

NEWSLETTER

CHURCH HILL INTERMEDIATE SCHOOL
SEPTEMBER 2019

Welcome Back Students!

We are off to a great start this year with our new school focus on creating students with leadership skills. We are focusing on Stephen Convey's 7 Habits and incorporating them into each of our school days.

We are all very excited to see what this year holds for everyone.

If you have any questions or want to stay current with our activities and classes, please feel free to check out our website at chis.hck12.net.

Pictured Right: Mrs. Ingram and Mr. Solomon greet our students on the first day of school. Far Right: Students are excited to start out their day!



September Is Attendance Awareness Month

September is National Attendance Awareness Month sponsored by Hawkins County Schools and www.attendanceworks.org. Last year alone, Hawkins County Schools had over 900 students miss 17 or more school days. Some of these days were excused, but when you miss school for any reason, you are going to get behind in your classes.

This year students have the opportunity

to participate in an awareness contest. They can participate by creating a poster, video or write an essay. Students can win \$50 for the winning poster and \$50 for their school's attendance incentives, \$100 for the winning essay, and the school with the winning public service announcement video will win \$100 for attendance incentives.

All entries are due September 30th at the student's school or emailed to greg.sturgill@hck12.net.

For more information, please visit our school website at www.chis.hck12.net under spotlight or contact our district attendance department.



Time To Shoot For The Stars With Accelerated Reader!



CHIS Panthers! Let's go out of this world with reading! We are shooting for the stars! Be an AR star by reaching all three goals for each nine weeks (level, average correct, and points). If you make your goal for 1st and 2nd nine weeks, you will be invited to the 1st Semester AR Celebration. Even better, be one of the top readers and become a reading rocket! Panthers, find a great book, and go to infinity and beyond!

Important Dates

9/2 - Labor Day No School
9/3 - Attendance Awareness Month Contest Begins
9/4 - 9/5 Band Tryouts
9/5 - HCBOE Meeting @6pm
9/6 - Progress Reports Go Home
9/9 - Candy Fundraiser Sale Ends
9/12 - Parent/Teacher Conference 3:15pm - 6:15pm

9/16 - Free & Reduced Lunch Forms Due
9/19 - Bus Drive Appreciation Day
10/3 - HCBOE Meeting @6pm
10/4 - End of First 9 Weeks Grading Period
10/7 - 10/11 - Fall Break No School
10/17 - School Pictures
10/18 - Report Cards Go Home
11/4 - 11/8 - Book Fair

Notes From The Office...

Absent?

If your student is absent, please make sure to send in your parent or doctor's note within five (5) days of the missed day. Students will be marked as unexcused until we receive an excuse. Remind your student to turn these in to their homeroom teacher or to the office to avoid unexcused absences. Doctors may fax excuses to 357-0267.

Checking Out Early?

If your student needs to leave school early for an appointment, please make sure to show a valid picture id when picking up your child. No one should pick up students in the afternoons at or after 3:00 pm in the office unless there is an unusual circumstance or emergency. Please do not call to make transportation changes after 2:15 pm.

Parent Engagement At CHIS

We are off to a running start with our parent engagement activities. Throughout the year, each pod will host activities to engage our students and their caregivers.

The Ocelot students presented the 7 Habits to their parents on Friday. Students from Elizabeth McLain's class, Amanda Ingram's class and Mr. Baird's class welcomed their families to show them many of the new things they are learning!

The Leopard students rotated through each of their

classes with their caregiver. In Cloud's class, students did a fossil excavation activity using toothpicks and chocolate chip cookies. In Renner's homeroom they reviewed the 7 Habits. In Carter's homeroom, they showed caregivers how they practice fluency each day and discussed the Accelerated Reader program.

The Jaguars went over the 7 Habits with both the students and parents. The also focused on habits that can be used at home. Each homeroom worked on the 7 Habits and



Ocelots explain the Seven Habits to their families.

gave examples of ways they can incorporate at home and outside of the school setting.

How Our School Uses Title 1 Funding

Let's "Be Proactive" and "Begin with the End in Mind"! We are excited to once again be able to provide needed supplies and materials to our students and families through the federal Title I program. As many of you are aware, Title I funds are provided to public schools

with the highest percentages of students from low-income families. These funds are used to support our efforts to improve teaching and learning for all students. Title I helps provide programs that are based in research and aim to improve student learning and performance, and sup-

port parental involvement.

Please let know us how we can better support your student, support you in your parenting journey, or meet another need you may have. We would love to hear from you.

As a school receiving Title I funds we ask for parents to

join us on this educational journey. If you are willing to volunteer and serve on our Title I -Family Engagement team, please contact us at 423.357.0252 or email linzy.hutson@hck12.net .

Attendance Incentives Return

This year we are reimplementing our individual and whole class attendance incentives to promote school-wide attendance.

Beginning in September, each classroom will be able to earn a slice of pizza if their homeroom has at least 97%

of their classroom present each week, after the homeroom has earned ten slices, they will earn a pizza party.

Also beginning this month, all students will be entered in a weekly drawing to earn a prize for perfect attendance. If a student is selected and

has not missed any days or left early that week, they will earn a prize.

Make sure your student comes to school everyday so they can strive for less than five absences!



Nurse's Notes

Our school nurse will be sharing information with our parents throughout the year. If you have any concerns or questions, please feel free to contact Mrs. Winstead at virginia.winstead@hck12.net or you can call our office at 423-357-0252.

When should my child stay home from school?

The Hawkins County Schools health guidelines gives the following suggestions. If your child has any of the following symptoms,

please keep your student at home.

Fever: Temperature of 100° or higher. Your child needs to be fever free (without fever-reducing medication) for 24 hours before returning to school.

Pink Eye: If antibiotics are prescribed, your child must receive 24 hours of antibiotics and/or doctor approval before returning to school.

Strep Throat: If the doctor diagnoses strep throat, your child must remain at home for 24 hours after antibiotic

treatment has begun.

Prescribed Antibiotics: If any antibiotic treatment is needed, your child should remain home for the first 24 hours of medication.

Rashes: A sudden appearance of a rash over any part of the body with an unknown cause accompanied by other symptoms should be evaluated by a doctor.

Scabies: Children may not return to school until they have been treated by a doctor.

CHIS CHOIR

CHIS Choir meets EVERY Monday and Wednesday until 4:30 this semester unless otherwise posted.

Choir is a great place to make beautiful music and meet new friends! Email Erika.kirkpatrick@hck12.net for more information.

