

Cheetah Family News 2019-2020 School Year

(615) 472-4300

August 16, 2019

1000 Secluded Lane

Dear Parents:

It was wonderful to see all the smiling faces on our students and families the first day of school. Thank you for your positivity and enthusiasm as we start this year's educational journey. We are off to a great start and students have transitioned smoothly into their new classrooms.

We are fortunate to add several new staff members to the CRES family this year:

• Amber Walker, Media (Library) Specialist

Becky Menard, 3rd grade

• Emily Troutman, 2nd grade

• Nancy Monohan, Kindergarten

Taylor Denault, Sp. Ed. Teacher

Sara Stapleton, Sp. Ed. Teacher

Suha Ahmed-Alsyoufi Technology Assistant

• Wade Spoerl, Sp. Ed. Assistant

• Dave Strobel, Sp. Ed. Assistant

• Jane Boardman, Sp. Ed. Assistant

Thank you for your patience as we transition to our new arrival and dismissal procedures. Please remember that the access gate to Secluded Lane will be closed from 8:15-8:45 a.m. and 3:15-4:00 p.m. Please help us to keep our students and staff safe by following staff directives as they motion you to stop or pull ahead. We have many exciting and innovative things planned for the 2019-2020 school. You may keep up with all that is happening at CRES and the district through our bimonthly newsletter, the PTO webpage at https://www.wcs.edu/cres/families/cres-pto/ and/or the WCS InFocus site at https://www.wcs.edu/infocus.

Thank you for your continuous support and have a fabulous weekend!

Dr. Garrett



EMPORTANT DATES

August 15th-1st-2nd Parent Night at 6 August 19th-1st full day of Kindergarten August 20th-3rd-5th Parent Night at 6 August 26th-Boy Scout Parent Meeting at 6:00

August 27th- PTO Spirit Night at Red Robin

September 2nd: Labor Day-No School



We're excited to kick off a new school year! Check out the information below for ways to get involved!

- Send in box tops to help earn money for our school.
 Students can turn them into the mailbox in the front lobby.
- 2. Our Spirit Shop is open!
 Shop our new spirit wear
 using the following link:
 http://chapmansretreatpto.3dcartstores.com/NEW-Spirit-Wear-20192020_c_23.html
- 3. Mark your calendars for our first spirit night at Red Robin on the 27th! A portion of the evening's sales will go back to our school!



Believe



Achieve



Exceed



Online Meal Payment Information

My School Bucks is a website for parents to pay for their child's school meals using a credit or debit card. With this online service, parents can also view a child's cafeteria purchases, make payments for their children even if they attend different schools, and set up automatic email reminders to be notified when a payment is needed. The online meal payment link can be found under "Quick Links" on our CRES website, or though the WCS app. For more information, visit

https://www.wcs.edu/district/departments/food/meal-payments/

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SCHOOL

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.

Does your child ride the bus? Please consider creating an account with the bus tracking app, Safe Stop. Information is found on the Transportation webpage. https://www.wcs.edu/district/departments/transportation/bus-routes/

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Please join WillCoGS (Williamson County Gifted Support) on Tuesday, August 20th from 11:30-12:30 at WCS Central Office in Franklin in the 1st Floor Training Room for our monthly meeting, (look for the WillCoGS signs). Our August meeting information is below:

Keys to Developing Tenacity and Resilience: Tips for Parents
Dr. Emily Mofield and Dr. Megan Parker Peters (Lipscomb University

How can you help your child develop resilience to persevere in the face of setbacks? How can you help your child develop a drive that will inspire them to sustain effort through difficulty? Learn to cultivate tenacity and grit by helping children understand the role of emotions in their pursuits. In this session, tips and strategies will be shared for fostering perseverance and emotional intelligence based on the presenters' research.

WCS wants to keep you informed!
Download the free WCS Mobile App and stay upto-date with your child's school.

The app includes access to school calendars and lunch menus to student grades and attendance reports. Users may also use the staff directory to find employee information and a Tip Line to share information with the district about issues ranging from bullying to school threats.

To download the app, visit the <u>App Store</u> or <u>Google</u> <u>Play</u> and search for "Williamson County Schools TN."









Welcome back! This is an exciting year in the art room and we have so much to do! We are kicking off this year with a community project. All students are creating birthday cards for a WWII veteran who is turning 10!! Also, I will be introducing the students to "STEM boxes" which are extra projects that expand upon their creativity and thinking skills. Stem Boxes can be done when their project is completed. In the coming weeks I will be sharing with you about the individual STEM boxes in the art room.

Also, this year I am focusing on the "Power of YET". I want my students to modify their thinking to "I can't do this YET", "I'm no good at this YET", "This doesn't make sense YET", and "I don't understand this YET". I always tell them I'm still learning everyday! There isn't a "final goal" to achieve with learning it is a continual process and it's always changing with innovations and technology. I'm also continuing to talk about practice making PROGRESS. If you have any questions or suggestions please feel free to contact me via email carolb3@wcs.edu or by phone 615/472-4300 ext. 2770. I'm looking forward to a great year of learning in the art room!

Media Center Update



Hello! My name is Amber Walker and I am the new Media Specialist. I am so excited to be a part of Chapman's Retreat this year. We have a great team! Lori Simmons is back as the librarian assistant and we are pleased to welcome our new tech assistant Suha Alsyoufi. This year we are working on building the "Learning Commons" which folds technology and the library together. Your child will have access to great reads and also amazing technology.

SAVE THE DATE!

9/13/2019- Book Fair Opens 9/19/2010- Book Fair Closes

Have you heard about the Learning Commons?

We have relocated our STEM
Lab and have re-imagined our
library to become the Learning
Commons! The Learning
Commons combines literacy,
research, collaboration, and
innovation so that students
engage in meaningful lessons
based in empathy. We want our
students to connect with and
understand their place in the
community. We are very excited
to kick off our new
adventure! Watch for updates
and ways to get involved!

This Week's Technology Tip

Want to help your student access their Dashboard at home? Go to https://www.wcs.edu/ and click on the Classlink tab! Students K-12 have a Williamson County login and password. The first time students access the Dashboard they will be asked to enter their specific username and password. Once their Dashboard opens they see all of the online resources they use at school! Can't remember the whole math lesson? Wish you could see how the teacher or textbook explained the lesson? Click on the Go Math app! They have short home tutorials for every lesson! The student Dashboard brings the classroom

to your home!





SOCIAL WORKER

welcome!

Hil I am Sarah Curtis and I am your School Social Worker for the 2019-2020 school year. I am here to provide support to faculty, staff, students, and families in a variety of capacities. This is my second year with WCS and my seventh year as a social worker.



education

BA Psychology-The University of Tennessee

MS Social Work-The University of Tennessee

I am a Licensed Master Social Worker (LMSW) as well as a Licensed School Social Worker



what I do

- connect families to outside resources for financial hardship (food, housing, material items, financial supports, etc.)
- Connect families to outside resources for mental health (counseling, psychiatry, groups)
- When appropriate, communicate with outside providers/agencies, such as therapist, doctors, DCS, court, etc.
- Collaborate with school team and family regarding behavioral/mental health concerns, academic issues, concerns about home life,

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contact me

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Referral Link: Social Work Referral

