

November 12, 2019

Mark Your Calendar:

<u>Nov. 14</u> 1st Grade Field Trip Partridge Plantation

<u>Nov. 15</u> 1st Grade Field Trip Partridge Plantation

Nov. 22 AL vs. AU Staff Volleyball Game 3rd –5th 9:00 a.m. Pre K - 2nd 1:00 p.m. (Students can wear AL or AU shirts and concessions will be sold.)

> Nov. 25 - Nov. 29 Thanksgiving Holidays (No School)

> Dec. 3 Kindergarten Field Trip Play House in the Park

<u>Dec. 4</u> Kindergarten Field Trip Play House in the Park

3rd Grade Field Tip Saenger Theater

Dec. 9 - Dec.13 PTO Santa Shop

Dec. 13 - Dec.18 End of Quarter Tests Dec. 16 - Reading (K-5th) Dec. 17 - Math (K-5th) Dec. 18 - Science (4th & 5th) Dec. 19 - Makeup Tests

<u>Dec. 19</u> Holiday Singalong 10:00 AM Class parties (12:30PM) Bag Lunches

> Dec. 20 Teacher Workday

Dec. 23 - Jan. 2, <u>HOLIDAY BREAK</u> Teachers return on Jan. 2 Jan. 2 and 3 - Teacher Workdays Jan. 6 - Professional Development Day Students return on Jan. 7th

Jan. 13 Report Cards Go Home

Jan. 17 4th Grade Field Trip Montgomery, AL

Martin Luther King Jr. Holiday Dickson Dateline

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E. R. DICKSON MISSION STATEMENT

Our mission at E.R. Dickson Elementary School is to develop independent, problem solving, lifelong learners in a safe and nurturing environment.

"Learning Today, Leading Tomorrow."

MCPSS Character word for the month of November is...

Citizenship

- All students must be dropped off and picked up in the car line.
- Parents can not walk students to the door.

Important



Thank you Veterans and Grandparents! A special ceremony followed by lunch was held today for the family members of students who are current and past members of the military and for our wonderful Grandparents.



REMINDER: <u>Sunset Drive</u> is not a designated student drop off or pick up area for morning or after school pickup. Also, do not drop off or pick up students at the church on Bit & Spur. All car riders must be dropped off and picked up through the car line. These areas will be monitored for compliance.



Attendance Matters!

Please make sure your child is at school and on time, daily. Every minute counts. *Our current attendance rate is 96.27% year to date.*

Happy Holídays from E. R. Díckson

Message from the Principal

Hello Parents:

Happy Fall and Happy Harvest Season! This is the time of year that we celebrate and show our appreciation for families and friends. We are appreciative and thankful for our Dickson parents for supporting our academic efforts.

This is quite a busy time of the year and please assist us in keeping students mindful of our academic focus. Students are expected to reach proficiency and growth levels on rigorous weekly and quarterly assessments. Students in grades K-5 are expected to spend computer time weekly on iReady Reading and Math. Diagnostic and growth monitoring checks are administered throughout the school year to monitor student progress. We want our students to be successful so that their achievement can be well demonstrated on upcoming state assessments, such as the ACAP (Alabama Comprehensive Assessment Program) which will be administered to students in grades 2-5 during the spring of 2020.

As a part of the Alabama Accountability Plan, the Alabama State Department of Education recently released report card grades for all schools in the state of Alabama. I am pleased to say that E.R. Dickson received a report card grade of "B". We have received a "B" for the past three years. We are equally proud that the Mobile County Public School System received an overall grade of a "B" as well. Parents, we still have lots of work to do to maintain our "B" and even reach further for an "A". This goal is achievable with the assistance of parents helping us push students to reach their academic goals. This includes involving students in tutoring, monitoring their homework and encouraging them to read their accelerated reader books. As always, you are encouraged to meet frequently with your child's teacher and to check grades in INOW. If there is a concern with your child's grades on progress reports received today, please contact the teacher immediately.

Finally, safety and security is of paramount importance to me and my staff. With recent incidents of missing children and young adults, we are implementing more enhanced security measures for the protection of all of our students. Please cooperate when the front office staff asks for identification on all occasions when visiting the school. As an added measure, we will be checking identification for ALL school events inclusive of Honors programs, Christmas parties, assemblies, etc. If a person's name is NOT on the student's contact list, that individual will be denied access to attend the event. We currently use the RAPTOR System to run background checks on all drivers' licenses. Thanks for your understanding as we implement these procedures to protect your children.

I welcome any comments or suggestions. Please contact me at 251-221-1180 or klkinn@mcpss.com. Happy Holidays!

Katryna L. Kinn, Principal

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Gorgeous Gobbler

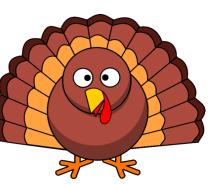
Best of Show:

Londyn Prim

First Grade

GORGEOUS GOBBLER WINNERS				
	1 st Place	2 nd Place	3 rd Place	Honorable Mention
PreK/ K	Eden Milosevich Ms. Womack's Class	Marlie Barnes Ms. D. Davis' Class	Jose Gonon- Chavez Ms. Ching's Class	Khalaiya Carter Ms. Payne's Class
1 st	Londyn Prim Ms. Jenkins' Class	Leighton Gunn Ms. Stephen's Class	Gatlin Metzger Ms. Gwin's Class	Ana Erak Ms. Stephen's Class
2 nd	Camden Tyus	Kinsley Henderson	Macy Graves	Hilarie Millhouse
	Ms. Edwards'	Ms. Edwards'	Ms. Evans'	Ms. Edwards'
	Class	Class	Class	Class
3 rd	Harry Dwyer	Nicholas Lockette	London Powell	Chandler Andrews
	Ms. McBryde's	McBryde's	Ms. McBryde's	Ms. McBryde's
	Class	Class	Class	Class
4 th	Julien Agee	Parker Tice	Bryson Dunbar	McKenzie Lee
	Ms. Pouncy's	Ms. Pruna's	Ms. Pruna's	Ms. Pruna's
	Class	Class	Class	Class
5 th	Julian Hawkins	Haley Langley	Alexander Meola	Nikeland Nichols
	Ms. Jackson's	Ms. Stasiak's	Ms. Stasiak's	Ms. Stasiak's
	Class	Class	Class	Class

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COUNSELORS' CORNER

When you think of parent involvement, do you picture moms and dads volunteering in the classrooms? That's one way to help- but research shows that supporting your child's education at home is even more important. Here are conversation starters that will help you stay involved.

"Let's see what you brought home." Look at completed work to find out what your youngster is learning and how well he/she is doing. You could comment on math work or a social studies project, for instance. ("You know a lot about our state's history!") Also, respond to notes from the teacher and sign their daily conduct log.

"Show me what you have for homework." It's your child's job to do his/her homework, but you play a role too. Make sure your child knows what he/she is supposed to do by having them explain the assignment to you. After he/she finishes their homework, glance over the work to make sure it's complete.

"Describe a book you enjoyed today." This gives you an idea of what your child prefers to read. Then, build a daily reading habit by asking what he/she would like to read tonight. Encourage reading and listening skills by reading aloud with your child and letting him/her read to you.

"Tell me what you would like to know more about." Use your child's interests as a jumping-off point for activities to share. If he/she likes geometry, you might hunt for shapes together. If he/she is fascinated by how animals adapt to winter, take a trip to the zoo.

After-school questions

Asking your child "How was school today?" might not get you much information. Instead, ask questions like these for a better picture of your child's day:

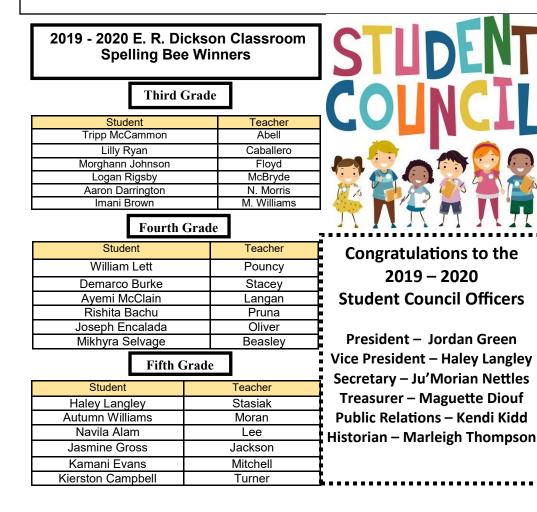
- "What's the coolest thing that happened today?"

- "What made you laugh?"

- "What was the most creative thing you did?"

- "How were you kind or helpful today? How was someone kind or helpful to you?"

The Counselors - Summer Davis & Kristy Elderkin



2019 - 2020 Project Outreach Members

Autumn Bassa
Raylee EdwardsTaylor Brown
Jordan Green
Leila LongKendie KiddLeila LongBella McCorvey
Keli'ani NixonTiang Mdluli
Demi Stephen
Jacksem Vargas-Villarraga
Kennedy Washam

Sponsors: Ms. Glenn, Ms. Partsch, Ms. Fondren, Ms. Bowman, Ms. Johnston, Ms. M. Davís, Ms. Bettís, Ms. Steele, Ms. S. Davís, Ms. Giddens





The ERD Archery Team is off to a fantastic start!

Our members of our 2019 -2020 Archery Team are:

Bryson Dunbar Isiah Dinkins Julien Agee Chloe Seals Jake Flores Kelani Nixon

Christian Pearson Jamorian Nettles Seren Grider

Daniel Rembert Jude Cown

