



Cheetah Family News

2019-2020 School Year

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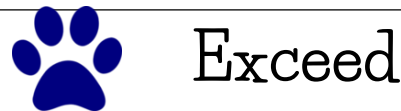
Dear Parents,

Thank you all so much for your support with today's Cheetah Chase fundraiser. Our students had a wonderful time running and it was such a great way to promote a healthy lifestyle for our students and the community. We enjoyed seeing so many of you at school to support your children as they ran, despite the cooler temperatures. We wanted to share with you some of the specific ways we plan on utilizing the funds that have been raised.

1. Charging stations and additional Chromebooks for 1st grade—One of our goals at CRES has been to have a 1:1 technology ratio. Your generous donations over the past few years, have enabled us to purchase Chromebooks and computers on wheels (COWS) for each classroom. This year, we are planning to add 15 replacement Chromebooks and 3 charging stations for 1st grade. Green Screen Accessories—We've been working on equipping our Learning Commons area with new technology resources to use with our students. Last year we were able to purchase a green screen for recording. This year, we hope to purchase lighting tools and a microphone to use with the green screen. Our hope is that we can use the green screen and accessories to film our daily announcements which are broadcast into the classrooms on Chee-TV.
2. Kindergarten Balances- Kindergarten needs 6 number balances to use during their math blocks to compare numbers. This is a hands-on math tool that teachers will use on a regular basis to assist students in learning math concepts.
3. STEM Lab Kits—Integrating Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math into classroom lessons is one of our CRES Initiatives this year. We plan to purchase Snap Circuits and an Ozobots kit to enhance student understanding of electronics and coding.
4. Art Room Tables—Ms. Braswell is planning to enhance the art room with student choice centers and exposure to additional mediums. We will be purchasing movable art tables that will provide an area for collaboration and/or individual student work.

We appreciate your involvement and support in your child's education. Our goal is for your child to succeed and develop a love of learning. With your help, I am confident that we will be able to provide activities and materials that encourage curiosity and creativity within every child. Please don't hesitate to contact me or Mrs. Johnson if you have any questions or concerns. Have a wonderful weekend!

-Dr. Garrett





IMPORTANT DATES

- November 11th- Veteran's Breakfast & Assembly
- November 15th- Progress reports go home
- November 19th- PTO Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A
- November 25th-29th- Thanksgiving Break



Congratulations to **Lisa Turner** for being named Chapman's Retreat's Teacher of the Year and to **Rafaella Cervera** for being named Chapman's Retreat's Employee of the Year!



Thank you for your support with the Cheetah Chase! We loved seeing all of our cheetahs running today! As of today, we've raised \$33,000! Donations will be accepted through November 7th! Save the date for our Spirit Night at Chick-Fil-A on November 19th!

Don't you wish there was a safe place for your child to search for



images or research answers?

Check out Kiddle! Kiddle can be found on your child's Classlink Dashboard, have them login to their Dashboard using their WCS credentials, click on the Kiddle app, and begin the safe search! Sites appearing in Kiddle search are filtered. There is a "co" in the domain that stands for "children only." Kids-oriented results with websites, images, Kencyclopedia images, news, videos, Kencyclopedia. Big thumbnail results are illustrated with which makes it easier to scan to results, differentiate, and choose the most appropriate. No personal information is collected and content is filtered. So before you answer that next question challenge your children to Kiddle it and let them discover the answer!





Learning COMMONS

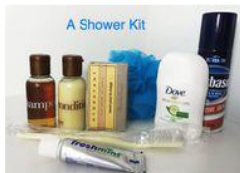
Happy November! We are hard at work in the Learning Commons. We are so excited to use funds raised during the book fair to order new titles for the library! We will be launching the beginnings of an extended project that will allow students to utilize many types of technology and engineering (green screens, robots, engineering challenges/problem solving). We are also excited to start our daily news program called CheeTv this month! We will be searching/interviewing candidates to help us make these announcements come to life!

We are always in need of stem item donations (rubber bands, Popsicle sticks, paper clips, cups, plates, cardstock, etc.) for the students to experiment and build with. If you have anything you would like to donate mark it with STEM materials and drop it off in the office or with your child's homeroom teacher.

Cheetah Council's Shower Up Campaign

The Cheetah Council invites you to participate

In our Shower Up campaign:



ShowerUp
www.ShowerUp.org

ShowerGrace ● ShowerHope ● ShowerLove

Benefitting the Homeless of Nashville

Friday, November 1st – Wednesday, November 20th



Create a "Shower Kit"

A Shower Kit can include:

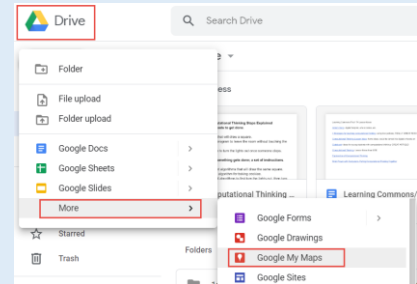
- Shampoo
- Conditioner
- Soap/Body Wash
- Bath Pouf/Washcloth
- Deodorant
- Shaving Cream
- Toothbrush & Toothpaste
- Gallon Size Ziploc Bags

PLEASE TURN ALL ITEMS IN TO THE LABELED
BOXES IN THE FOYER OUTSIDE OF THE FRONT
OFFICE.

If you have any questions, you contact
Liz Cowan at elizabethc1@wcs.edu


This Week's Technology Tip

As you plan upcoming trips think about using Google MyMaps as a way to interact with your child. Have them help plot where you are going, how long it will take, and what stops you may need to make along the way. Once your map is created it can then become an interactive trip journal for your family! You can add images, videos, and journal entries to remember all your amazing adventures! Go to your Google Drive, select MyMaps and begin your family travel planning. Pin your locations, add color, change pin icons, and more to personalize your map. You now have a family map unlike anyone else!



Veterans' Breakfast & Program Information



 Chapman's Retreat Elementary School invites all veterans to join us for a

Veterans' Appreciation Breakfast and Recognition Program

Please honor us with your presence on **Monday, November 11, 2019.**

Breakfast from 7:45 - 8:30 am
Recognition program from 8:45 - 9:30 am

Please detach the right portion of this invitation and return it to school with your child by Friday, November 1st. You may list more than one individual per sheet.



Veteran's Name: _____

Military Branch: _____

Student's Name: _____

Homeroom Teacher: _____

Total number of people attending the breakfast: _____



The Art Room Buzz



We are busy working away in the art room. This is what the grade levels are exploring:

- Kindergarten: textures and how to create it with different mediums.
- 1st Grade: Claude Monet and his famous water lilies.
- 2nd Grade: Dia de los Muertos
- 3rd Grade: Pixel Art
- 4th Grade: Birch trees
- 5th Grade: Optical Illusions



The Art Room is still in need of Clorox wipes, paper towels, and Legos.



Harry Potter Book Clubs
Just a reminder to bring a snack if you are peckish after school. I try to have a treat but that's not always possible.

