OUR VISION:

Preparing students to be 21st Century learners through purposeful teaching, communication and collaboration.

Communication **C**ollaboration Purposeful Teaching for 21 st Century Learners

OUR CORE BELIEFS:

All students can learn.

All students have unique talents and abilities. High academic achievement is a priority. All members of the community share responsibilities for success.

October 4, 2012

C.C. Pinckney Elementary

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"Every Student Matters, Every Moment Counts"

Principal's Message

Thanks to all who came to the Open House. We appreciate your support and participation in your child's education.

Congratulations to our Pinckney Patriots of the Month:

4th Grade 3rd Grade Belia M Raiana T David F Brianna W Leandra R Alexis T

5th Grade 6th Grade Kayla H Alyssa B Nathan G Emily O Celya H Nichole P Emilee N Leonia M Tabitha M Jimia S

Shaye H

Thanks to our PTO for providing refreshments and Mrs. S and Mrs. H for serving.

Annie Crandle

Calendar

October 5

Professional Development No School

October 8

Columbus Day Holiday No School

October 18

End of First Marking Period Half-day, Early Dismissal, 11:30AM

October 19

Teacher Work Day No School

October 25

Half-day Early Dismissal @11:30 Parent/Teacher conferences

October 26

No School Parent/Teacher Conferences Report Cards will be issued

November 2

1st Quarter Awards Assembly

November 7 Fall Pictures



Data Corner

August 16 through October 3, students have checked out 1,459 books from the Media Center.

NO SCHOOL

FRIDAY, OCTOBER 5TH

AND

MONDAY, OCTOBER 8TH



After studying the staff in music class, fifth and sixth graders use a program called Music Ace to practice their musical skills in the computer lab. Students will then use their knowledge to play songs and improvise at the keyboards in the music classroom. A sixth grader concentrates on placing notes on the staff.

REMINDER...REMINDER Fire Prevention Week Essay and **Poster Contest Ceremony**

All 1st, 2nd, and 3rd Place winners will receive their trophies at the Fire Department Open House on Saturday, 6th October 2012.

Physical Education News

We have just finished up our fall fitness gram testing, and now moving into basketball. The fitness gram record board will be update with the record holding students' names by the end of this week. During our basketball unit students will learn basic skills such as, dribbling, passing, defense, and shooting.

PTO BOX TOPS

Remember to clip those box tops! Our first week of box top turn-ins has put Ms F's 6th grade class in 1st place with Ms. M's 4th, grade class in close 2nd Remember the two classes with the most box tops by October 24th get a party. So clip your class into first place and bring those box tops to school today.

We will be collecting every week and keeping a running total, so clip, clip, clip for education.

Thank you for your help,

Terri V

Congratulations to our Fire Prevention Week Poster and Essay Contest Winners!

1st Cary N – Johnson 2nd Aubrey L –

3rd Tyler S – Jackson

4th Grade

1st Alexis T – Mingay 2nd Angel A – Henderson 3rd Brandon B – Edge

5th Grade

1st Victoria Del V – Jernigan 2nd Zaria R - Walters 3rd Adina H – James

6th Grade

1st Shemouri L – Fitzgerald 2nd Jaden Y – Fitzgerald 3rd Makayla R - Fitzgerald

Spelling and Vocabulary Support at Home

Parents, below are some website links that will help your child learn their spelling and vocabulary words. Please note that there is one link for each grade level. The links include spelling and vocabulary tests, activities, and games for learning the words to each unit of study in their Pearson textbooks. The links are as follows:

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http://www.scottsboro.org/~flewis/SF%20Reading%20Stre et/Spelling%20City%204th%20Grade.htm

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http://scottsboro.org/~flewis/SF%20Reading%20Street/Sp elling%20Citv%206th%20Grade.htm

C.C. PINCKNEY Principal's Forum - Coffee and Chat

Our goal is to foster effective communications and relationships with and among our stakeholders. In an effort to accomplish this goal, a monthly and quarterly forum has been established.

When: Every 4th Wednesday of the Month from 11:00AM -

12:00PM, Once a quarter one hour prior to PTO

Meeting.

Where: C.C. Pinckney

What: During each forum, I will be available to answer questions, concerns and gather feedback on how we can improve our services for our military families. At the conclusion of the session and with two week time frame, I will respond in writing to any and all questions during the forum. These responses will be communicated to all stakeholders through the weekly parent newsletter or individually as appropriate.

Health Note:

Vision and hearing screenings are under way. A referral will be sent home if your child needs further screening by an optometrist or audiologist.

Flu Vaccines will be offered Wednesday, Oct. 10th, and Thursday, October 11th, in the teacher's lounge 0740-0900AM, to students, parents, and staff. A pediatric screening form will be sent home with students Tuesday. This will allow you to complete the form beforehand to save time in checking in Wed. or Thurs. Please bring the screening form along with your ID card. Do not hand these in to teachers. Parents must accompany their child to receive the vaccine. Wednesday Walkers is a heart-healthy club which meets Wednesdays from 2:55PM-3:40PM and is open to all CCP students. Please contact Nurse P at (803 787 6815).





Superintendent's Office Hours

Date	Time	Location
Tuesday, October 9, 2012	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Pinckney
Thursday, October 18, 2012	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Pinckney
Wednesday, October 24, 2012	11:00 AM – 2:00 PM	Pinckney

Superintendent's **Forum** November 1, 2012 11AM-1:00PM

Student Connection GradeSpeed Accounts

Using the Student Connection Portal, students can now have access to view their assignments and grades anytime they need to do so. Each student has a user name and unique password that will allow them to access the portal. Using the Student Connection will provide students with the opportunity to remain up-to-date with what their assignments are, when they are due, and their current grade status for each subject. It is very similar to the Parent Connection Portal that parents can access Grade Speed. Parents may contact their child's homeroom teacher to request activation of their accounts. Please call the school for additional information regarding the Grade Speed and the Grade Speed Student Connection. Our school's educational technologist, Mr. P can be reached at 803-787-6815.

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STUDENT ACTIVITES & PARENT INVOLVEMENT

Continuous School Improvement Team (CSI)

The CSI Team meets every Monday from 3:15p.m. – 4:15p.m. in the professional development room B-147.

Success Club

Success Club meets on Mondays, from 2:55-3:45p.m.. For further information, contact Debbie M @ 803-787-6815

Wednesday Walkers

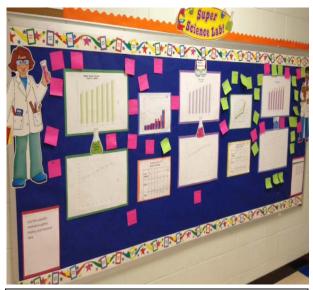
Wednesday Walkers began on Wednesday, October 3, 2012 from 2:55p.m. - 3:30p.m. Ms. P is asking for parent volunteers to help monitor our students' progress. For further information, contact Ms. P at 803-787-6815 Ext 2610.

Technology Club

The Technology Club meets on Mondays from 2:55p.m. – 3:40p.m. Mr. P can be contacted at 803-787-6815 Ext 2648 for additional information

- 6th Grade: September 17, 24 & October 15, 22, 29
- 5th Grade: November 5, 26, December 3, 10 & January 7 & 14, 2013.
- 4th Grade: January 28, 2013; February 4, 11, 25 & March 4, 11.
- 3rd Grade: March 18 & 25, 201 & April 8, 15, 22 & 29

Fitness Club meets on Mondays 2:55pm-3:45pm Science Club meets on Fridays,3:00pm-4:30pm





The fifth grade students have been studying how to use the scientific process to ask questions, determine strategies, and share data that expands their knowledge of the wonderful world of science. Each class conducted an experiment to determine which substance, water or sand, warms the fastest. The students discussed all aspects of the experiment and help determine the wording of the question, the design of the activity, the variables and controls to be considered, and how the data would be shared. The students also formulated hypothesis and made predictions of the outcome.

After the data was collected and displayed, the students were given an opportunity to compare and contrast the results from the three classes. Their insights were shared on a bulletin board on the fifth grade wing. If you get a chance stop by and read what great comments they made. We think you will be as impressed as we were!!

Fifth Grade Team





The Art Club is coming to CCP!

The first session will begin on Monday, October 15, 2012. The other dates for the first session are: October 22, 29, November 5, 19, 26, December 3, 10, 17, January 14, 28, and February 4, 2013.

The dates for the 2nd Session are February 11, 25, March 4, 11, 18, 25, April 8, 15, 22, 29 May 6, 13, 20.

It is open to 3rd, 4th, and 5th graders. The Art Club members will be introduced to many forms of art, will create art pieces and explore the world of art. The club is sponsored by Ms. F.

Applications were sent home on Wednesday. Please return these ASAP. Ms. F can be contacted at 803-787-6815.

Fifth grade student is showing a random act of kindness by turning in two drink bottles filled with flip tabs for the Ronald McDonald House to the school nurse. Way to go!!!

