GREETINGS FALCON FAMILIES!

We are truly thankful for you and we appreciate all that you do. Please be reminded that Friday, November 5th, is reserved for virtual parent conferences. We hope that you have scheduled a conference with your child’s teacher(s) so that you can learn more about their guided reading level, Lexile level, and academic progress in all content areas.

We want you to know that we continue to be grateful to you for partnering with us this school year so that C.J. Hicks will remain a great place for everyone to work, learn, and grow. We wish you a safe and healthy Thanksgiving holiday with your loved ones.

Sincerely,
Dr. Erica Wakefall
LEAD | LEARN | LOVE | GROW
VISION | MISSION | VALUES

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VALUES
Lead: We believe that...
- teachers and staff should lead by example, with compassion and empathy
- providing students with leadership opportunities will allow them to identify and display effective communication and interpersonal skills

Learn: We believe that...
- professional development leads to better instruction and improved student learning
- all of our students can learn when we individualize their instruction

Love: We believe that...
- we must always represent our school with pride
- a nurturing, inclusive, and safe school community allows all students to succeed

Grow: We believe that...
- we must seek to continuously improve our instructional practices
- all students can reach their full potential when we engage them with culturally relevant pedagogy

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Important Dates

| Nov. 3   | Edwards Middle School Specialty and Choice Virtual Open House from 6:00 pm – 7:00 pm |
| Nov. 4   | Conyers Middle School Specialty and Choice Virtual Open House from 6:00 pm – 7:15 pm |
| Nov. 5   | Teacher Work Day / Virtual Parent Conferences |
| Nov. 10  | Memorial Middle School Specialty and Choice Virtual Open House from 5:00 pm – 6:00 pm |
| Nov. 30  | Picture Retakes |
Please send your child to school each day with a clean mask that is made for children to help ensure a proper fit. Check to be sure the mask fits snugly over the nose and mouth and under
the chin and that there are no gaps around the sides. If you are able to donate children's masks we would greatly appreciate it.

School visitation will be by appointment only. All visitors must wear a mask or face covering to enter the building. We thank you in advance for honoring our safety protocols.
Please be certain that your child's teacher is aware of how they will get home from school each day. We strongly recommend that you decide on a consistent afternoon mode of transportation. All transportation changes must be requested in writing using the transportation change form. Emergency transportation changes should be communicated to the FRONT OFFICE by 12:00 pm the day of (or as soon as possible) to ensure that the teacher has been made aware of the change in transportation.
We encourage all parents to "kiss and go' at the car rider lane. Students should have their masks on and be ready to exit the vehicle with all of their school essential belongings. Parents, for your safety, and so that we can keep the traffic flowing, please remain in your vehicle at all times and allow the CJH staff on duty to support the students from the sidewalk.

In the morning, please allow students to exit the car as soon as the car stops. Having students to exit regardless of how close they are to the front doors will help keep the traffic moving. Students should be ready to exit with their essential belongings (mask, bookbag, lunch bag, device, and coat).

In the afternoon, please have your orange car rider tag visible until your child gets into the car. Parents without the orange car rider tag must park and come into the building with ID. Thank you for helping to make our car rider arrival and dismissal process safe and efficient.

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Create your Infinite Campus Parent Portal Account

1. View your child’s attendance, assignments, grades and report cards
2. Receive important information from the district, school and teacher through Remind messages, emails and phone calls
3. Easily sign forms online and update your contact information
Greetings READY Families!

In November we will continue our fall theme and talk/sing about the leaves changing colors and falling, Thanksgiving, and fruits. We will also discuss how the weather is changing and why we need jackets /coats and sweaters when we go outside. Our color of the month is BROWN our shape is RECTANGLE. We will talk about the color brown being used for the turkey and orange for his feet. We will review many colors as we make turkey crafts. Our Book of the Month is “RUN TURKEY RUN. We will talk about how turkeys say, “gobble, gobble, gobble” and their heads go wobble, wobble, wobble.

RUN TURKEY RUN: [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6x6LAAwS6yU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=6x6LAAwS6yU)
Brown Color Song: [https://youtu.be/0CNGo7OAM00](https://youtu.be/0CNGo7OAM00)

Thank you!
The READY Team
Greetings Pre-K Families!

The students enjoyed our pumpkin patch “field trip” and pumpkin exploration activity. They weighed, measured, observed the inside, and counted the pumpkin seeds. The themes for November will be Science Discovery, Apples, and Thankfulness. The children will be discussing the things they are thankful to have. Almost every child has learned to count to 20. Please make sure that you are working on learning to recognize numbers (1-20) and the upper and lowercase letters of the alphabet. We are also working very hard to get the children to learn the letters in their first and last names and how to form the letters. Thanks for being our partners in education!

Thank you!
The Pre-K Team

Greetings Kindergarten Families!

Our Kindergarten students have been busy learners! In reading we have been working hard in guided reading to grow our reading levels. You can support this in home by reading with your child. We have also been exploring different ways to create and share stories. This month our focus is on Thanksgiving. Your child will be bringing home a “Thankful Tree” to decorate at home. Please feel free to add something to the tree that your child is thankful for, then return it to school on November 27th. Thanks for your support!
child every night and studying their sight words with them. Our focus this month in reading has been story elements and finding the main idea and supporting details in a text. In math, students have continued learning to count as well as to compose and decompose teen numbers. Please practice counting with your child at home. We have begun our science unit on day and night sky and our students have enjoyed comparing the different things they can see during the day and the night. In social studies we have been learning about the different jobs people have and how these jobs either sell a good or a service for an income. As always, thank you for supporting your child's learning and if you have any questions please reach out to your child's teacher.

Thank you!
The Kindergarten Team

Greetings 1st Grade Families!

We are having a great year and your scholars are learning so much. This month in Reading, we will continue learning how to be good readers by using the text and illustrations to describe the characters, settings, and events. In writing, we will focus on informational writing; which means, students will be writing facts on non-fiction texts. Math will introduce and allow them to practice operational and algebraic thinking, by adding within 20 and solving word problems. In Social Studies, we will learn about Lewis and Clark, as well as Sacagawea. Lastly, in Science will continue exploring weather.

The month of November brings Parent-Teacher Conferences and our Thanksgiving Break. We are looking forward to meeting with you to share your child's progress. Mark your calendars:
November 5th: Parent/Teacher Conferences
November 22nd - 26th: Thanksgiving Break

Reminders:
- Please remember to write your child's name on the tag of their personal belongings. Most students remove their sweaters, coats, and hats when they enter the classroom and many of them have similar clothing. So, for everyone's safety, please label their personal belongings including their water bottles.
Greetings 2nd Grade Families!

WOW, we are already halfway through the 1st semester! Please don’t forget our school day starts at 7:35 a.m. and attendance is very important. We have been very busy this school year and have some fun things in store. In Reading, students will be using illustrations and words to help understand a story and identifying the main top of a text. In Math, they will be finishing up addition and subtraction and moving into our Measurement unit. In Writing, we will be working on Informational writing. In Science and Social Studies, we will be working on Seasons/Patterns of the Moon and Georgia Becoming a Colony.

We are running low on supplies so if you could please get with your child’s teacher and help bring in items to help us have a successful school year. Please don’t forget that November 22-26, 2021 is our Thanksgiving Break so there will be no school that week.

Thank you!
The Second Grade Team
Greetings 3rd Grade Families!

What a month of October it has been. Our boys and girls had their first AR Celebration, PBIS snack and chat, and we had a blast celebrating “Red Ribbon Week.” This month, we’ve also began implementing Guided Reading during our Reading Workshop blocks, which is a powerful and efficient way to differentiate and meet the specific needs of your children. Please be sure to sign up for conferences and learn additional information about your child’s reading level. Never hesitate to reach out to your child’s teacher with any questions or concerns. We are always here to help.

From the Language Arts and Social Studies Team:
Students are learning reading strategies to aid in comprehending non-fictional text. Students will also learn how to construct an informational writing piece. Please be sure to check out their previous writing piece in ThinkCerca, titled: “The Friends We Make.” It can be found in step 5 of the module. In social studies, we are wrapping up our unit with European Exploration in North America. We will soon begin our unit with Colonial America. As always, please support learning at home by encouraging your child to read daily for 35 minutes.

From the Mathematics and Science Team:
It’s imperative we work as a team and ensure our boys and girls are learning to memorize their multiplication facts daily. This will aid in their understanding as they begin discovering the relations between multiplication and division. Students are learning how to decompose two-digit numbers to multiply by 1 digit and the properties of multiplication. In the area of science, we are now beginning to learn all about rocks, soil, and fossils and their physical attributes.

Thank you!
The Third Grade Team
Greetings 4th Grade Families!

Thank you all for a great first quarter of the 2021-2022 school year. Our day begins at 7:35 and attendance is very important. Encourage your child to get up early and come to class on time.

We have been very busy this past month. The students have been learning many new concepts and reviewing some that they have previously learned. We have been working on Narrative Writing in ELA, and in Reading we are going to be working on using context clues in mythology. In Math we have worked on multiplication of one- and two-digit numbers using multiple strategies. In Science, we have been focusing on learning about the earth and moon's tilt, rotation, and revolution. In Social Studies we learned about the Constitution and the Bill of Rights. The AR Period B started on October 11th and will end November 19th. Please encourage your student to read at least 20 minutes at home every day.

**November 5th** will be our Teacher Workday and Parent Teacher Conference Day. Please sign up for conferences with homeroom teachers using Sign-up Genius. Teachers will send out links via Remind for you to sign-up for appointment times. **Thanksgiving Break is November 22nd through November 26th.**

As a reminder, please help motivate your student each day for continued success and encourage them to complete all daily assignments. Have fun, stay safe, and get plenty of rest so that we may finish the semester strong.

Thank you!
The 5th Grade Team
Greetings 5th Grade Families!

Our day begins at 7:35 and attendance is very important. Encourage your child to get up early and come to class on time. We have been very busy this past month. The students have been learning many new concepts and reviewing some old ones. During our reading block we have been working on comparing and contrasting skills and finding reasons and evidence to support writing opinion papers.

In math we have been working on adding and comparing decimals. In science inherited and acquired traits and learned behavior. Please encourage your student to do their best on all assignments. The AR Period B began on Oct. 11th, please encourage your student to read at least 35 minutes every night. Encourage your student to practice math fluency in First In Math and multiplication facts daily.

November 5th will be reserved for Parent/Teacher Conferences. Please be on the look-out for the signup link from your child's teacher. Thanksgiving Break will begin on November 22th-26th. Have fun and get plenty of rest so that we may finish the semester strong. Encourage them to complete all daily assignments.

With your help, we look forward to a great school year.

Thank you!
The Fifth Grade Team
We look forward to assisting you. Please call us at 770-483-4410, Monday - Friday. Updating your Infinite Campus Parent Portal account will make it easier for us to support you when you call. As always, we are happy to help.

The CJH Front Office Team:
Mrs. Sonya Dill, Bookkeeper
Ms. Japonica Jenkins, Secretary/Registrar
Mrs. Paulina Jimenez, Front Desk Receptionist
Mrs. Cheryl Julien, Front Desk Receptionist

We look forward to serving all of our students' clinic needs. If you have any questions for the clinic, please call the school.
Weekly meal kits are available to any child 18 years old or younger who is not already offered and/or receiving breakfast and lunch at school. Due to a change in participation, we have consolidated meal pick up to only one location, Honey Creek Elementary School. The weekly meal kit pick up day and time will remain the same and will be available on Thursdays between 4:30-5:30 pm. Each meal kit includes five breakfast and five lunch meals. The weekly meal kits are provided at no cost and each child can receive one meal kit per week.

Mrs. Jacki Hayslip
CJH Cafeteria Manager
jhayslip@rockdale.k12.ga.us

We look forward to supporting our students and families this school year. If you have any questions about school policies and procedures, please call our parent liaison at the school or contact her via email.