



The Nest

**CHICORA NEWSLETTER | NOVEMBER 2021
A TITLE 1 SCHOOL**

Upcoming **EVENTS**

November 2

No school for students
Data Conference Day

November 4

Acceleration Schools Parent
and Community Meeting
6:00-7:30 PM
at North Charleston
Elementary School

November 5

1st Qtr Awards Ceremony

November 11

3rd grade Make It & Take It
Family Event

Veterans Day Recognition

November 12

Chicora Spirit Day

November 22 - 26

Fall Break

Greeting Chicora Community,

November is one of my favorite months of the year. The temperature is finally where it is cold in the morning and beautiful during the day. The fall colors are in full swing. And the holidays that are focused on family and gratitude and caring are upon us. We have much to be grateful for here at Chicora Elementary. We have a wonderful, caring staff from our custodian, our Paraprofessionals, our office staff, to all of our teachers. I am grateful every day for the opportunity to work with all of them and I know your children are in good hands with them. We have supportive parents and community, with a giving and engaged community partner such as Charleston Promise Neighbor and Metanoia at the forefront, to which we all say thank you for all that you do to make Chicora Elementary great! And finally, we have incredible students, who challenge themselves every day to learn and be engaged as well as challenging us to become better people. They are why we are here every day!

We want to invite you to become more connected to Chicora Elementary. Please make sure our office has the correct email for you. You should receive a weekly email update from us. If you don't, then we want to make sure that you do. For some of you, it may be that your email settings block our messages and for others, it may be that we do not have accurate information. Our website, www.ccsdschools.com/chicora, has contact information as well as calendar information that you can use to help plan your year. We try to keep it up to date as well with our Newsletters and important information throughout the year. We are on Facebook as well, @ChicoraElementary and we post regular updates on there as well to keep you up to date on the daily news. Like us on Facebook and let your friends know about us, too!

- Monica Smalls, Interim Principal



Reminders

CCSD's facemask enforcement currently runs through Friday, November 12. This means that the face mask requirement will be enforced for all students, staff, and visitors on district property and school buses. CCSD Policy ADD says it will continue as long as the DHEC rating for Recent COVID Activity in Charleston County remains at "Medium" or "High." The most recent rating has the county at "Medium", but the number of cases and the percent positive are dropping each week.

The schoolwide classroom-to-home communication system - Class Dojo. You can create an account by downloading the app or through the website <https://www.classdojo.com/>. Your child's teacher will provide you with a parent code. If you do not have a parent code, click "Add child through a teacher" to search for your child's teacher and request to connect to their class.

Parent Advocate

Greetings! November is going to be an awesome month! As a friendly reminder, parents please remember to send excuses with your children when they return from an absence. I will have 50 turkeys along with some fixings to distribute the week before we go on break. COVID is causing many restrictions such as in-person events for the families. Please consider coming to some of the offered zoom events. Did you know...the research is overwhelmingly clear: when parents and guardians play a positive role in their children's education, students do better in school.

Guidance

Happy November! Thank you so much for participating in our anti-bullying Unity Day and Red Ribbon Week last month. We LOVE coming together for a great cause. This month we will wrap up bullying lessons and transition into Erin's Law. Erin's Law curriculum is a district-wide mandated curriculum that aims to stop and prevent child abuse through educational videos and lessons. For more information visit fightchildabuse.org or contact Ms. MacDonald.

1st Grade News

Hello 1st Grade Families, Our students have been working hard to do their best academically and behaviorally. We are so proud of all of their progress! In science and in language arts, we are learning about the phases of the moon. Please go outside with your child at night time to look at the moon and discuss what moon phase it is. The students are doing beautifully with their writing and are working on letter formation as well as remembering to put spaces between their words. In math, we are working on counting by 2s, 5s, and 10s and adding and subtracting using various strategies. Please ask your child to tell you a few double facts (5+5, 10+10, 4+4). During Number Corner, we are continuing to work on shape names and shape characteristics as well as writing math stories. In phonics, students are working on rhyming words, blending sounds, and segmenting sounds. These kids are becoming such great word readers! In Second Step students are working on identifying feelings and recognizing why feelings may change. Thank you so much for all of your support!

2nd Grade News

Hello, second graders! This month in Bridges Math we are finishing up Unit 2. We have been focusing on Place Value, adding on a number line, and measuring. In number corner, we have been collecting 5 minutes for each day we are in school. This is helping us to learn how to tell time. At the end of the month, we will have a Number corner Check up. We will begin unit three which will build on what we learned with addition on a number line. In ELA, we are moving into Module 2 which focuses on fossils and paleontology. We celebrated the finish of Module 1 by writing about everything we have learned in our "Most Important Thing about Schools" books.

3rd Grade News

Hello 3rd Grade Families! November is going to be another great month in 3rd grade! In Bridges math, we are focusing on adding and subtracting up to three-digit numbers using story problems. In ELA we are beginning our second module. We will be learning all about frogs and their adaptations using poems and informational texts. Ribbit, ribbit! Our Make-it, Take-it Night has been rescheduled to a later date... we will update you when the rescheduled date has been announced. Read to Succeed information has been sent home in your child's take-home folder. Please be sure to read with your child each night, as the Read to Succeed Initiative may affect some of our 3rd-grade students who are reading below grade level. Reach out to your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns. Thank you for your continuous support!

4th Grade News

THE BRITISH ARE COMING, THE BRITISH ARE COMING! It's not Paul Revere, but our EL curriculum and Social Studies unit that will be taking us through a unit on the Revolutionary War. That's only a FRACTION of what we're learning about, though - one half, two halves, three fourths, four! Fractions and decimals and so much more are coming up next in math. We will be exploring equivalent fractions, as well as how to add and subtract parts of a whole. Science is going to be a BREEZE as we learn about different climates and weather instruments. Thank you for your continued support!

5th Grade News

Hello 5th grade families! In ELA, we have finished our novel study of Esperanza Rising, and now we will be analyzing character reactions to events through narrative essay writing! In Math, we will be continuing to learn how to add and subtract fractions with like and unlike denominators. In Social Studies, we will move on to study Westward Expansion. In Science, we will start our new unit on mixtures and solutions. As a friendly reminder, please remember to check your child's agenda every night for important information and sign off on it and their homework reading log. Thank you for your continuing support!

Special Area News

- **Library** - The book fair was a huge success. And thanks to some special donors the Book Fairy was able to visit some students and gift them with two free books. Many students asked when there would be another book fair so be on the lookout for a spring book fair.
- **Music** - In Music this month, we will be brushing up on rhythm dictation. Our lessons will be folk song-based. By the end of the lesson, students will know full songs and be able to list many elements of the song like rhythms used in phrases, melodic lines and lyrics, numeric meter, and origin of the song.
- **PE** - Students just completed their awesome double elimination badminton tournament! we will be continuing with our rocket games into pickleball (think blown up ping pong).
- **Computer** - Students will be learning about Digital Responsibility using the Common Sense Media curriculum. All the students will continue developing their typing skills. 1st grade still learning how to log in to the computer and practicing mouse and keyboarding skills. 2nd grade is practicing typing complete sentences. 3rd -5th grade will demonstrate typing skills according to South Carolina Computer Science Standards. The expectation for 3rd grade is 5 wpm, 4th grade 10 wpm, and 5th grade 15 wpm with correct finger placement and posture. Students will write a letter to a veteran.
- **Art** - Students have just created many holiday paintings prepping for bigger challenges. Clay starts in November so expect some possible new dishes on your table for Thanksgiving.



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