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Welcome back! I hope everyone is having a wonderful start to 2019.

State report cards were recently released, and we are excited about our overall improvement and growth. Congratulations to students, parents, teachers, and staff for improvements! Let's reach for an A in 2019!

Alabama State Report Card Scores for Creekside Elementary

	2016-17	2017-18
Overall Score	85 B	89 B
Academic Achievement	79.51	81.83
Reading	75.49	82.28
Math	83.53	81.39
Academic Growth	88.68	95.98
Reading	97.44	100
Math	79.92	90.27
Chronic Absenteeism	11.79	13.9

Attendance matters for every child, every day. School days are filled with many interactive and engaging lessons that cannot be replicated through make-up work. Chronic absenteeism is defined by the state as missing 15 or more days of school for any reason - including excused or unexcused absences. Students must stay home when they are sick with a contagious illness. The flu hit our community hard last year and we realize this impacted our absenteeism score. We must be mindful of absences when students are not running a fever or otherwise contagious.

We LOVE technology. Teachers enhance instruction with Google Classroom and Moodle, challenge students and provide remediation with programs/apps like Reflex Math, Math Prodigy, Kahoot, Quizlet, NoRedlink, and Mystery Science, to name a few. Our system began phasing out the 1:1 digital initiative for grades 3-5. 5th grade devices will be phased out at the end of this year. To help fill this gap, Chromebooks and carts were purchased with proceeds from last year's Boosterthon Fun Run. Plans are to do the same this year. Teachers voted to use state technology money and some are using instructional supply money to buy individual devices for their classrooms. We plan to have approximately 130 devices in the elementary school that will be on mobile carts by the fall of 2019.

Creekside Elementary and Primary share devices to complete assessments throughout the year. During these times, devices are not available for student use. Teachers are most concerned about losing the ability to differentiate instruction to meet students' individual needs.

Teachers are searching for ways to purchase more devices for our students. We are exploring grants and other avenues to help us bring needed technology back into our school. We are also looking for local businesses or individuals in our community who are interested in investing in our students through the donations of funds to be allocated toward the purchase of technology.

We are extremely proud of our Creekside Elementary students and look forward to continued success!