



# Cheetah Family News

## 2020-2021 School Year

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August 14, 2020

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Hello Chapman's Families,

We have officially started school and we are thrilled to be back in the school routine. Hopefully, your children have worked through any technology glitches, connected with their classmates, and dug into their curriculums. I am so proud of our staff and students this week. As I popped into zoom sessions, I saw students ask questions, complete work online, and work together, and teachers using new technology like pros.

We can't wait to see our K-2 students in the building on Monday! We realize this may be a little challenging on the first day since parents are not allowed in the building. We will have many staff members available to walk students directly to their rooms. If you have a specific concern, please contact your teacher so they will be aware that your child may benefit from additional support. Hopefully, our kindergarten students will already be familiar with their teacher and will be excited to come into the building.

The district has approved for students to use playground equipment, since it is not a contained indoor space. We will continue to follow social distancing guidelines and encourage hand washing as students return to their classrooms. Students will continue to eat lunch in their classrooms, and teachers will transition instead of students. Masks will be required while on school grounds. Students may remove them during snack, lunch, and recess, and during specific times per teacher directive (small breaks, etc.).

This has been an extremely challenging period for our school district, teachers, families, and community. We are committed to doing everything we can to keep your children safe, keep our staff safe, and educate our students. Thank you for your ongoing support, recommendations, and kind words. I also want to thank our PTO for keeping our staff well fed, answering parent questions, keeping our CRES PTO site up to date, and the myriad of things they do for us on a daily basis.

Have a wonderful weekend and I hope to see all of you soon.

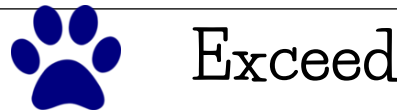
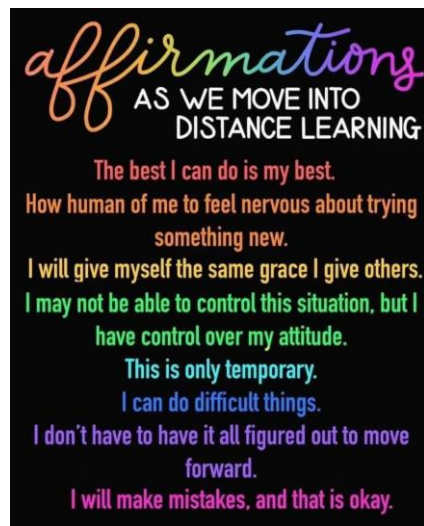
Take care,  
Dr. Garrett



Something to keep in mind as we embrace a remote learning environment...

### IMPORTANT DATES

August 17<sup>th</sup>- Kindergarten-2<sup>nd</sup> grade return to school building  
September 7<sup>th</sup>- Labor Day-No School





## 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. For more information, visit <https://www.wcs.edu/Page/5090>

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**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?

Check out the information on the WCS Website regarding bus stop information and drop off/pick up times for bus riders.

<https://www.wcs.edu/domain/1157>



## Not Getting Emails?

Teachers will be sending students Google Classroom assignment notifications and communication through each student's Gmail account. Students will need to check their SPAM folders in addition to their inbox as some class group emails are diverted to the SPAM folder.



## 5-Day Meal Kits Available

Williamson County is pleased to offer parents of WCS students a take-home five-day meal kit. This meal kit will consist of 5 complete breakfasts and 5 complete lunches with preparation and safe food handling instructions included. Cost of the meal kits will be based on your student's eligibility status. Parents who wish to participate need to preorder their meals. Prices will vary depending on each family's status of free, reduced or full pay. [Pricing information is available on the Meal Kit Order Form.](#)



Here's the direct link to the meal kit information.

<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSdilHOpiwq4wrPi9AROhl8UbtHylUAX4jZIUarqjnYl8g/viewform>

**WCS wants to keep you informed!**  
**Download the free WCS Mobile App and stay up-to-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 [App Store](#) or [Google Play](#) and search for "Williamson County Schools TN."



# The JetPack Project



The JetPack Project is a food program providing nutritious, non-perishable food to children in need for each weekend during the school year. If your family is in need of food assistance, please let us help. Each student who participates in the JetPack program will receive a packet of food each Friday containing basics for breakfast and lunch for the weekend. Packets are distributed discreetly so as not to draw attention to the child. Information collected on the registration form, as well as the names of children participating, is kept confidential between The Well and the school. The food is provided at no cost to you or your child. If you are interested in enrolling your student in the JetPack project, please click on one of the below links to register.

Online English enrollment form: <https://forms.gle/FAF7sSgvzvHMzqPr9>  
Online Spanish enrollment form: <https://forms.gle/3W6jQf48PZpP2Gpx9>



The start of a new school year brings a new literacy adoption. This year all students will have the opportunity to read authentic texts throughout the year, engage in rich discussions, and express their thoughts through writing. Our Kindergarten, first, and second grade students will get additional instruction in foundational skills strengthening their decoding, spelling, and fluency. These are positive changes that will help develop strong academic skills to support students in middle, high school, and beyond.

Mrs. McCormck  
CRES Literacy Coach

Need Help with Technology? Check out the tech tips in this week's InFocus newsletter.

<https://www.wcs.edu/site/default.aspx?PageType=3&DomainID=57&ModuleInstanceID=912&ViewID=6446EE88-D30C-497E-9316-3F8874B3E108&RenderLoc=0&FlexDataID=20869&PageID=107>

Greetings, Parents and Guardians!

We look forward to another great year at Chapman's Retreat Elementary! Regardless of whether your child is a remote or an in-person learner, we are here for them and for you!

Being your child's school counselors includes wearing a lot of different hats. This year, it might look a little different depending on the needs of our building in different levels of spread. Counselors will provide individual one on one sessions, possibly group sessions, and recorded life skills sessions formally known as guidance lessons.

Your child's social, emotional, academic, and behavioral growth is our focus in all areas of our work! Our interaction with your child may be through a zoom meeting or phone call if you are a remote learner, and in person if you are a traditional in-person learner. Please note: *additional information will arrive home on how we will provide services this year, along with documents regarding how to request to see the counselor, guidelines for virtual counseling etc.*

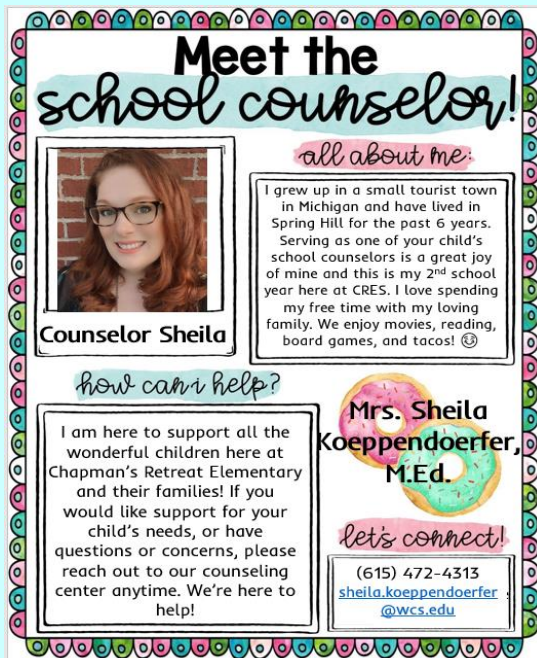
### What does a School Counselor do?

- Collaborate with all stakeholders to ensure the academic, social/personal, and career development of all students
- Develop programs to promote a positive, safe and respectful school culture
- Use data to address the needs of the students
- Deliver classroom guidance
- Facilitate Small groups
- Individual counseling
- Facilitate parent workshops and small groups
- Attend parent teacher conferences, IEP meetings, and coordinate/attend 504 meetings


Please reach out if you need anything! Best wishes for a happy and healthy school year!

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Full Time

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**Meet the school counselor!**



**Counselor Sheila**

*all about me:*

I grew up in a small tourist town in Michigan and have lived in Spring Hill for the past 6 years. Serving as one of your child's school counselors is a great joy of mine and this is my 2<sup>nd</sup> school year here at CRES. I love spending my free time with my loving family. We enjoy movies, reading, board games, and tacos! 🌮

*how can i help?*

I am here to support all the wonderful children here at Chapman's Retreat Elementary and their families! If you would like support for your child's needs, or have questions or concerns, please reach out to our counseling center anytime. We're here to help!

**Mrs. Sheila Koependoerfer, M.Ed.**

*let's connect!*

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**Meet the school counselor!**



**Counselor Kara**

*all about me:*

I am a Tennessee native, and Williamson County has been my home for the past 8 years. I have worked in various roles in Education, and I have over 10 years of experience in both teaching and counseling. I have a 9 year old son, and a 12 year old daughter. My family and I enjoy camping and spending time outdoors.

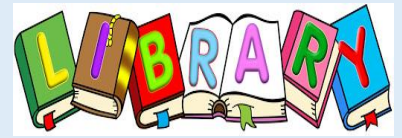
*how can i help?*

Please reach out with questions and concerns regarding your child's needs. Our desire is to partner with your family to provide a safe and welcoming learning environment. We look forward to working with you this year!

**Mrs. Kara Buckner, M.Ed.**

*let's connect!*

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We are so excited for this school year and are hoping to make it easy to find Related Arts resources. We have made Google Classrooms for each grade level for Related Arts. We will post each day for the afternoon time slot. During medium and high spread, all of CRES will have the same related arts schedule. Schedule and codes for classrooms are below. The videos posted daily will be from teachers from all over the county. Please let us know if you have any questions!

### 2020-2021 Related Arts Team

PE- Elizabeth Yancey ([Elizabeth.yancey@wcs.edu](mailto:Elizabeth.yancey@wcs.edu)) & Phil Willoughby ([philw@wcs.edu](mailto:philw@wcs.edu))

Music- Kendall Wittstruck ([Kendall.webb@wcs.edu](mailto:Kendall.webb@wcs.edu))

Art- Louise Braswell ([carolb3@wcs.edu](mailto:carolb3@wcs.edu))

Library/Media- Amber Walker ([amber.walker@wcs.edu](mailto:amber.walker@wcs.edu))

## SPECIALS

*schedule*

Monday-Library

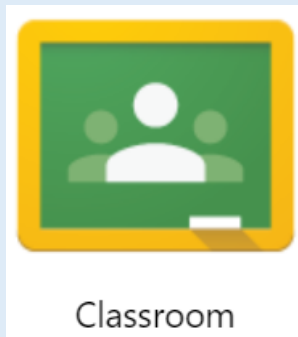
Tuesday-PE

Wednesday-Art

Thursday-PE

Friday-Music

### Related Arts Google Classroom Codes:



Kindergarten: g4e3too

1<sup>st</sup> Grade: sgzklkq

2<sup>nd</sup> Grade: l6ltmmx

3<sup>rd</sup> Grade: hem2sfq

4<sup>th</sup> Grade: 2tjh3pj

5<sup>th</sup> Grade: yaeidqy

# PTO News

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[http://chapmansretreatpto.3dcartstores.com/NEW-Spirit-Wear-2021\\_c\\_31.html](http://chapmansretreatpto.3dcartstores.com/NEW-Spirit-Wear-2021_c_31.html)

DEADLINE TO ORDER: AUGUST 17<sup>th</sup>



ROOM MOM INTEREST FORM:

Please click the link to fill out the Google form if you're interested in being a Room Mom this year. Thanks for your support!

[\[https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPIOfj3dmNi0ImmTMe5MkaogqJq7tQjZ5HMmW7Mc9K2tOVYg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1\]](https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPIOfj3dmNi0ImmTMe5MkaogqJq7tQjZ5HMmW7Mc9K2tOVYg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1) (<https://docs.google.com/forms/d/e/1FAIpQLSfPIOfj3dmNi0ImmTMe5MkaogqJq7tQjZ5HMmW7Mc9K2tOVYg/viewform?vc=0&c=0&w=1>)