidelines and disinfecting that we have in place are working. That does not mean we still cannot have another outbreak – especially with all of the high numbers of positives in the area – but it is good news for now!! THANK YOU to the parents/guardians who are keeping their children home with any symptoms that may possibly be COVID related. **When you call your absent children in – it would be great if you could give all of their symptoms – that helps us have more info for follow up calls from the nurse.** Thank you also for making sure your children are wearing clean masks to school every day. For the most part, the students are doing well with the masks and washing and sanitizing their hands. The cohort groups seem to be working well also. Every week we get to be in person at school is a win – we are hoping to continue as long as possible – and for now things look good – but please make sure you do have a plan B if your children are attending in person and we would all need to go virtual for a time as that could happen at a moment's notice. If this would happen – the virtual learning would be very different than last year with students joining their teachers for live virtual instruction throughout the day. All students in grades 5K-4th would be bringing home a Chromebook.

School Families

We are excited to continue with our "School Families" this year! All of the children have been divided into multi-grade level groups of children that have been randomly given a school family. Each 10-11 member group has 5K, 1st, 2nd, 3rd, and 4th grade students in it and a teacher school family member. These groups will stay the same during the course of the children's CES experience with 4th graders "graduating" out of the groups when they enter Middle School and students being welcomed into a school family group when they start 5K. Although this year our school families can't meet in person yet – we do have activities planned to keep the connections going! This helps with the building of our school community and assists students with developing relationships with both older and younger students and making connections with their school family teacher that will last during their 5 years at CES and beyond.

Our School Theme this year is Kindness!



PTA

Our PTA supports our schools in so many ways both financially and with programs. Please consider joining this worthy group and becoming more involved in your child's educational experience. It really is not a great deal of work and many hands make for an even lighter load for everyone! Grab a friend and come check out the next meeting.

Safety and Security

We welcome Deputy Andrew Handrich as our new PSLO/SRO. He has already been working on developing positive relationships with staff and students! We can't have the fire department visit this year – but please go over your safety plans at home!

School Web Site

Check this out for the Monthly Tiger Fitness Newsletter, Building Readers Newsletter and other information as it becomes available. Also LIKE the school's Facebook page so that you do not miss out on anything!!

Technology

I have told the students that it is best not to bring technology devices to school (phones, Ipods, tablets, etc.) They are too easily lost or broken or borrowed between students and then lost track of. Some teachers do have special days that students can bring their technology to school – which is fine – but otherwise technology items should stay at home. I also told students that if they must bring technology to school – they were totally responsible for it!

Schoolwide Title

The Title 1 Program is a Schoolwide Program at CES. Part of the requirement of a Schoolwide Program is to let parents know that their school is "Schoolwide" and what that means. Here is some information about Schoolwide Programs from the Wisconsin Department of Public Instruction website. "Schoolwide programs have great latitude to determine how to organize their operations and allocate the multiple funding sources available to them. They do not have to identify particular children as eligible for services or separately track federal dollars. Instead, Schoolwide programs can use all allocated funds to increase the amount and quality of learning time. In this way, they can embrace a high-quality curriculum, according to a comprehensive plan that ensures all children meet the state's challenging academic standards. Schoolwide programs serve all children in a school. All staff, resources, and classes are part of the overall Schoolwide program. The purpose is to generate high levels of academic achievement in core subject areas for all students, especially those students most in need." The reading support services to students at CES are made possible through our Title 1 funding. All of our ES teachers and aides meet the State's requirement of highly qualified. We do not have any teachers with emergency licenses.

If You Ever Have a Question, Idea, or Concern...

please do not hesitate to contact me. I will do my best to respond to you in a timely manner! I welcome your feedback regarding this! My contact information is at the top of this newsletter.