



Cheetah Family News

2019-2020 School Year

(615) 472-4300

January 17, 2020

1000 Secluded Lane

Dear Parents,

It is that time of year when we must be prepared for inclement weather and possible school closings and/or delays.

There are multiple ways to learn about school closings, besides the call from Carol Birdsong. Here are all the options:

- WCS InFocus
<https://www.wcs.edu/infocus/>
- WCS Twitter @WCSedu
- WCS website
<https://www.wcs.edu/>
- Local news stations
- WCS Facebook or Instagram accounts

In the event of an early dismissal a call-out and email will be sent to all parents notifying them of our early dismissal time. Please make sure to update your child's emergency card listing the current mode of transportation in the event of an early departure.

Thank you and enjoy the long weekend!
Dr. Garrett



IMPORTANT DATES

January 20th- MLK Day: No School

January 29th- PTO Spirit Night at
Marco's Pizza

February 7th- Progress Reports go home

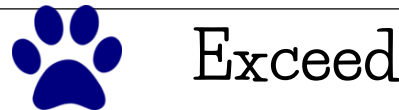
February 17th- No School for Students



PTO Spirit Night at Marco's Pizza

We have a PTO Spirit Night coming up on January 29th! Here is some information regarding how that fundraiser will work.

- The hours for that day will be 11:00 AM-10:00 PM.
- Marco's will give us 10% of sales all day **IN-STORE** or 15% of all sales **ONLINE**.
- Be sure to mention you are there for CRES and your child's teacher's name. **The class with the most orders will win a Pizza Party!!!**
- You can order **ONLINE** ahead of time and have your delivery scheduled for dinner time!!





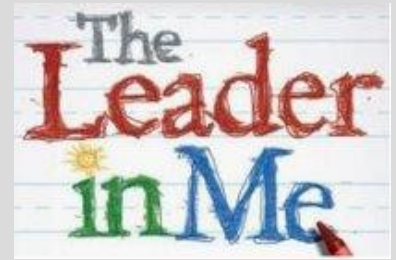
Independence High School Baseball will be conducting a fundamental camp for grades K- 8 on February 8th (10 am to 1 pm). Each camper will receive a camp T-shirt. For more information please contact Mike McLaury at michael.mclaury@wcs.edu or call 615-971-3303.

Please remember the following regarding car rider line...

- The speed limit is 10mph throughout our campus. Please keep this in mind when entering Ferguson, especially in the mornings.
- If you arrive early for car line and the gate is not closed, please do not block both lanes, as we often have deliveries and early dismissals that need to exit the parking lot.
- Cell phone use is against the law in school car rider line.

This Month's Habit...

Listening is the most important communication skill of all. It is not only important to listen with your ears, but also to listen with your eyes and heart as well. Less than 10% of communication comes from the words we use. The rest comes from body language and the tone and feeling reflected in the voice of the speaker. Try This At Home ... The next time one of your friends is sad, notice her eyes or the way he holds his head body. Tell them you know why they are sad, and you want to help.

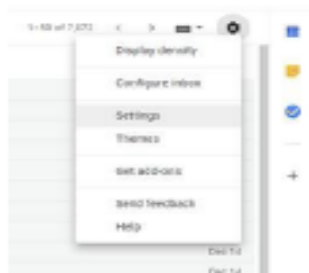


Having trouble receiving school emails through Blackboard on your Gmail account?

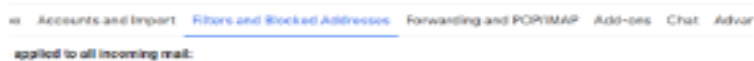
Here are the directions to successfully receive school email generated through Blackboard and delivered to a Gmail account. Parents will need to follow these short instructions to make sure "recipients@wcs.parentlink.net" is not sent to their Spam folder.

Login to Gmail.

Click on the Gear icon and click Settings



Under "Filters and Blocked Addresses" select CREATE NEW FILTER:



Add recipients@wcs.parentlink.net to the From

Add parentlink to the Has the words

Click Create Filter (not Search)

From:

To:

Subject:

Has the words:

Don't have:

Size: MB

Has attachment Don't include chats

Create filter

Select to Never Send it to Spam:

from:(recipients@wcs.parentlink.net)parentlink

When a message arrives that matches this search:

- Skip the inbox (Archive it)
- Mark as read
- Star it
- Apply the label: Choose label...
- Forward it [add forwarding address](#)
- Delete it
- Never send it to Spam
- Always mark it as important
- Never mark it as important
- Categorize as: Choose category...
- Also apply filter to matching conversations.

Note: filter will not be applied to old conversations in Spam or Trash

[Learn more](#)

This Week's Technology Tip

Looking for a new project for your creative child? Check out Stop Motion! Stop Motion allows you to create a short movie using several photos in a row that are repeated. It is a great way to combine technology, computational thinking skills, and a little engineering all together! The app is free and the potential is limitless! So why not STOP and put your child's creativity in MOTION!



Creating a Green Screen at Home



The Learning Commons has been creating so many amazing things with the green screen! How can you do that home? Creating a green screen at home is actually fairly simple. You will need a true green flat sheet or pop up green screen, an ipad, and a green screen app. We use the DoInk app in the Learning Commons. DoInk is very kid-friendly and offers numerous online support tutorials. Now you can turn your family gathering into an adventure everyone will remember!

Child Find



Child Find is how Williamson County Schools identifies students who may be struggling or experiencing challenges accessing the curriculum. This may include children who are gifted as well as students who have trouble seeing or hearing, require special education services, or need additional supports to learn. It is important to identify these children and give them the help they need as early as possible. Families concerned about their child's progress may refer the child for screening by calling Student Support Services at 472-4130.

Coming
Soon!

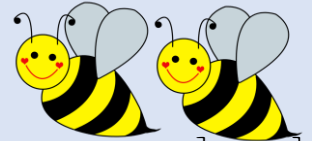


Changing Our Community
One Animal at a Time



In a couple of weeks, our Cheetah Council will kick off our next drive, which will benefit animals of Williamson County. The Williamson County Animal Center is a public open-intake shelter serving the citizens of Williamson County, Tennessee. Some of the items we will be collecting are dog food & treats, cat food & treats, laundry detergent, paper towels, bath towels, dish detergent, and peanut butter. Notes will come home soon, but we wanted to give you a heads up so you can begin collecting items now!

Art Room Buzz



Students are busy creating new art works in the art room. Just a reminder to be aware of your child's art day and have them dress accordingly. Most everything we use is washable but if they come home with a stain please pre-treat the spot before washing. I did learn that in the absence of a stain remover, 409 works really well.

- Kindergarten has been learning to draw animals that live at the North and South poles. Drawing icy habitats has us wanting to play in the snow!
- First Grade is finishing up collage lions.
- Second Grade is finishing up on colorful folk-art farm pictures. We will be creating clay birds next week.
- Third graders are creating snowglobes. They are also learning about colored shadows in their marble drawings.
- Fourth grade is still working on depicting the Wizard of Oz in one point perspective.
- Fifth graders are finishing up clay masks/wall hangings by painting them.

The art room is still in need of clorox wipes, Elmers glue sticks, and ultra-fine black Sharpies.

Also: Information regarding the 2020 Recycled Art Project is attached to the email.

>Welcome to
Preschool!

Thinking about Pre-K for the 2020-2021 school year?

The Prek webpage has been updated with the 2020-21 information. Check out the site to learn more.

<https://www.wcs.edu/district/departments/tla/pre-k/>

Health News from WCS



With widespread cases of flu being reported across Tennessee, parents are encouraged to review the [Williamson County Schools Illness Guidelines](#) when deciding whether a student should go to school or stay at home.

In addition to seasonal flu, school nurses are seeing students with respiratory viruses, stomach viruses, and strep throat.

Here are some important considerations for parents when making the decision to keep a student at home:

- A student should be **fever-free for 24 hours** without fever-reducing medication before returning to school. If your child has a temperature of 100.0 or above, do not send them to school. Do not give your child Tylenol or Advil and send them to school if you suspect they are coming down with something.
- When **antibiotics** are prescribed, students must wait **24 hours** before returning to school, regardless of whether they have a doctor's note.
- A student should **not experience any signs of diarrhea/vomiting within 24 hours of school start time**. If a student vomits in the evening, don't send them to school the next morning. Students should be symptom-free and able to tolerate regular food.
- If your child **is coughing uncontrollably**, they should stay home or seek advice from a health care provider. An uncontrollable cough is disruptive to the classroom, and it is difficult to manage the spread of germs.

Student absences related to illness are excused with documentation from a parent for up to eight days. After eight days, parents need to provide a doctor's note to the school attendance office.

Williamson County schools are following [guidance from the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention](#) to help reduce the spread of seasonal influenza, including the routine cleaning of surfaces and allowing extra hand-washing time in student schedules.

If you have questions or concerns, please contact your school nurse or the health services department.

December 3rd,

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Calling all Softball Players!

SUMMIT HIGH SCHOOL SOFTBALL CLINICS **SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 9TH: K -8th grade**

In this 3-hour clinic, athletes will work in small groups to improve fundamentals and increase their knowledge of the game just in time for the upcoming Spring season! Campers will be working on throwing, fielding, hitting, bunting, baserunning, the mental game and will even participate in a little Spartan-style workout! Participants will be split into groups based on age and ability.

The clinic will be led by members of the Summit High School Coaching Staff with assistance from the 2020 team! Coach Stevenson and Coach Edwards have a lot of experience in both high school and college level softball as Coach Stevenson played D1 softball at the University of Tennessee at Knoxville and is in her 15th year as a coach and Coach Edwards is in her 7th year of coaching high school softball! Come learn from coaches who know what it takes to play at the next level!



LOCATION: Summit High School* (2830 Twin Lakes Dr.)

***Clinic will be held either on the softball field or in the gym. Please bring cleats and tennis shoes so that you are prepared for either location.**

TIME: 1:00-4:00pm

COST: \$40 (payable to Spartan Diamond Club)

WHO: Kindergarten - 8th grade

CAMP DIRECTOR: Jenny Stevenson jennifers4@wcs.edu 615-472-5080 ext.12876

Updates on Twitter - @wcsSHSsb

*Walk-ups will be allowed, if space is still available, but signing up in advance is strongly encouraged for planning purposes.

Player Name _____

School _____ Grade _____ Cost \$40

Email _____

Phone _____

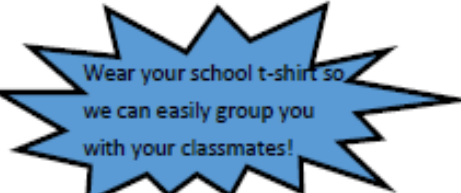
Mail or drop off registration to:

SPARTAN DIAMOND CLUB (Softball)

ATTN: JESSICA EDWARDS

2830 TWIN LAKES DRIVE

SPRING HILL, TN 37174



Wear your school t-shirt so
we can easily group you
with your classmates!

Medical Treatment Authorization & Liability Release

I, the undersigned parent or guardian, do hereby grant permission for my child to attend Summit High Athletic Camps I have completed the Student Medical Release Form with the necessary information. In the case that my child should sustain injury or illness during the time of the camp, I hereby authorize medical treatment deemed necessary and as prescribed by a licensed physician. I further acknowledge that I will be responsible for any medical expenses incurred on behalf of my child for physical injury or illness that he/she may sustain during the camp. I also agree to release and hold harmless the Williamson County Board of Education, its officers, trustees, agents, and employees, including but not limited to all persons employed or hired to help with the camp from any liability for personal injury or property damage arising out of the participant's participation.

Participant Responsibilities

1. All players are expected to adhere to all applicable Williamson County School Board Policies. The possession or use of alcoholic beverages, illegal drugs, or tobacco is prohibited for the duration of the camp. Any participant found in violation of any of these rules may be sent home immediately at his/her own expense and will be disciplined accordingly under the applicable Williamson County School Board policies.
2. If a player exhibits irresponsible behavior that endangers the health, safety, or welfare of others, then the parent or guardian will be notified and the child will be sent home immediately at the parents' expense.

I have read the medical release and rules and agree to the adherence thereof.

Participant Signature _____

Parent/Guardian Signature _____

Date: _____

Student Medical Release Form

Student's Name _____

Parent/Guardian Name: _____ Home Phone _____

Work Phone _____ Cell Phone _____

Name & Phone of Other Contact Person _____

Insurance Company: _____ Policy # _____