

Chatfield Elementary



“There is a difference between not knowing and not knowing yet.” -Sheila Tobias

March, 2019

Important Dates

Friday, March 8th

Family Movie Night 6:00 pm

Monday, March 11th

No school Teacher Workday

Friday, March 15th

4th Grade Field Trip

Monday, March 18th-Friday, March 22nd

Spring Break

Wednesday, March 27th

Kindergarten Round-up

Thursday, March 28th

M.J. Thomas Spring pictures

“Do not judge me by my success, judge me by how many times I fell down and got back up again.”

— Nelson Mandela

A Message From Vice-Principal Shawn Wilson:

Dear Chatfield Families,

We are now only two short weeks away from spring break. I'm definitely ready for warmer weather and longer days of sunshine!

As we wrap-up the third quarter, there is much to celebrate with our Chatfield Learners. To begin, many classrooms celebrated Dr. Seuss's birthday by reading and being read to throughout the day last Friday. Next, we have also been focusing on our monthly themes of empathy and persistence since January. It is exciting to watch students show persistence in the classroom on a daily basis. Our theme this month is resilience. It's important that when we fail, we bounce back and keep going! Finally, once students return from spring break, our 3rd-5th grade students will begin taking CMAS testing.

As we gear up for CMAS testing, please ensure your child has plenty of sleep prior to their test day and help them start the day with a healthy breakfast. It is also important that students are here during the testing times listed below so they can test with their classmates. Students will not be testing the entire time listed below, but we would like to have them here during these hours to ensure enough time for them to start and finish their test. Please schedule any appointments around the dates below, if possible.

A breakdown of the schedule so you are aware of the dates and times when your child will be testing is on the next page. As always, we appreciate your continued support with your child's education, and feel free to reach out to the office if you need anything.

Best regards,
Shawn Wilson
Assistant Principal

CMAS Testing Dates and Times

3rd Grade Testing Dates/Times:

- ELA
Thursday, April 4th (9:15-11:15) and (1:15-3:15)
Friday, April 5th (9:15-11:15)
- Math
Monday, April 15th (9:30-11:00) and (1:15-2:45)
Tuesday, April 16th (9:30-11:00)

4th Grade Testing Dates/Times:

- ELA
Monday, April 1st (10:00-12:00) and (1:15-3:15)
Friday, April 2nd (10:00-12:00)
- Math
Wednesday, April 10th (9:00-10:30)
Thursday, April 11th (9:00-10:30) and (1:15-3:15)

5th Grade Testing Dates/Times:

- ELA
Thursday, March 28th (10:30-12:30) and (1:15-3:30)
Friday, March 29th (10:30-12:30)
- Math
Monday, April 8th (10:30-12:00) and (1:15-2:45)
Tuesday, April 9th (10:30-12:00)
- Science
Thursday, April 18th (10:30-12:30) and (1:15-3:15)
Friday, April 19th (10:30-12:30)

The Great Chatfield Penny War



Chatfield Elementary Penny War



What Is It?

Grade levels will try and raise the most money over a 2-week period to help pay for field day activities and to raise money for a Lego wall in our Makerspace.

When Does It Begin?

Friday, March 1st through Thursday, March 14th

How Does It Work?

Students will add paper money and/or pennies to their own grade-level jar to earn positive points. They can also sabotage other grade-level jars by placing silver coins into their jars, resulting in negative points. Coins will be added and subtracted at the end of each day, and the amounts will be placed on each jar so students know how much money they have accumulated or lost. Grade-level jars will be in the library so students can add money at any time.

What Do the Winners Receive?

The winning grade level will receive an ice-cream party on Friday, March 15th, the day before spring break.

What Is Our Goal?

Our goal is to raise at least \$1,000.00 by the end of the penny war. Remember to bring your coins and paper money to our Movie Night on Friday, March 8th at 6:00 pm.

Letter From Our Counselor

Dear Chatfield families and students,

Spring is quickly approaching and I am reminded how important it is to take time to celebrate the growth students have gained this year. Teachers and students have been working hard and are already preparing for the 4th quarter! As the school counselor, it has been rewarding to partner with students as they actively work toward their academic and social-emotional goals. Every child at Chatfield are engaging in a variety of social and emotional lessons that help support academic goals and strong mental health.

Kindergarten - 2nd grade students have continued practicing mindfulness in the classroom, using deep breathing strategies, visualization, and an increasing awareness of the connection between body and emotions. Ask your child to show you belly-breathing or rollercoaster breathing at home! They are also exploring lessons on teamwork, active kindness, including others, and will soon be talking about the brain in its relation to experiencing strong emotions. Check out this video link for helpful information on the thinking and feeling parts of the brain –

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=3bKuoH8CkFc>

After the holiday break, 3rd - 5th grade students started on a new series on emotion management from the Second Step curriculum. This program teaches students proactive strategies that assist in preventing negative, reactive behaviors during moments of escalating emotions. Using deep, centered breathing and positive self-talk help students focus and calm themselves so that they can think through a difficult situation. “Stop, Name Your Feeling, and Calm Down” are three basic steps in emotion management. Some of the lessons students are exploring include: calming down strategies, handling accusations, and effectively managing anxiety, anger, and disappointment. All Chatfield students/families have access to the program online at www.secondstep.org .

Please reach out to me if your student is in need of a coat, shoes, tops/bottoms, hat/gloves, or a backpack. There are still several items in the donation area needing a home. ☺

Kindly,

Renee Cameron

School Counselor

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School of Choice

Dear Parents:

The School of Choice window for the 2019/2020 school year will open on March 4, 2019 at 10:00 a.m. and it will close on March 15, 2019 at 4:00 p.m. Please watch for the information letter to parents, as it will be coming to you electronically. You will find the information letter on your ParentVue, Peach Jar, District 51 Home Page, Social Media, etc. The letter will be available in both English and Spanish the week of February 18, 2019.

Contact Jo Pifer (970-254-5323) or your school office.

Meet the Staff



Pre-School Open House



PRESCHOOL OPEN HOUSE

Will your child be 3 or 4 years old by July 15, 2019?

Interested in a Preschool Program through School District 51 for 2019-2020?

Your child must meet eligibility requirements to attend our program.

**Mark your calendar to attend the Early Childhood Preschool
Open House**

**Come visit with teachers, pick-up a Questionnaire and an ASQ and have your questions answered
about our eligibility process for School District 51's preschool programs.**

**In addition to the Preschool Questionnaire and ASQ you will need your child's birth certificate and
immunization record.**

Tuesday, March 5, 2019

4:30-6:30 PM

At the following schools:

Appleton - 2358 H Road

Broadway - 2248 Broadway

Chatfield - 3188 D 1/2 Road

Clifton 3276 F Road

Dual Immersion Academy - 552 A West Main St

Lincoln OM Cottage - 2888 B 1/2 Road

Loma - 1360 13 Road

Nisley - 542 28 3/4 Road

Pear Park - 432 30 1/4 Road

Rocky Mt. - 3260 D 1/2 Road

Taylor - 689 Brentwood

Tope - 2220 North 7th St

Kids Campus - 1027 Main St

Career Center - 2935 North Ave.

Chipeta - 950 Chipeta Ave

Dos Rios - 265 Linden Ave

Fruitvale - 585 30 Road

Lincoln Park Cottage- 519 18th St

Mesa View - 2967 B Road

Orchard Ave Cottage - 2111 Elm Ave

Rim Rock - 1810 J.6 Road

Shelledy - 353 North Mesa St.

Thunder Mt. - 3063 F 1/2 Road

Wingate - 351 South Camp Road

Wishes & Dreams - 493 28 1/4 Road

Classroom size is limited, come early to apply

Early Childhood Education Department 970.254.5429