

# HAWKS' NEST NEWS

PARENT RESOURCE NEWSLETTER



## Virtual Open House



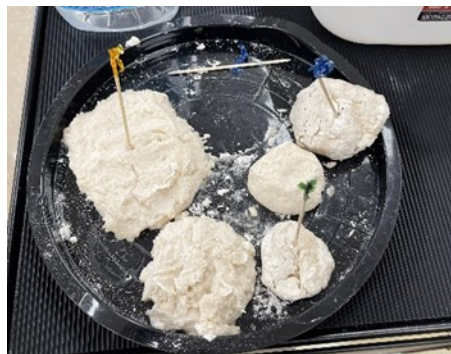
This year's Open House will be held virtually on the set times below for each grade. Teachers will send a link for their meeting to students' calendar. During the meeting, you will get the chance to meet the teacher, ask questions, discuss beginning of year data, and learn ways you as a parent or guardian can help at home. All meetings will be recorded.

### September 2nd

**K - 2<sup>nd</sup>: 4pm to 5pm****3<sup>rd</sup> - 5<sup>th</sup>: 5pm to 6pm****6<sup>th</sup> - 8<sup>th</sup>: 6pm to 7pm**

50 PBIS points will be given to each student whose parent (s) attend open house.

## Let's Make Rocks



Ms. Peterson's 3rd grade students are exploring rocks with hands-on activities. Third graders had an opportunity to examine the attributes (shape, color, luster, size, etc.) of rocks. Ms. Peterson led the students in a virtual lab using Moh's Scale of Hardness. Students were able to test rocks they gathered themselves to determine the hardness of the rocks. They did not stop there! Ms. Peterson and Ms. Daniels used salt dough rocks to simulate how water erodes rocks over time. Dallas Sands was able to conduct the lab virtually!



# COVID-19



## Home Safety Tips

To prevent the spread of COVID-19, please keep your child home if he/she is experiencing any of the following symptoms: fever, cough, headache, body aches, diarrhea, nausea, and vomiting. If you or your child develop symptoms, please contact your healthcare provider and request a COVID-19 test. Here is what each of us can do to reduce the spread of COVID-19:



- Wear a mask inside and in close settings outside
- Limit your interactions to a small circle of friends and family
- Keep gatherings small, and outside if possible where fresh air circulates
  - Stay 6 feet apart from others when possible
- Wash your hands, cover your cough, and keep up your best hygiene
  - Get tested for COVID-19 if you are experiencing symptoms



## TRANSPORTATION

**Parents are encouraged to transport their child(ren) to reduce overall transportation capacity challenges.**

**Students will ride the same bus to and from school.**

**Students will be required to wear masks on all school buses and will be socially distanced where possible.**

**Buses will also be sanitized using an electrostatic sprayer *daily.***



# Home Resources

## Educational Websites for Families



### Amazing Kids Magazine

[mag.amazing-kids.org](http://mag.amazing-kids.org)

A kid-created online magazine dedicated to helping kids realize their amazing potential.



### AppInventor

[www.appinventor.org](http://www.appinventor.org)

This site helps beginners program mobile apps for android by offering tutorials and an on-line book.



### Between the Lions

[www.pbskids.org/lions](http://www.pbskids.org/lions)

Based on the the award-winning television program; this site combines fun games, songs, and stories for early readers.



### Building Big

[www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/index.html](http://www.pbs.org/wgbh/buildingbig/index.html)

Explore the history behind the worlds greatest feats of engineering and the learn about the architects who designed them.



### CIA for Kids-Games

<https://www.cia.gov/kids-page>

Kids can find out what the CIA is all about, by playing games and solving puzzles.



### Discovery Education

[www.discoveryeducation.com/parents](http://www.discoveryeducation.com/parents)

Free family resources that provide high quality, relevant material for parents and children.



### DOGOnews

[www.dogonews.com](http://www.dogonews.com)

Kids can catch up on current events with news stories written just for children.



### EPA Environmental Kids Club

[www.epa.gov/students](http://www.epa.gov/students)

Learn about pollution, global warming, and recycling at this site from the Environmental Protection Agency.



### Helping Your Child Series

[www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/nyc.html](http://www2.ed.gov/parents/academic/help/nyc.html)

Provides parents with tools and information to help their children succeed in school and life.



### Kids Reads

[www.kidsreads.com](http://www.kidsreads.com)

Offers reviews of the best new books & authors for kids.



### Money as You Grow

[www.moneyasyougrow.org](http://www.moneyasyougrow.org)

Learn important lessons about financial responsibility for all ages.



### Mocomi

[www.mocomi.com](http://www.mocomi.com)

This website is packed with educational content, interactive stories, and fun activities.



### NASA Kids Club

[www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home](http://www.nasa.gov/audience/forkids/home)

Junior astronauts will have a blast exploring this fun and exciting website.



### National Geographic Kids

[kids.nationalgeographic.com](http://kids.nationalgeographic.com)

Kids can read the newest edition of this magazine on-line, check out the contests, polls, games and even virtual adventures.



### Ocean Portal

[www.ocean.si.edu](http://www.ocean.si.edu)

Discover the sea through a fun-filled blog, media gallery video, and current museum happenings.



### SciGirl

[www.pbskids.org/scigirls](http://www.pbskids.org/scigirls)

A great site for girls interested in science. SciGirls includes games, project ideas, videos and more.



### Starfall

[www.starfall.com](http://www.starfall.com)

A great site for early readers that offers reading games and tools.



### TIME for Kids

[www.timeforkids.com](http://www.timeforkids.com)

This site offers news articles, games, polls, and a homework help section.



### Volunteer Match

[www.volunteermatch.org](http://www.volunteermatch.org)

A safe and secure site where teens can find volunteer opportunities.



### Wildlife Filmmaker

[www.animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals](http://www.animals.nationalgeographic.com/animals)

From National Geographic, this site allows kids to make animal movies using short clips of a wide variety of animals.

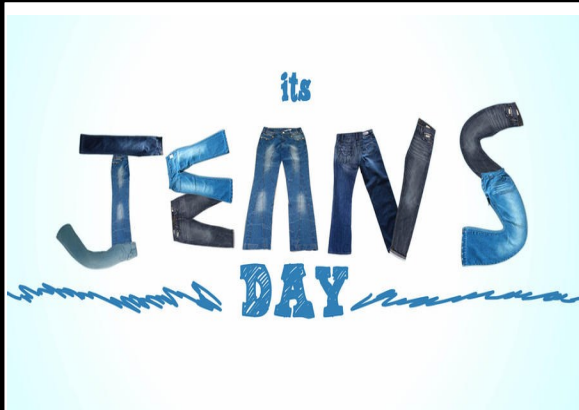


Elementary Level Middle School Level  
 High School Level

Parent  
Engagement  
Program



The listed resources are not endorsed by the Georgia Department of Education but offered as possible tools for Title I schools and school districts to utilize with families.



## REMINDER

### Thursdays: Students Dress Down

(because Friday's are virtual)

## JEANS and any APPROPRIATE top!

## Learning with Playdough

Mrs. Moreno's first grade class having fun spelling out their sight words using playdough. Try this at home!



**PLAY  
DOUGH**

## **SEL Tip for the Month**

(Social Emotional Learning)

Have a designated time set for family quality time. Pick an activity that is fun and takes your family's mind off of what is going on in the world.

~A. Shepard, Counselor

## **CCMS Hawks**

### **Softball**

#### **September Games**

8th - Terrell County - Home @4:30

9th - PCA - Home @4:30

13th - STEM - Home @ 4:30

14th - STEM - Away @4:30

20th - Early County - Home @4:30

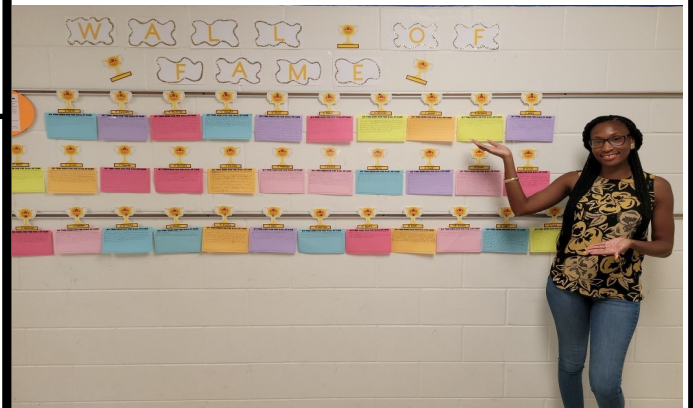
22nd - Early County - Away @4:30

27th - PCA - Away @4:30

## Wall of Fame

At the start of the school year, students in Ms. Slater's 7th and 8th grade ELA classes were asked to complete a quick write assignment. They wrote about their best moment at school. Ms. Slater stated "This assignment helped me discover new things about them. I learned that many students enjoyed some of the same moments: making honor-roll, participating in The CCMS Black History Program (19-20 year), going to the Georgia Aquarium, participating in last year's fun day, and serving at last year's 8<sup>th</sup> grade celebration."

All students who completed this assignment received a perfect participation grade. According to this year's Writer's Workshop Training, students are more likely to write when given small slips of paper to write on, opposed to notebook-size paper. Also, students love to write on colorful paper. Ms. Slater has asked faculty and staff members to provide students with encouraging feedback after they get the chance to stop by and read the quick writes on The Wall of Fame.



## ***Save the Dates***

### **September**

1<sup>st</sup> - Progress Report

2<sup>nd</sup> - Open House

6<sup>th</sup> - Labor Day (School Closed)

16<sup>th</sup> - Early Release Day

21<sup>st</sup> - Informational/PBIS Parent Workshop



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