

Thomas Crossroads Elementary Tiger Tale

October 2017

"As a Team, We Ensure the Success of Each Student"



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TCES NEWS

What an awesome September we've had! Students have enjoyed setting individual and class academic and behavior goals and working hard towards those goals. In addition, they have been earning "green gotchas" for exhibiting their personal best, acting responsibly, working and playing safely, and showing respect through our PBIS (Positive Behavioral Interventions and Supports). We will have our first PBIS "rewards" days on October 4th for Kindergarten, 2nd grade, and 4th grade and October 5th for 1st grade, 3rd grade, and 5th grade. Students can redeem their collected green gotchas for a variety of different items during their designated celebration time. Items will be priced in increments of 5, and posters will be posted throughout the school ahead of time allowing students to become familiar with the items that will be offered. We will be following a different Specials schedule for these two days. Students will still have their designated Special on these days, however, the time they attend that class may be different due to the PBIS student celebrations.

As we move into October, students will enjoy several seasonal school activities to include some field trips, Read for the Record Day, Fall Festival, and Red Ribbon Week. On Read for the Record Day, students will hear the story, Quackers, by Liz Wong and complete some instructional activities that correlate with the story. Our Fall Festival is a great family friendly event featuring many games, activities, jump equipment, and a dunking tank with our faculty and staff volunteers. Red Ribbon Week celebrates our decision to stay drug free, and the students have the opportunity to participate by dressing up in red or for different themes each day. More information will be going home soon on this. Mid-October we will have our Coweta Effectiveness visit, which allows us to showcase the wonderful work we do with your support each day here at TC. It is an exciting time for all of us!

Thank you for all you do to support your children and Thomas Crossroads Elementary. Please don't hesitate to contact us if you have any questions or concerns.

Mrs. Jennifer Whetstone, Ed.S.
Proud Assistant Principal



Calendar of Events

Oct. 1st

Crazy Hair Day
Pay \$1.00

Oct. 2nd—12th

Pre Sale Fall Festival
Tickets

Oct. 6th

Teacher Work Day
No school for students

Oct. 9th

Columbus Day Holiday

Oct. 11th

Kinder and Second Grades
to CPVA
8:30—11:00

Oct. 13th

Fall Festival
5:30—8:00 pm

Oct. 16th

Fall Pictures

Oct. 17th

Pre-K to Uncle Bob's

Oct. 19th

Read for the Record Day

Oct. 23

Texas Roadhouse
Spirit Night

Oct. 23—27

Red Ribbon Week

Club Meetings

Good News Club

Will not meet Oct. 5th
Every Thurs.
2:30—4:00
Gym

Practices

Academic Bowl

Every Tuesday
2:45 — 4:00
Mrs. Hendrix's Classroom

Chorus

Every Tuesday
2:30—3:30
Music Room

Fall Pictures

Fall Pictures are scheduled for Oct. 16th in the gym. This picture will be used for the TCE Yearbook.



Day Light Savings Time

On Sunday, November 5th, Day Light Savings Time ends, so don't forget to set your clocks back one hour Saturday night, Nov. 4th.



PBIS! News

All posters are displayed throughout Thomas Crossroads Elementary, and students are earning plenty of "Gotcha's". Our celebration will be October 4th and 5th to honor those students who have worked hard to exhibit PAWS behavior! Posters will be displayed soon for this exciting celebration! Remind your students to keep earning their "Gotcha's"; the big celebration day is approaching soon!



Personal Belongings

As the weather gets cooler, students will be wearing jackets. Please make sure your child's first and last names are on the jackets as well as all personal belongings.

Tiger Den

The Tiger Den offers hot meals everyday for all students. Breakfast is \$1.00 and Lunch is \$2.75; we have Reduced / Free Forms in the office. The Cafeteria uses Meals Pay Plus to make it easier for you to pay for your child's meals. You may pay daily, weekly or monthly. A student is allowed to charge up to 3 meals. After the third meal, an alternate lunch will be provided which consists of peanut butter sandwich and milk. If you have any questions, please contact Tassell Cleveland, Cafeteria Manager 770-254-2753.

PTO

Thanks to all who attended the Starlite and Chick-fil-A spirit nights.

The Fall Festival is Friday Oct, 13th from 5:30 to 8:00 at the school. Tickers are \$15 per child, and pre sales are \$20 at the event. Kids 3 and under are free. Please bring friends and family. We will have the dunk tank, food trucks and plenty of games and inflatables for all. Pre-sale flyers go out October 2nd. Look for them in your child's folder.

Also look for an email from your room mom about volunteer and donations.

Our next spirit night is October 23rd at Texas Roadhouse in Newnan.

November 9th is our next PTO meeting and a county representative will give a presentation on the Chromebook and answer any questions you may have. We had him at a meeting last year, and he was very helpful. If you are new to the Chromebook or still have questions, please attend.



Visit our web site <http://www.cowetaschools.net/tces>

Nurse's Notes

REMINDER: If you were given a waiver before school started for the Hearing, Vision, Dental, and Nutritional Screenings (Form 3300), it will expire on November 4th. Please contact your child's physician to schedule an appointment to have this form completed and return it to the school before November 4th.

Cough drops are considered a medication and must be dispensed through the school clinic with parental consent. For the safety of our students, please do not send in a bag of cough drops for your child's desk. Cough drops can be a choking hazard and are a short-term fix for soothing a cough. Sending in a water bottle for your child to sip on throughout the day is a better idea because it may help loosen mucus and soothe an irritated throat.

Finally, please make sure to keep your child's clinic card up-to-date with current contact numbers, new allergies, and/or medical diagnosis. By having current contact numbers for the parent(s)/guardian(s), I will be able to contact you if your child becomes sick at school or in the event of an emergency.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to call me at [\(770\) 254-2751 ext 212](tel:7702542751).

Carissa Gill, LPN



Superstar Math Program

The Superstar Math Program is underway for 1st-5th grade students. This program is accessible as a way to create an academically challenging environment for students. Each week the students receive a new sheet and Mrs. Hendrix discusses strategies for completion. The students will not know how to do all of the problems and they are challenging them to really think about what is being asked and how to solve them. The students spend time at school during flexible group time to work on the problems.

I request that parents refrain from "helping" or giving too much guidance on these sheets until after they are scored and come home. This helps the students work on problem solving and finding solutions to problems independently. After the paper is scored and comes home, please discuss any problems that they found difficult. If at anytime you have a question or concern, please don't hesitate to contact me at pamela.hendrix@cowetaschools.net. Thank you.

REACH:

Testing is completed, and full time services have started. Each week your child will bring home a tally sheet telling you some of the things we did during the day so you can talk to them about their day. Please sign the tally sheet and return each week. The students will have a Google classroom assignment each week to complete. It is their responsibility to get your signature, remember their belongings, and to complete the Google classroom homework. Each grade level has received their project list, and please contact me with any questions or concerns at pamela.hendrix@cowetaschools.net. It is my pleasure to serve the gifted and talented students at Thomas Crossroads.

Pam Hendrix

Academic Bowl

Congratulations to the following students! They will be representing Thomas Crossroads Elementary's 2017-18 Academic Bowl. These 4th and 5th grade students were evaluated on their knowledge and quickness of answering Math, Reading, Language Arts, Science, Social Studies, Current Events, and Fine Arts questions. They were also recommended by their teacher.

Jacob Fore
Jacqueline Wells
Quinn Hudson
Camila Sanchez
Aidan Lyle
Kyleigh Hightower
AF Attone
Meagan Parham

Selected Alternates:

Robert Chapman
Ethan Larsen

They will participate in 4 scheduled meets:

Meet 1: January 11th
Meet 2: January 25th
Meet 3: February 8th
Meet 4: February 27th
(Finals)

Beverly Reichman
Erin Gladden
Academic Bowl Sponsors



Counselor's Corner

TCES will be celebrating RED RIBBON WEEK this year from October 23rd - October 27th. We will be having the door decoration contest and the following Theme Days during that week.



DR. SIMMONS HAS GIVEN PERMISSION FOR TEACHERS TO GIVE "GOTCHA'S" TO STUDENTS EACH DAY THAT THEY PARTICIPATE IN THE THEME DAYS.

IT WOULD BE GREAT TO HAVE AS MANY STUDENTS AS POSSIBLE TO WEAR A RED SHIRT & JEANS ON WEDNESDAY OF THAT WEEK AS THE COWETA EFFECTIVENESS TEAM WILL BE IN THE BUILDING!

What is Red Ribbon Week? Red Ribbon Week is a time when communities come together to present a united and visible commitment toward the creation of a drug-free America. The campaign is designed to create awareness, build coalitions, and support healthy, drug-free lifestyles. The Red Ribbon provides a catalyst for schools, businesses, parents, churches, law enforcement, doctors, government, social service organizations and others to join together to promote effective prevention messages throughout their communities. Classroom guidance will include discussing drugs and associated dangers with a focus on prevention.

Schedule of theme days:

Monday, 23rd

"PUT A CAP ON DRUGS" - Wear interesting caps and hats.

Tuesday, 24th

"TURN YOUR BACK ON DRUGS" - Wear your clothes backwards.

Wednesday, 25th

"BE A "JEAN'IUS--SAY NO TO DRUGS" - Wear jeans and a RED Shirt.

Thursday, 26th

"TEAM UP AGAINST DRUGS"- Wear a team shirt

Friday, 27th

"I CAN MAKE GOOD CHOICES-DRUG FREE" - Bring a canned food item in to begin our November Can-a-thon

Susan Schmitt
Counselor

