



# CHES



## Home of the Extraordinary

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#### Principal's Note:

Greetings, CHES Family! The cold weather has arrived! As we finish the 2023 school year, I wanted to give you a few gentle reminders!

- Please make sure students wear a jacket.
- As we begin to administer iReady assessments, please encourage your child to give their best.
- The last reminder is simple- take a moment to reflect on the positive things! Sometimes, life can get so busy that we forget to reflect on the small stuff. We have so much to be thankful for in our CHES community!

As always, serving CHES and the Ridgeville community is an honor!

I hope you and your family have a wonderful and safe winter break! Happy Holidays!!

April Sanders, Ed.D  
Principal

#### Literacy Corner:

Hey Families,  
Check out the benefits of daily reading for your student:

- Improves language skills and sharpens the mind
- Boosts confidence
- Builds focus and concentration
- Supports problem-solving skills

Take time to read daily as it supports your students academically and socially!

#### Nurse's Notes:

I hope everyone had a wonderful Thanksgiving holiday. Fall is in full swing and we are working hard to keep our classrooms healthy and ready to learn! With the change in weather, we tend to see a higher incidence of strep throat, flu, respiratory, and gastrointestinal illnesses. I would like to remind everyone that they can help to protect themselves and their families from many of these airborne illnesses. Proper hand washing is especially important during flu season. During the month of December, every student will receive a hearing screening by the school nurse. If your child does not pass the screening, a referral form will be sent home and parents will be contacted by Nurse Weathers. Please remember to let us know if you have any changes in your home, work or cell numbers. Please do not hesitate to call your school nurse about any concerns regarding your child's health. I wish you and your family a wonderful holiday season!

-Nurse Weathers

#### Counselor's Corner:

Wow! December is here, and 2023 is coming to an end. As we enter the last month of the year, let's fill our hearts with love and light! Always remember, when your world gets full of busy thoughts and actions that an act of kindness, no matter how small, will transform your worried, hurried mind. As you know, it's easy to get caught up in the hustle and bustle of the season! Remember to treat yourself to these acts of kindness as well! While this time of year is fun and exciting, I recognize that it can also be a stressful and hard time of year for students and their families. If there is a way I can support you and your student(s), please don't hesitate to contact me.

Happy Holidays,  
Ms. A. Clark

#### Media Center:

Parents remember reading at least 20 minutes a day helps your child build and expand their reading skills. Research shows that reading 20 minutes a day exposes students to roughly 1.8 million vocabulary words a year. So be sure to keep reading even during the holiday break. Merry Christmas! Feliz Navidad! Happy Hanukkah! Happy Kwanzaa! If I missed your holiday greeting, Happy Holidays!

-Ms. Ervin,  
Media Specialist

#### Curriculum Corner:

Happy Holidays CHES Family,

As we celebrate the holiday season, let's share the priceless gifts of love, peace and joy. In the spirit of giving, please consider dropping off an unwrapped toy to support our Toys 4 Tots drive by December 14th.

PLEASE NOTE: We will begin our i-Ready Winter Benchmark Assessments on Wednesday, December 6th. Students will complete their i-Ready ELA diagnostic assessment on December 6 - 7, 2023, and Math on December 11 - 12, 2023. Please support us and your student(s) by encouraging them to get a minimum of 8 hours of sleep, eat a nutritious breakfast (either at school or at home), and arrive on time to school in order to do their absolute best.

Thanks for all you do and have a safe and joyous holiday season!

Ms. Delice  
Instructional Coach



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**MONDAY**

**TUESDAY**

**WEDNESDAY**

**THURSDAY**

**FRIDAY**

					<b>1</b> College Shirt Day
<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> iReady Reading Winter Diagnostic	<b>7</b> iReady Reading Winter Diagnostic	<b>8</b> House Meeting: Wear your house colors.	
<b>11</b> iReady Math Winter Diagnostic Winter Celebration Week: Wear flannel and boots.	<b>12</b> iReady Math Winter Diagnostic Winter Celebration Week: Wear red and green.	<b>13</b> Winter Celebration Week: Wear a holiday hat or headband.	<b>14</b> Winter Celebration Week: Wear an ugly holiday sweater or shirt.	<b>15</b> Half Day for Students Winter Celebration Week: PJ DAY!!	
<b>18</b>  Winter Break No School	<b>19</b>  Winter Break No School	<b>20</b>  Winter Break No School	<b>21</b>  Winter Break No School	<b>22</b>  Winter Break No School	
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