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*Parent Bulletin*

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**End of Third Quarter**

Friday, March 15th 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.**

**3<sup>rd</sup> QUARTER REPORT CARD DISTRIBUTION**

Quarter 3 report card distribution is Monday, March 25<sup>th</sup>. 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 conference if you have any concerns about your child's grades or the possibility of retention for the upcoming school year.

**Note: Some conferences have been canceled by parents. Some parents are not answering the calls. These are required conferences.**

**Fourth Quarter**

Tuesday, March 26<sup>th</sup> 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.

**Note: Please support our teachers.**

**Attendance**

All students must be at school by 8:00AM each day. Take in and breakfast are at 7:30AM. **Note: No students should arrive on campus before 7:30AM unless they are enrolled in before care.**

**ACAP Standardized Testing**

During March and April, Craighead students will be participating in our yearly **required** state standardized testing. ACAP Alternative Testing is scheduled **Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> – Friday, March 8<sup>th</sup>**. ACAP testing begins **Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> through Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup>** and is required for students in **grades second through fifth**. The Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program summative test is especially important to our school this year. 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.**

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 7:30 AM until 7:55 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-5 Summer Academic Camp

The Alabama Literacy and Numeracy Acts require us to provide summer reading camps for K-5 students identified with reading and mathematics deficiencies. Craighead's Academic Camp will take place the entire month of June 3<sup>rd</sup> – June 27<sup>th</sup>. Students meeting these criteria will receive an invitation to participate. We will also have a waiting list for participants. **Note: Most 3<sup>rd</sup> 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.**

### 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: The uniform policy has not changed.**

### 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 cannot ensure success for all students when negative behaviors are present. Talk to your child about proper behavior. **ZERO TOLERANCE!**

### Sleeping in Class

Many of our students are **sleeping** in class each day during instruction. This is causing them to miss a lot of learning. Please be sure your child is getting ample amount of rest to function in the classroom setting. **Thank you in advance for your complete cooperation.**

### Tardies and Absences

Many of our students are missing quite a bit of school whether it is because of tardies, absences, or early dismissals. I am asking for parental support in this matter. Please have your children at school no earlier than 7:30AM. daily. We would love for them to join us for breakfast. Breakfast starts at 7:30AM and ends at 7:55AM. Learning begins at 8:00AM. This is EXTREMELY important! The school system's attendance officer monitors our attendance. The reports are turned over to Truancy.

### Contact Information

It is imperative that we have your updated contact information. Last week, I attempted to contact parents and I was unsuccessful. It is a MAJOR liability for your child to be on campus without updated contact information.

### **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.

### **CCLC Information**

CCLC extended day services are provided **3:30 p.m. until 5:30 p.m.** on **Monday through Friday** based on data. In accepting the CCLC extended day services, you are exercising your entitlement to improve your child's academic status. You understand that your child's selection to participate in CCLC extended day program is based on test data. You will receive a progress report on your child's progress in reading and math. *Students will be dismissed from the Extended Day Program if he/she misses 2 or more days, receives excessive early dismissals, exhibits disruptive behavior, or for being consistently left past program hours.*

### **CCLC 'Project Lion' Reminders**

- Students must **be picked up on time every day by 5:25.**
- Car riders **must** be picked up in carpool.
- **2 late pickups** will result in **dismissal** from the program.
- Students are expected to attend every day.
- Students must be on their best behavior to participate/remain in the program.
- CCLC 'Project Lion' extended day tutoring is held on Monday through Friday from 3:30- 5:30.
- Students will receive Reading and Mathematics instruction as well as participate in enrichment activities such as music, martial arts, dance, and theater.
- Students will receive monthly progress reports.
- Students may bring a snack and water.

### **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.

### **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

Tuesday, March 5<sup>th</sup> – Pre-Kindergarten Screening from 8:30-11:30

Friday, March 15<sup>th</sup> – End of Third Quarter

Monday, March 18<sup>th</sup> – Teacher Workday (No School)

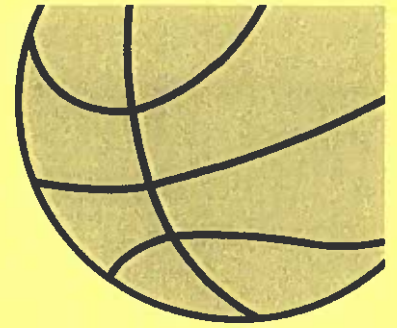
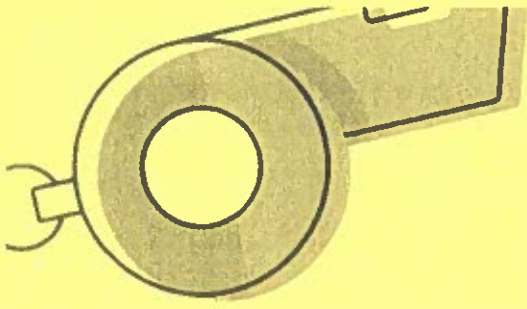
Tuesday, March 19<sup>th</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter begins

Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 12<sup>th</sup> – ACAP Summative Testing

Monday, April 15<sup>th</sup> – Friday, April 19<sup>th</sup> – Spring Break

Thursday, May 23<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> Quarter ends

June 3<sup>rd</sup>– June 27<sup>th</sup> - Summer Camp (K-5 Invitation ONLY) We will include Pre-K



LET'S PLAY BALL!

**MARCH Madness**  
**BASKETBALL Game**  
**S T U D E N T S**

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MARCH 8, 2024

TIME: DURING SCHOOL

FREE FOR ALL STUDENTS

BRING EXTRA MONEY: SNACKS WILL BE SOLD  
DURING THE GAME

