



The Nest

CHICORA NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2022 A TITLE 1 SCHOOL

Upcoming EVENTS

February 2

100th day of school
Dress up as if you were 100 years old

February 3

5th-grade boys Cop & Pops program

February 11

Chicora Spirit Day
Wear jeans with red or blue shirts

February 17

1st grade Make It and Take It
Family Event

February 18

Early Release at 12:25

February 21

Presidents' Day - No School

February 23

Interim reports sent home
Black History Month program at 6:00

February 25

Chicora Spirit Day
Wear jeans with red or blue shirts

February 28

Beginning of
Read Across America Week

Dear Chicora Parents/Guardian,

Welcome to February!!!! Time is flying because we are at the end of our first semester. As we move into the month we will be celebrating School Counselor Week and Black History Month. School Counselor Week is February 7th-11th. We encourage our families to recognize our school counselor Ms. MacDonald. Also, some grade levels or teachers may have projects built around celebrating African Americans. We are also planning a program for February 22, at 6:00 pm. We look forward to this celebration recognizing many African Americans who are great role models for our students.

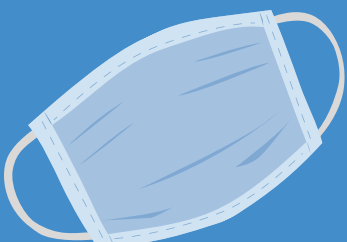
- Monica Smalls, Interim Principal



Reminders

Due to the latest DHEC COVID-19 rating for Charleston County, the CCSD Board of Trustees **extended the facemask requirement through Monday, March 14, 2022**, for all students, staff, and visitors in all of our schools.

Please visit the school district website to find locations for Free COVID-19 testing for CCSD students.



Nurse

Please remember to get at least 8 hours of rest each night. This helps the immune system to work at peak level along with keeping the student alert and ready to learn. Let's turn off the devices in a timely manner and make sure that nighttime rest becomes a nighttime routine. I have seen an uptick of tired students in the Nurses Office.

Parent Advocate

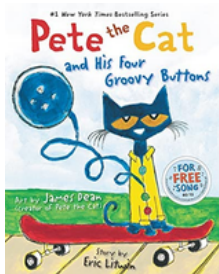
February is going to be a great month! We have a Cops & Pops program on the 3rd of this month. This program is for 5th-grade boys and their male counterparts. We also have a very spectacular Black History Month program scheduled for the 23rd. Students across all grade levels will be participating in this event. I often email the families about important information. I'm realizing that everyone doesn't get the emails. I am going to start broadcasting on Chicora's Facebook and Twitter pages. Please follow us on those platforms to stay updated! As always, please reach out to me if you need anything.

Guidance

February is all about self-love and self-esteem! It's important to model positive self-talk as the adults in our students' lives so they grow up feeling confident and with healthy self image. Instead of speaking negatively about ourselves, our February challenge is to speak out only positive things! Our kids hear everything we say (whether we realize it or not) so let's show them how to love themselves and speak kindly to themselves and others.

1st Grade News

February is a pivotal time for first graders as we are diligently working to master both math and literacy standards. The literacy teachers, Ms. Heron and Mrs. Ricoma-Washington, are focused on writing development, comprehension strategies, grammar, and reading with fluency. They are also working on sight words and phonetical awareness. They have been working diligently to implement the EL curriculum with fidelity and the students are engaged and progressing nicely. In mathematics, Ms. Paige and Mrs. Eshleman are continuing to work with students in both the Bridges Number Corner and in the Bridges Mathematics curriculum, on the development and mastery of number sense, algebraic awareness, addition and subtraction, place value, and data analysis. We will start graphing and comparing data with students as we begin to study different kinds of penguins! Overall, we are having a blast down in the green hallway and our first graders are working hard to follow all of our SOAR expectations. Please make sure that your child is wearing a mask and has extra with them daily. Thank you!



1st grade Make It and Take It Family Event

All first-grade students and their families are invited to join the first-grade teachers as they read *Pete the Cat and His Four Groovy Buttons*. Then stick around for a fun craft. We can't wait to see you there. A flyer and email will be sent closer to the date with more information.

2nd Grade News

Second-grade students have kicked off the New Year with making growth on both their reading and math MAP tests! We will continue to work hard so that we will meet our MAP goals in the spring. In ELA, we are finishing up Module 2 by writing our personal narratives as a paleontologist. We will then celebrate all of our learning by presenting our narratives and then working as teams to dig for fossils. As we move into Module 3, we will begin studying how plants grow and survive. If you have any kind of plant at home, ask your child about what they know about it! In math, we are starting Unit 5. In this unit, we will be focusing on place value to one thousand. Our students are making 3-digit numbers by bundling popsicle sticks and unifix cubes, writing 3-digit numbers in written and expanded form, and adding 3-digit numbers together. At home, you can practice skip-counting by 10s and 100s to help your student in this unit! We are also studying money in Unit 5. Our students will understand the value of different coins and learn how to make a \$1.00 in different ways. We are excited to see our 2nd graders SOAR through these next units and modules!

3rd Grade News

3rd grade is off to an amazing start in the New Year! We have completed our Winter MAP testing in both math and reading. We are also beginning our third EL reading module. During the next few months, we will be focusing on literary classics, specifically Peter Pan. Students will be analyzing the chapters and scenes as they develop overall reading comprehension, fluency, and writing skills. Please be sure your child is reading each night to support the skills they are learning and practicing in school. In math, students will continue learning strategies to support their understanding of multiplication and area. We will also be introduced to division and the connections between division and multiplication. Please be sure your child is coming to school with a mask each day. 3rd grade is working hard and continuing to SOAR!

4th Grade News

Greetings 4th grade families! 4th grade is on a roll with MAP testing! We are starting our final unit to complete writing our "Name your Own Adventure" books where students have been researching an animal to write a book with that animal as the main character. Their books will have two endings based on their self-defense mechanisms. After that, we will be moving on to Module 3 where we learn all about the Revolutionary War. Students will write opinion pieces from the Patriot and the Loyalist perspective. In math, students will be starting their unit on geometry and measurement. Science will be all about the solar system! We will learn about what makes day and night, what causes seasons, and the locations, movements, and patterns of stars and objects in the solar system. Please be sure your child is coming to school with a mask on every day, and remind them of the importance of wearing them and wearing them properly.

5th Grade News

Hello, 5th grade families! This month, we will continue reading and writing narrative nonfiction and collaborate in groups to create our own ebooks for ELA! Our focus has been on rainforests in this unit so please ask your child what they have learned about rainforests so far! We will be starting a new unit on landforms and oceans in science this month. For social studies, we are continuing our study of WWI and will be moving into WWII by the end of the month. In math, we are still practicing whole numbers and fraction multiplication. Also, please remind your kids of the importance of wearing their masks at school. With COVID on the rise, we want to keep everyone safe while at school!

Special Area News

- **Library** - We will be reading new books that have just arrived and continue to support & enrich the EL curriculum being taught in the classroom through reading, research, and fun projects! Also at the end of the month, we will begin our Read Across America week.
- **Music** - Chicora has been awarded the BOSCH grant for new musical instruments. We have new drums, ukeleles, and many other instruments on the way. We are working hard in Chorus to perfect the music for the Black History Program performance! We can't wait to sing with pride.
- **PE** - We have finished up our mid-year fitnessgram testing. A sheet with your student's results will be coming home soon. In February we will be starting our next unit of Volleyball. We will play floor volleyball with a beach ball and progress to a standard volleyball and higher net. Let's get ready to Bump, Set, Spike!
- **Computer** - The second grade will continue working on their animal Powerpoint projects. Fourth grade will work on a science website that aligns with classroom science standards. 1st grade continues to grow their knowledge about computers and the programs while working on logging without cue cards.
- **Art** - We will be creating new works focusing on black history month. The kids will be using print making, painting, drawing, and other techniques.



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