



The Welcome Howl!

September 21, 2015

A message from Mrs. Ketron

Welcome back to a new school year which brings with it the opportunity for students to erase mistakes from past years. This year could be the year that students start to enjoy math, reading, science, social studies, or learn to take and organize their study notes. This school year is full of possibilities! As we all know, it is just as easy to develop good habits as it is to fall back into bad habits. The trick is to implement better school habits while it is still early in the school year. The sooner students make school habits part of their daily routine; the more likely it is they will keep these habits the entire school year.

Just a reminder- school starts at 8:00 am and students entering the building after 8:00 am are considered tardy and will need to be signed in in the front office. We are a Universal Breakfast and Lunch School. There is no cost for breakfast or lunch for students. I am asking that you guard your child's time at school. Time missed is not easily replaced. Core academics are taught starting at 8:00 am in some grade levels and in others the last hour of the day. Frequent tardies and early dismissals can impact a child's progress in school. We need your child here with us to maximize learning. Please schedule appointments for your child after school.

Upcoming Events

Progress reports: Thursday, September 17th

Report cards will be sent home with all students.

Volunteer Orientation: Tuesday, September 22nd at 10:00am in the Welcome Media Center

Any adult interested in serving as a volunteer or as a chaperone for field trips will need to attend this volunteer orientation session. You will then be registered as a school volunteer. All volunteers go through the national sex offender registry. Safety for our children is our most important priority!

Lunch and Learn: Monday, September 28th at 11:15am in the Welcome Media Center

Welcome Elementary Guidance Counselors will be sharing tips on having an effective parent teacher conference. These will be scheduled in October! Lunch will be provided. This event is for parents only.

Morning with Mom/Grandmother: Tuesday, September 29th for K-1 parents and Wednesday, September 30th for 2- 5 parents at 7:30am in the Welcome Cafeteria

Welcome Elementary Guidance Counselors will be sharing tips on having an effective parent teacher conference. These will be scheduled in October! Refreshments will be provided. Please bring your student(s) with you to this event.

Special Note:

Events on September 28th and September 29th/30th will contain the same information to accommodate all parents' work schedules.

GCS Job Opportunities

HELP WANTED! Join an employer where you can make a difference! GCS is seeking to fill hourly positions. These include Bus Drivers, Bus Aides, Custodians and Food Service jobs. Full-time and part-time positions are available with health & dental benefits, retirement pension, free life insurance, sick and vacation leave, and much more! Visit www.greenville.k12.sc.us and click on "Employment" for instructions on how to apply.

Volunteering

We are always in need of people to help throughout the school year. Volunteering can be your time, effort, support and/ or donations. If you are interested in helping, please fill out the yellow volunteer form in your child's Back to School packet or contact Rosa Rangel, Parent Involvement Coordinator (355-3914). Thank you in advance for your willingness to help!

We especially need a bilingual office volunteer. If you can speak Spanish and English, use a copy machine, answer phones, maintain a friendly attitude, and can follow basic directions please contact the front office (355-3901).

Parent Portal

The school district offers a Parent Portal which enables parents to access information about their child, such as grades and attendance. To access the Parent Portal, you will need your child's student identification number. You can get it in the school office by showing your identification. For more information, contact Mrs. Char Page Nielson, Attendance Clerk (355-3901).

Important reminder



The Welcome Road entrance to the school is one way
7:30 – 8:30am and 2:00 – 3:00 pm.

Family Friendly Standards

Standards represent what your child should be able to know and do at the end of the school year. Remember you are your child's first teacher. Please visit the site below to learn ways to support your child at home.

<http://scfriendlystandards.org>

Miss South Carolina is coming!

Miss South Carolina, Daja Dial, is coming to Welcome Elementary to inspire our students to work hard, make a difference, and have pride in our state. Parents are welcome to attend!

Thursday, October 1st

K-2 8:30am

3-5 9:30am

Lunch

Parents are invited to have lunch with their children at any time. Parents are encouraged to be aware of the exact time their child eats lunch (see teacher's newsletter). Upon arriving, please SIGN IN at the office and get a VISITOR'S BADGE. Your child needs to return with his/her class at the end of their lunch time. Adult lunch is \$3.60.

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Don't forget to use the "Chat about Characters" TAG...You're It! Card during reading time at home this month. The questions on this card will help you and your child talk about the characters in the books your child has read at home. These should prompt some great discussions!