



# Cheetah Family News

## 2019-2020 School Year

(615) 472-4300

September 13<sup>th</sup> , 2019

1000 Secluded Lane

Dear Parents:

We have now completed screening all students in grades K-5 in the areas of reading and math. This information helps us to identify students who may require additional instructional intervention in order to master the academic standards. The information below from WCS, explains the screening process, defines *Response to Intervention*, and outlines the *RTI Framework*.

- **What is a universal screener?**

- School districts are required to give academic universal screeners to all students, three times each year. These screeners are used to identify which students will benefit from additional instruction provided through interventions. These assessments are brief and provide teachers and school leaders with data regarding the instructional needs of students. Instruction and interventions are then adjusted to the individual needs of students to ensure they are successful with grade level standards. To ensure that we are meeting the needs of all students, we have adjusted our intervention tiers to the following: Tier III (1-15%); Tier II (16-30%) On Watch (31-55%); Proficient (56-99%).

- **What is RTI?**

- RTI (Response to Intervention) is a general education initiative designed to ensure that every student receives the support he or she needs to be successful in the academic setting. RTI is used to support students academically in the general education setting. During intervention, teachers use research-based materials that guide their small group lessons. In order to identify who receives intervention, each student takes a district-wide universal screener. The data from these screeners, help determine which area(s) to target for each student. There are four screening areas: reading, math, written expression, and dyslexia.

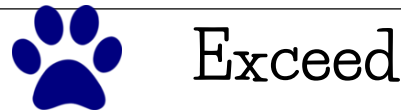
- **RTI Framework**

- Under the RTI model, the needs of students are met at the first sign of struggle. This is determined by using three or more pieces of data. Students who are not achieving in one or more of the four screened areas, are then provided additional targeted instruction, in the general education classroom. Students may receive 30 to 60 minutes of additional instruction and intervention daily, based on their needs. Research indicates that approximately 20% of students will require some level of additional support or intervention. Students who receive additional instruction and intervention are given quick, short assessments (progress monitoring), to ensure their needs are being met. Intervention teams meet monthly to review the results of these assessments and determine the next course of action.

I hope this information is helpful and will keep you updated regarding the screening and intervention process in WCS. If you have any questions regarding the RTI process, please contact your child's teacher or me at [carolgl@wcs.edu](mailto:carolgl@wcs.edu).

Have a fabulous weekend!

- Dr. Garrett



# IMPORTANT DATES

- September 17<sup>th</sup>- PTO Spirit Night at Culver's
- September 18<sup>th</sup>- Family Literacy Night from 6-7:30
- September 26<sup>th</sup>- Girl Scout Parent Meeting at 6:00
- October 2<sup>nd</sup>- Walk to School Day
- October 4<sup>th</sup>- CRES Spirit Night at Summit Football Game
- October 5<sup>th</sup>- Grey Ghost 5K
- October 10<sup>th</sup>-11<sup>th</sup>- Fall Break



Have you logged into **Skyward** yet? Skyward in our district grading platform that allows you 24 access to your child's academic standing. The account set up is very simple. If you have not logged in before, stop by the school office to pick up your login information. Login information must be picked up in person. Make sure you have your ID ready when you visit the school.

The Skyward app can be added to your mobile device and you can set up weekly alerts if desired. Skyward is another way to stay connected with the school. Join today!

<https://apps.apple.com/us/app/skyward-mobile-access/id1502635374>

Our 2<sup>nd</sup> PTO Spirit Night is on September 17<sup>th</sup> at Culver's from 5:00-8:00. We do need a few volunteers to serve food. Each volunteer will get a voucher for a free food basket. Check out the following link to sign up:

<https://m.signupgenius.com/#/showSignup/4090d44abaa2ea02-culversl>

## Cheetah Council

Congratulations to the 2019-2020 Cheetah Council Members! They will be leaders in our school and our community, helping wherever they can to promote good citizenship! We will have our first monthly meeting on Wednesday, September 25<sup>th</sup>! Be on the lookout for our first Community Drive coming up the first week in October!



# Come Join us at Camp Read-A-Lot

A fun night of reading and writing activities  
for the whole family!



September 18, 2019  
6:00-7:30pm

We can't wait to see you!

## IT'S HERE! THE ARCTIC TUNDRA BOOK FAIR!

### BOOK FAIR SCHEDULE



**Friday 9/13/10-** GRAND OPENING! Send money with your child. Everyone who brings money will get a chance to shop on Friday! Your child will shop the book fair during related arts.

\*\*\*\*Monday, Tuesday, and **Thursday** you can come shop with your child before school from 8:15- 8:40 a.m. and in the afternoons until 4:30 p.m. Thursday is the last day to shop!

\*\*\*\***Wednesday** (9/18) We will be open from 7:00 a.m. to 8:40 a.m. and during Literacy Night. Come join US!!!!

**Date Correction!**

\*\*\*\*\***WE NEED VOLUNTEERS**\*\*\*\*\*

Please see the link below to donate a few minutes of time. You can help our book fair be the best it can be!

<https://volunteer.scholastic.com/#/signup/ISUT6Txsh>

For more information on our fair and for online shopping

<https://www.scholastic.com/bf/cres>.

We Look forward to seeing you!

Thank you,

Amber Walker  
Library Media Specialist



Help us raise money to add **AMAZING NEW TITLES!** With proceeds from the book fair we plan to add more **Graphic Novels, Non-Fiction, Picture Books, and Chapter Books!**



HS THEATRE INVITES YOU TO OUR  
**Princesses and HEROES EXTRAVAGANZA**  
SATURDAY, SEPTEMBER 28, 2019  
10 AM - 1 PM

**\$10** per child (paid at the door)

**Ticket Information and Reservations**  
Reservations recommended BY SEPTEMBER 25  
Email: [hstheatre@yahoo.com](mailto:hstheatre@yahoo.com)

**INDY THEATRE**  
INDEPENDENCE HIGH SCHOOL  
1100 CARROLLS BLVD., IN. 47134

**You will...**  
• Enjoy treats and crafts alongside your favorite characters  
• Be entertained by Princesses and Heroes  
• Wear your favorite costume

**If you keep on thinking, the dreams that you wish will come true!**

Join us Saturday, September 28th for The Princess and Hero EXTRAVAGANZA! Exciting activities and unforgettable moments are just a couple weeks away!

Come meet your favorite princesses (like Belle, Elsa and Moanal) and heroes (Spiderman, Batman, and Mr. Incredible just to name a few!). We will have delicious treats, crafts, facepainting a heroes corner, storytime, and songs from your favorite characters! Costumes are welcomed and encouraged 😊

The cost is just \$10/child!!! You can come by any time between 10am and 1pm on Saturday, 9/28!

Reservations recommended - e-mail [hstheatre@yahoo.com](mailto:hstheatre@yahoo.com) by Wednesday, 9/25

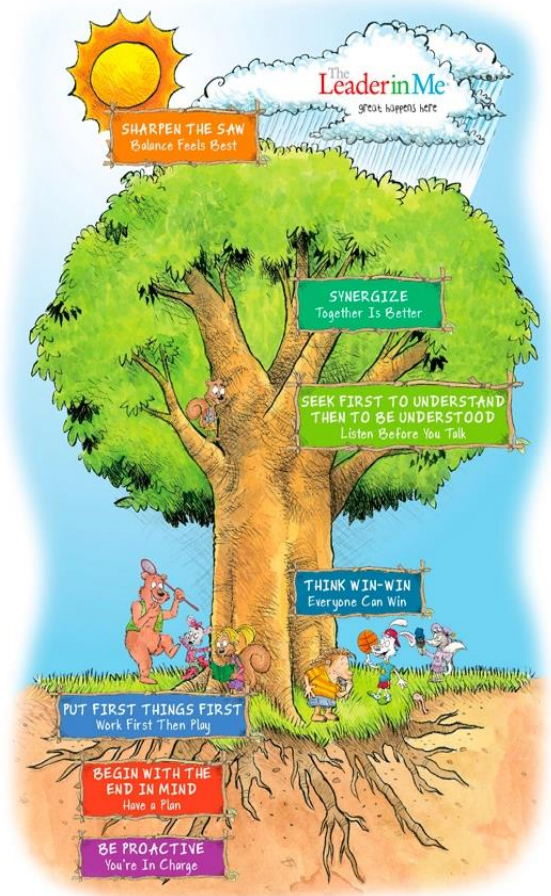
We trust that you will join us next week and enjoy our fabulous book fair. While you are here, please check the "Lost and Found" items. All items will be placed in the main hall on Monday September 16th. If you have noticed missing jackets or sweaters, please encourage your child to check the table. All items will be taken to Good Will on Friday, September 20th.



## 7 Habits of Healthy Kids

We are excited to share that this year, during our monthly *School-Wide Assemblies*, we will work on promoting The 7 Habits of Healthy Kids. This is based on the book, Leader in Me by Stephen Covey. The Leader in Me is designed to help your child succeed both in and out of the classroom. During our *Friend in Me Mentor Meetings*, we will reflect on students' lives, develop leadership skills, and set goals that will inspire them to succeed. Students will begin to realize that they have control over much of what happens in their lives and can be true leaders. Select students from each grade will be presented and a certificate each month during our assembly. Our first Habit will be:

**Be Proactive - You're in Charge!**



## Dress Code Reminders

Students should dress appropriately for comfort, weather and learning. Please keep in mind the following guidelines...

- Tops of shoulders must have a minimum of a 1-inch strap unless otherwise covered by an opaque top garment.

Shorts and skirts should reach the mid-thigh. Mid-thigh is defined as the midpoint between the waist and mid-knee.

Hats, headbands with ears, unicorn horns, etc. may be worn in buildings on special occasion as permitted by administration.

Parents will be notified and asked to bring appropriate clothing to the school if a student is in violation of the dress code.



# This Week's Technology Tip

Are you sharing your computer with your child? Did you or your child ever close a browser tab before you ready? Before you get that sinking feeling and want to cry try this little tech tip: Ctrl + Shift + t. Use those 3 keys together and your browser tab will instantly reopen!



As many of you know, we encourage our entire school to run the **Grey Ghost 1K(\$10) or 5K(\$30)**. We have won the most participation award for the last 4 years and are hoping to keep our streak going. For every student that signs up, our school receives \$10 of their race fee. This money goes straight to the PE dept. In years past, we have been able to buy awesome new equipment for your students!!

This year's race is **October 5th!** Unlike last year, we are unable to collect registrations and race fees at the school. We did this to give our families the ability to avoid the online fee of \$3 (per runner). You are still able to mail in your registration to avoid the online fee.



GREY GHOST 5K



## CUB SCOUT

**Kids in K-5: Interested in Joining Cub Scouts**

Learn More and sign up at Pack 345 Fall Party!

Monday, October 7 at 6:30 PM

First Baptist Church, 5219 Main Street, Spring Hill, TN

Wear your favorite costume and come celebrate fall with snacks and games!

For more information contact Cubmaster Matt Durlin at [mattdurlin@gmail.com](mailto:mattdurlin@gmail.com) or Committee Chairman Joshua George at [joshpgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:joshpgeorge@gmail.com).



## 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/>



## 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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**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."



Please do not park in the fire lane in the front of the building, especially from 8:45-9:00 and 2:30-3:15, as it is used for pre-k arrival and dismissal. There are plenty of parking spots available during the school day.

Also, SACC parents, please pull to a parking spot in the back of the building if students are still loading/unloading in the bus loop.