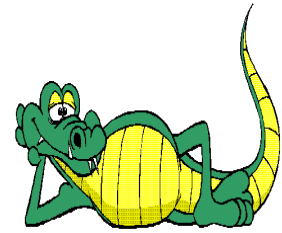


Hidden Lake Elementary



August 30, 2017

SEPTEMBER



Dear Parents,

Thank you for assisting us with getting the 2017-2018 school year off to a great start. We still need your help with providing a safe and orderly climate with carpool each morning and afternoon. If you have already practiced these rules, please continue to do so.

The following are just some reminders that will assist us in providing safety during carpool:

Do not drop off children prior to 7:20 A.M. Teachers do not come on duty until that time.

If your child is a car rider and plans to eat breakfast in the lunchroom, please have them at school by 7:40.

All carpool students must be unloaded and picked up at the west end of the building.

No students may be dropped off or picked up at the main entrance (circular drive).

Parents should not park in the teachers' parking lot and walk their child across the lanes of traffic in the morning or afternoon. This will prevent "slowing down" carpool.

Parents will maintain a single lane for morning carpool and pull up to the end of the benches. All three lanes will be utilized for afternoon carpool.

Students will not be dismissed from classrooms until 3:00 P.M. Children must have a consistent way to get home each day. It is confusing to our staff and to students when last minute changes are made. Therefore, students must be sent home in a consistent method. Students must be picked up by 3:15 P.M. due to grade level meetings and faculty meetings that teachers must attend. If you find that you will be unavoidably detained, the school office must be notified prior to 2:00 P.M. After 3:15 P.M., your child will be placed in Extended Day and you will be charged.

Open House-We will have Open House on September 14, 2017. Open House will begin at 5:30 and parents should report to the gym. You will be allowed to visit your child's classroom after a brief Title One and PTO presentation. Mrs. Dix, our media specialist, will be available in the library to answer questions and accept Chromebook fees. Chrome book fees are \$20.00 for students in grade 3-5.

Progress Reports-Progress reports will be sent home on Wednesday, September 6th for grades 2nd-5th. The first four weeks of school is a readiness period for first grade.

Again, I would like to say thank you for supporting and helping us provide safety to your children. If you feel you need to talk with me and/or their teachers, please call our office and make an appointment. E-mail is another option. We welcome your involvement!

Sincerely,
Vanessa Gunn, Principal
vagunn@dothan.k12.al.us

August 31

Picture Day

September 4

Labor Day No School

September 6

Progress Reports

September 14

PTO Open House @ 5:30

Program Specialist

Dear Hidden Lake Families,

I am excited to begin a new school year. We have had an excellent start. It has been nice to see how all of our students have grown and matured over the summer. I am looking forward to another great year at Hidden Lake Elementary. We have a lot of exciting activities planned for this year.

Please make sure that when your children are absent from school that you send a parent note or Dr. note within 3 days.

I look forward to working with your children and you. Please do not ever hesitate to call me or email me with any questions or concerns.

Sincerely,
Mrs. Garst, Program Specialist
tigarst@dothan.k12.al.us

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Kindergarten Korner

Welcome to Kindergarten! It has been a busy first month of school, learning the rules and procedures. We are settling in to our routines and have already started reading and math. Please practice letters and sounds each night with your child. We would also like to remind parents to sign your child's folder each night and take out any papers that are in there. We are looking forward to a great year!

Second Grade Scoop!

We are off to a great start to the 2017 – 2018 school year! We are beginning to work on homework. Please check in your student's take home folder for homework procedures! We are also beginning AR. Your student should bring home their first AR book soon. Please be practicing spelling words and working on refreshing number sense with your student as well!

Flash from Fifth Grade

Welcome back from the 5th grade teachers! We are excited and ready to learn after a restful summer! The fifth graders will be tested in the area of Science, in addition to Reading and Math, in the Spring. We will start the year learning about Ecosystems with our hands-on AMSTI Science. Please save clear 2-liter soda bottles. We will be making terrariums and aquariums, so that we can observe the animals and plants within an ecosystem. Please don't forget to meet with your child's teacher before the end of the 1st quarter to discuss their progress and ACT Aspire scores from last year

Counseling Corner

As we begin the new school year at Hidden Lake we will focus our attention on the following character traits to help meet our mission by improving social and citizenship skills. As you walk through the school, you will find colorful banners hanging with the following character traits:

- Caring
- Fairness
- Citizenship
- Trustworthiness
- Respect
- Responsibility

Please help us at home by talking with your children about these character traits.

DOLLAR DENIM

DURING THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER THE STUDENTS CAN PAY \$1 TO WEAR JEANS ON FRIDAY. YOU MAY ALSO WEAR YOUR SCHOOL SHIRT OR FAVORITE TEAM SHIRT.

Phenomenal "Firsties"!

What a delightful start we have had in first grade! We have spent a lot of time going over rules, procedures, and expectations. We took our first reading test last week. It was read and modeled to students. We will continue reading and modeling tests through the first nine weeks as needed. In math, we are working on addition facts within 10. We are looking forward to the best year ever!

Third Grade Tidbits!!

Third Grade Parents,

We are off to a wonderful start and we could not have done this without your support and cooperation. Third grade students will begin their reading and math programs, and this means homework will be given for these subjects. As a reminder, please make sure homework is completed daily. If you have not already started working with your child on his/her multiplication facts, start now! For your child to be a successful student in math, learning their multiplication is a must. Please make sure to read up on the Code of Conduct and Student Handbook.

Sincerely,

Third Grade Teachers

"Fourth Grade FUN-damentals"

Our fourth grade crew has spent the first week or so learning 4th grade rules and expectations to become good first mate students. We have jumped aboard the fourth grade voyage of learning. Our first challenge is to guide ourselves through the shark infested waters of reviewing and mastering our multiplication facts. Please help your student review fact cards nightly so their pirate will not be left behind on this journey necessary to do well in fourth grade math. AR levels have been set and library books will be selected next week. We will then be ready to jump into nightly reading practice. Thank you, parents for all your help getting started on this exciting trip on the high seas called fourth grade.

P.E. News

We would like to welcome all the students back for the 2017-2018 school year. We will start our Mileage Club, which most of the students have asked about. We, as physical education teachers, are excited about the month of September. Please encourage your child to wear athletic shoes to school for their P.E. class because safety is important to us for all the students. Also, we have a Lost and Found box in the gym. If your child has misplaced anything please remind them to look in the gym.

PTO NEWS

Box Top Competition will be held from August 18th through September 30th. Box tops must be in a Ziploc bag, labeled with student and teacher's name. The boy and girl with the highest count will be crowned King and Queen and will be able to ride in the Dothan High School Homecoming Parade on October 12th.