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*Parent Bulletin***

***December 4, 2023***

**Tracey L. Hunter, Principal**

**Congratulations Corner!!!**

**November Non-Fiction Reading Challenge**

We are continuing to encourage literacy and reading school-wide from Pre-Kindergarten to 5<sup>th</sup> Grade. Our classes competed in another reading challenge for the month of November. Non-Fiction November challenged our students to read non-fiction books the entire month of November. The results are as follows:

**K-2<sup>nd</sup> Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ms. Fuller’s second grade class**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Mrs. Jackson’s second grade class**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Mrs. Broadnax-Taylor’s second grade class**

**3<sup>rd</sup>-5<sup>th</sup> Grade Winners**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Ms. Stevens third grade class**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Ms. Tolbert’s fourth grade class**

**3<sup>rd</sup> Place – Ms. Haines third grade class**

**\*Special thank you to Ms. Sanders, media specialist, for coordinating this event.**

**\*\*We are proud of ALL our READERS! #ReadersAreLeaders**

**Spelling Bee Champions**

**1<sup>st</sup> Place – Sevyn Thomas in Mrs. Wilson’s 5<sup>th</sup> grade class**

**2<sup>nd</sup> Place – Chloe Florence in Ms. Harris’ 5<sup>th</sup> grade class**

**Sevyn will represent our school at the MCPSS District Spelling Bee.**

**\*\*We are proud of ALL our SPELLERS!**

**\*Thank you, Mrs. Baumgarten, for coordinating the Spelling Bee. Thank you to Mrs. Graves and Mrs. Nickson for assisting Mrs. Baumgarten.**

**Second Quarter**

This quarter is a very short quarter. I am genuinely concerned about the number of absences and tardies our students have. We only have about 10 days left in this quarter. We must make each minute of each day count. Therefore, please limit absences, tardies and early dismissals. Thank you so much for the effort and attention you invested into helping your child be successful each day. 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 daily. **Note: You must send written excuses when your child returns to school. We cannot accept notes a month after your child returns to school. Suspensions are unexcused absences. Truancy court is in session.**

**Holiday Dinner**

Thank you to all families who attended our holiday dinner on Thursday, November 16<sup>th</sup>. It was great seeing you all. Our children were very proud to see you. Thank you for adjusting professionally to our adjustments. We do appreciate each of you!

### **Attendance**

All students must be at school by 8:00AM each day. Take in is 7:30AM. When your child is absent, please be sure to send an excuse when your child returns to school. ***Note: No students should arrive on campus before 7:30AM.***

### **Polar Express/Holiday Class Parties**

Holiday parties are scheduled for Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup>. All students are allowed to wear warm, appropriate pajamas and school shoes. Our class parties are also scheduled for that day. You will receive additional information from your child's teacher.

### **Stuff the Bus**

Each year, our school system sponsors a Stuff the Bus Toy Drive for families in our school community. Children may begin bringing unwrapped, new toys to school. Please do not send any used toys. All toys must be sent in by **Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>**. Thank you in advance for your cooperation.

### **Sick Children**

With the arrival of Cold and Flu season, many students are getting ill. 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.

### **Progress Reports**

If you are not receiving the weekly progress report, please let us know. Our teachers are keeping you updated on your child's progress or lack of progress. Please work with our teachers to ensure a successful end of the semester.

### **Parent and Visitor Dress Code**

Every business has an established dress code policy for entrance. At Erwin Craighead Elementary School, the established dress code is both professional and appropriate for the school setting. Please dress appropriately for the school setting. ***Failure to adhere to the established parent/visitor's dress code will result in denial of entrance.*** The dress code is as follows:

1. Hair bonnets are not allowed.
  2. Pajamas or night gowns/shirts are not allowed.
  3. Undergarments must be worn.
  4. Short shorts, short dresses, or short skirts are not allowed.
  5. Shirts that are low-cut and revealing are not allowed.
- Note: We want to be respectful of ALL children, staff, and visitors.**

### **Snacks**

Snacks and juice will be sold daily for \$.50 and a \$1.00. Students may also bring their own snack and water (only).

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

**Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, December 6<sup>th</sup>– Stuff the Bus Toy Drive**

**Friday, December 8<sup>th</sup>- Christmas Dance \$2.00**

**Wednesday, December 13<sup>th</sup> – Holiday Program 9:00AM**

**Thursday, December 14<sup>th</sup> -Holiday Parties/Polar Express (students only)**

**Monday, December 18<sup>th</sup> through Wednesday, January 3<sup>rd</sup> – Winter Holidays**

**Thursday, January 4<sup>th</sup>- 3<sup>rd</sup> Quarter begins**

**Monday, January 15<sup>th</sup> – Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. Day (no school)**