

PARENT NEWSLETTER

CAROL CITY ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

**Title 1 School
Home of the Baby Chiefs!**

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From the Principal's Desk

"Building a Better Future, One student at a Time"

Dear Carol City Families,

Welcome back Baby Chiefs! I hope that you had time to relax and rest during the Spring Break. As we return back to school, we are immediately falling into the season of State-wide testing for all students in Kindergarten through 5th Grade. Kindergarten, First and Second Grade students will begin SAT-10 Testing in the areas of Reading and Math from April 7th-April 11th. Third through Fifth grade students will follow with FCAT 2.0 Testing in the areas of Reading, Math and Science from April 16th-May 7th. Teachers and students have been working hard so far this school year to prepare for these assessments. We urge that you continue to work with your child at home, to review these skills. Also, be sure that your child has a hot and healthy breakfast. Our cafeteria serves breakfast from 7:30-8:15 am every day.

Attendance is very important during the regular school day, but especially critical during the testing windows. Students must arrive to school on time in order to be permitted into testing sessions. KG and 1st Grade students must arrive to school by 8:20 am, and 2nd through 5th Grade students must arrive to school by 8:35 am. Again, Carol City Elementary strives to be a high achieving school. And, because of the work that teachers and staff do each day, and the home connection and partnership we have with YOU, it can happen! We will do it!

As always, thank you for your continued support.

Dr. T. Watkins
Principal

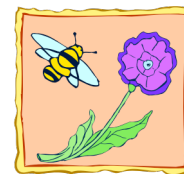


DR. SEUSS LITERACY DAY

On Friday, March 7th, Carol City Elementary students celebrated Dr. Seuss Literacy Day in honor of his birthday! Our Kindergarten and First Grade students not only read the well-known book "Green Eggs and Ham", but they made this delicious green dish! Students participated in the Dr. Seuss Parade and showed off how they love to read!



APRIL 2014



Upcoming Events

April 7 th -11 th	SAT-10 Testing
April 16 th -May 7 th	FCAT Testing
April 16 th	EESAC Meeting @ 3:15 p.m.
April 17 th	Report Cards Go Home
April 18 th	NO SCHOOL
April 29 th	Progress Reports Go Home
April 30 th	Student of the Month @ 1 pm

FIVE IMPORTANT REASONS YOUR CHILD SHOULD EAT BREAKFAST

****BREAKFAST IS FROM 7:30-8:15 A.M.****

- Breakfast equals better behavior
- Breakfast leads to higher test scores
- More nutritious intake by eating breakfast
- Eating helps weight control

Important Announcements

Students are not permitted at school prior to 7:30 a.m., as there is no supervision.

School Hours are as follows:

KG-1st 8:20 a.m.-1:50 p.m.

2nd-5th 8:35 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

Head Start 8:15 a.m.-3:05 p.m.

Early release for all students in KG-5th Grade is 1:50 p.m. every Wednesday

Classes begins promptly for KG-1st at 8:20 a.m. and 8:35 a.m. for 2nd-5th Grade. It is very important to be on time.

We are a **MANDATORY** uniform school. Please make sure your child comes to school wearing his/her uniform every day!

****ALERT****

Please **DO NOT** speed in the school zones or make illegal U-Turns. The police will ticket you!

Grade Level News

KINDERGARTEN TEAM

Parents, your child will be taking the SAT-10 during the week of April 7 - 11. Please make sure your child attends school and arrive on time. Also, make sure your child is in bed early so that he/she will be well rested and ready to take the test. Please make sure your child eats breakfast at home or at school. Our cafeteria opens for breakfast at 7:30 am. Your child is to read for 30 minutes on a daily basis. Please review all words learned so far. During Spring Break make flashcards and go over the sight words and spelling words. **Remember, students will be reading portions of the test by themselves.** Encourage reading every day, listen to your child read and read to your child.

FIRST GRADE TEAM

The first grade teachers would like to thank you for all your efforts in preparing your child for the SAT-10. Teachers will begin testing students for the FAIR (Florida Assessment in Reading) beginning April 17, 2014. Testing will continue through May 28, 2014. Teachers will speak with you if there are any concerns about your child's performance on this important assessment. Please note that the Reading Log on the back of the Home Learning Log has changed. Please encourage your child to continue to read daily and complete the reading Log with your child to make sure that he/she understands what was read. Your child may read the same book each week as the Reading Log will address a different reading strategy each day. Finally, please encourage your child to continue to demonstrate acceptable social behaviors in school. Discipline actions will be taken for any student that does not adhere to the school rules.

SECOND GRADE TEAM

Parents, please have students sign on to and complete lessons/activities on each of the math and reading websites that their educators have given to the students. These lessons/activities will help to reinforce strategies and skills that have been covered recently and allow students to maintain sharpened minds throughout their time at home.

THIRD GRADE TEAM

We are grateful for your continued parental support and dedication in your child's education. Please be sure that your child has at least 5 sharpened pencils and their necessary supplies. If you would like to meet with your child's teacher to see their academic progress, please make an appointment with the teacher. FCAT is right around the corner! You can continue to help your child by making sure that he/she is doing their home learning and that they can provide evidence that their answer is correct. Have them use the strategies their teachers are using on a day-to-day basis.

FOURTH GRADE TEAM

Thank you for all your endeavors in ensuring your child was prepared and on time for the FCAT Writing!! The FCAT Reading and Math are this month. Please ensure that your child is completing his or her home learning daily - including the weekend packets. Your child should also be reading for at least 30 minutes a day. Please, sign and review your child's behavior report daily. Once again, thank you for all that you do!

FIFTH GRADE TEAM

Parents, thank you for your continued efforts in ensuring that your child is prepared for school each day. Please continue to talk to your child about the importance of maintaining good behavior at school, making appropriate choices about friendships and how peer pressure can cause negative effects. Don't forget that your child has homework every night and should read for at least 30 minutes uninterrupted every night.

NEWS CORNER

Congratulations to March Students of the Month!!

Kindergarten

Dontaysia Johnson	Ms. Dankwardt
Jeremy Baez	Ms. Shepard

First Grade

Rakira Rowells	Ms. Williams
Jamari Dennison	Ms. Tarpley

Second Grade

Udonis Moore	Ms. McKinzy
Leah Jackson	Ms. Joseph

Third Grade

Devrick Tucker	Ms. Nieves
Kayla Felton	Ms. Augustin

Fourth Grade

Eboni King	Mr. Jones
Michaela Budwah	Ms. Lerner
Ja'Keria Laidler	Ms. Jean-Pierre

Health Awareness Month

As we recognize April as Health Awareness Month throughout the country, here are some tips that you as parents and caregivers can use to set a great example for the whole family by creating a healthy environment at home. Making fruits and vegetables part of every meal, limiting treats, walking and playing, even shopping together — any combination of steps can add up to make a real difference and help build healthy habits for life:

1. Make Physical Activity a Part of

Your Family's Routine

2. Healthy Snacks

3. Plan a Healthy Menu

4. Reduce Screen Time and Get Active

5. Organize a Health Team