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Parent Bulletin

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End of Third Quarter

This is the last day of the third quarter. Please be sure your child is attending school each day. Thank you so much for the effort and attention you invest into helping your child be successful. Please know that if your child does not complete or attempt to complete assignments, they will receive a zero for that assignment.

Note: Please support your children and our teachers.

3rd QUARTER REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION

Quarter 3 report card distribution is Monday, March 28th. Your child's teacher should have notified you if your child is at risk of retention. Contact your child's teacher immediately to schedule a virtual or over the phone conference if you have any concerns about your child's grades or the possibility of retention for the upcoming school year.

Fourth Quarter

Monday, March 21st is the first day of the fourth quarter. Please be sure that if your child has been absent, they have completed their assigned work. Please be sure they are attending school every day and on time. Please limit your tardies and early dismissals. Please know that if your child does not complete or attempt to complete assignments, they will receive a zero for that assignment. All assignments must be completed weekly. We will not have time to go back to make-up assignments. **Note: Please support our teachers.**

Attendance

All students must be at school by 8:00AM each day. Take in is 7:45AM. ***Note: No students should arrive on campus before 7:45AM.***

ACAP Standardized Testing

During March and April, Craighead students will be participating in our yearly **required** state standardized testing. ACAP testing begins Wednesday, March 23rd through Friday, May 6th for students in grades second through fifth. The Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program summative test is especially important to our school this year. The ACAP is required for all 2nd through 5th grade students. It is meant to help our school and state assess current curriculum requirements and set teaching goals. Your child's results will allow us to see where they are and will help to drive instruction. **All students must participate in state assessments. A schedule will be sent out in the very near future.**

Our hope is that our second, third, fourth, and fifth grade students will do extremely well on each assessment they are given. The content areas to be addressed are ELA and math. In addition, fourth grade students will be administered an assessment in science. Second grade will complete the assessment, but their results will be used as a baseline for 3rd-grade growth and not for measuring achievement for accountability purposes.

I've provided a few tips that can help our students become test-ready.

- Encourage students to go to bed early so that they will be well-rested the next day.

- Research has found a link between breakfast and student performance. Eating breakfast can help students maintain focus. Students can join us for breakfast from 7:45 AM until 8:00 AM daily.
- Have your child at school on time every day.
- Remind your child of their brilliance and let him/her know that you believe in them before they come to school every day.

Note: Attendance is extremely important! Encourage your child to do his/her very best! Testing will begin promptly at 8:30 a.m. We anticipate that our children will do a great job as always!

Craighead's K-3 Summer Literacy Camp

The Alabama Literacy Act requires us to provide summer reading camps for K-3 students identified with reading deficiencies. Craighead's Literacy Camp will take place June 6th – June 30th. Students meeting these criteria will receive an invitation to participate. We will also have a waiting list for participants. **Note: Most 3rd grade students will have to attend.**

Sick Children

If your child is not feeling well, has a cough, or a fever, please keep your child at home. All children must be free of fever for 24 hours before they return to school. **If your child has encountered someone who tested positive for COVID-19, please keep them at home and notify us as soon as possible.**

Car Rider's Arrival

Due to COVID-19, we use two lanes in the morning and in the afternoon. All car riders are held in the car until 7:45 due to COVID-19.

- No children can be dropped off on Ann Street, Douglas Street, or in the driveway of the school.
- No unloading behind the awning
- All parents are to remain in your car.
- All children must exit the vehicle on the passenger side only.
- Do not drop any children off behind the cafeteria, in the front of the school, or in the horseshoe area.
- No children should be dropped off before 7:45A.M. This is for your child's safety.

Uniforms

Parents are reminded that students must be in complete uniform every day. Please check to see that your child is dressed in full uniform before he/she leaves for school. Uniform policy requires light blue golf style shirts with a collar. Navy blue pants, knee length shorts, skirts, skorts, or jumpers are required. No cargo style pants or leggings (tights are acceptable); hair accessories must be white, navy, or light blue. Socks must be white, black or navy, and **black or white solid tennis shoes continue to be acceptable.** Note: No

Behavior

Many of our teachers are trying extremely hard to manage negative behaviors in their classroom. Many of our students are trying hard to remain focused and ignore negative behaviors in the classroom. If you are contacted concerning your child's negative behavior, I am requesting that you support our efforts 100%. It is unfair to our teachers and those students who come to school for learning to have to deal with these negative behaviors. We have many things to accomplish in a short period of time. If we cannot get parental support, other measures will be taken to ensure a safe and orderly environment. **Our focus is LEARNING!** We can't ensure success for all students when negative behaviors are present. Talk to your child about proper behavior. **ZERO TOLERANCE!**

Bullying

Bullying has become a *serious* problem across our country. We are constantly talking to our students about the topic via the announcements and counseling classes. Each year we have community agencies to come in and talk with our students about bullying. Please talk with your child about bullying. It has been reported that some of our students are being bullied by middle school and high school students.

IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER

Thursday, March 17th- Last day of 3rd Quarter

Monday, March 21st – 4th Quarter begins

Monday, March 28th – Report Card Distribution

Monday, April 18th – Friday, April 22nd – Spring Break

Wednesday, May 26th -Last day of school for students

May 27th -Last day for teachers

June 6th – June 30th - Summer Camp (K-3 Invitation ONLY) We will include Pre-K, 4th and 5th

First-Class Pre-K Online Registration

Mobile County Public School System's First-Class Pre-K Online Registration Ends March 31, 2022!

Pre-Registration Application: To pre-register, go online to <https://prek.alaced.alabama.gov>.

Acceptance into a First-Class Pre-K program is strictly through a screening process. Please visit <https://www.mcpss.com/Pre-K> for a list of screening sites. Your child may attend any one screening site listed on a date which is convenient. Please note the location, date and time, you will not receive a reminder email or notice regarding the screening.

- Students pre-registering for Pre-K must be **four-years old on or before September 1st.**
- All students pre-registering should have an **original birth certificate, bring to the onsite screening.**
- Parents/guardians must bring to the screening, a photo ID and two proofs of residence to pre-register their child.
- **Students pre-registering for one of the Title I sites may pre-register for only one site and attend one of the screening sessions in March.**
- Any student who resides within the Mobile County Public School System may pre-register for any of the Office of School Readiness Sites (OSR).

Reminder: Applying for Pre-K does not guarantee placement into the program.