

# The Champion

A weekly newsletter for Chukker Creek  
Elementary Families

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**March 18-22, 2024**

Dear Chukker Creek Families,



**We are asking that all students arrive at school by 7:30.** After that time, students are considered tardy. We will switch from double car rider lanes to a single car lane at 7:30. After 7:35, faculty and staff will report to their classes inside the building, and parents will be asked to sign in students in the front office.

**Districtwide End of the Year MAP Testing began this week.** The testing window is March 18 - March 29. Please encourage students to do their very best!

**Please plan to come to our First Grade Musical Tuesday, March 26, at 6:00PM!** See the flyer below for more information.

***IMPORTANT FIELD DAY ANNOUNCEMENT FROM COACH WALKER:***

*Field Day will be held on Thursday, March 27th. Grades K-2 will be held from 8:15-10:30am and grades 3-5 will be held from 11:45-2pm. If you are interested in volunteering, visit Coach Walker's website: <https://www.acpsd.net/Page/62802>*

*Here you can find volunteer training and sign-up information. Thank you!*

**We will have a food drive March 11-20, 2024.** Food items may be dropped off at Chukker Creek as well as other school locations listed on the flyer below.

**Our after-school tutorial program for 3rd - 5th Grade students has started.** It is being held on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 3:00 PM - 4:00 PM. **It is not too late for your student to begin.** If you would like your child to participate, please fill out the form found at the link below. For questions regarding the after-school program, please email Dr. Evans at [rbryant2@acpsd.net](mailto:rbryant2@acpsd.net).

<https://forms.office.com/r/JYYfCprWgc>

**We will have Saturday School at Chukker Creek for 3rd - 5th Grade Students from 9:00AM - 11:00AM for student interested in getting additional tutoring.** The dates for Saturday School are below.

- 2/24/2024
- 3/23/2024
- 4/20/2024

**We are planning a 5th grade class trip to Atlanta, GA to visit the Coca Cola Factory and Aquarium.** It is scheduled for April 30. Our fifth grade teachers will communicate with you regarding payment collection due dates. They will also continue to answer any questions that you may have regarding trip itinerary.

**We have a new Reading Program called Beanstack!** Beanstack is a web and mobile app used to track independent reading time, and help build a culture of reading in school and at home. Beanstack makes it easier for us to help our students track reading, keep our students motivated to read, and provide feedback and insights into the reading habits of our school. Please see the flyer below for more information!

**Yearbooks are on sale now!** Please see the flyer regarding prices below.

**Homework.** We would like for each of our students to read for a minimum of 20 minutes each night to improve oral reading fluency and reading comprehension. We can provide you with with a list of reading strategies and leveled comprehension questions. Please reach out to your students' teachers if you would like for us to provide you with literacy resources.

**What can students do who have NO homework or say they are BORED???? See below.**

**NEW:** Our school is piloting iReady in 1st - 5th grades. Students may work in iReady at home in reading or math! Students have been given passwords. The teachers will make sure that you get them as well.

Kindergarten through fifth grade students are also encouraged to do **Dream Box** at home. This provides practice with solving math problems. Students can log on using clever.

The **Exact Path (Edmentum)** platform can be used by our 3rd - 5th grade students to get additional reading support. K - 2nd graders can get extra reading practice using the **Imagine Learning platform**. Students can log on using Clever.

In addition to our school's Leader in Me initiative, we have developed 5 schoolwide rules for our students. They are:

1. Respect the rights, feelings, and property of others.
2. Walk, save your running for the playground.
3. Use an appropriate tone of voice.
4. Follow all directions given by school personnel, the first time.
5. Keep hands, feet and objects to yourself.

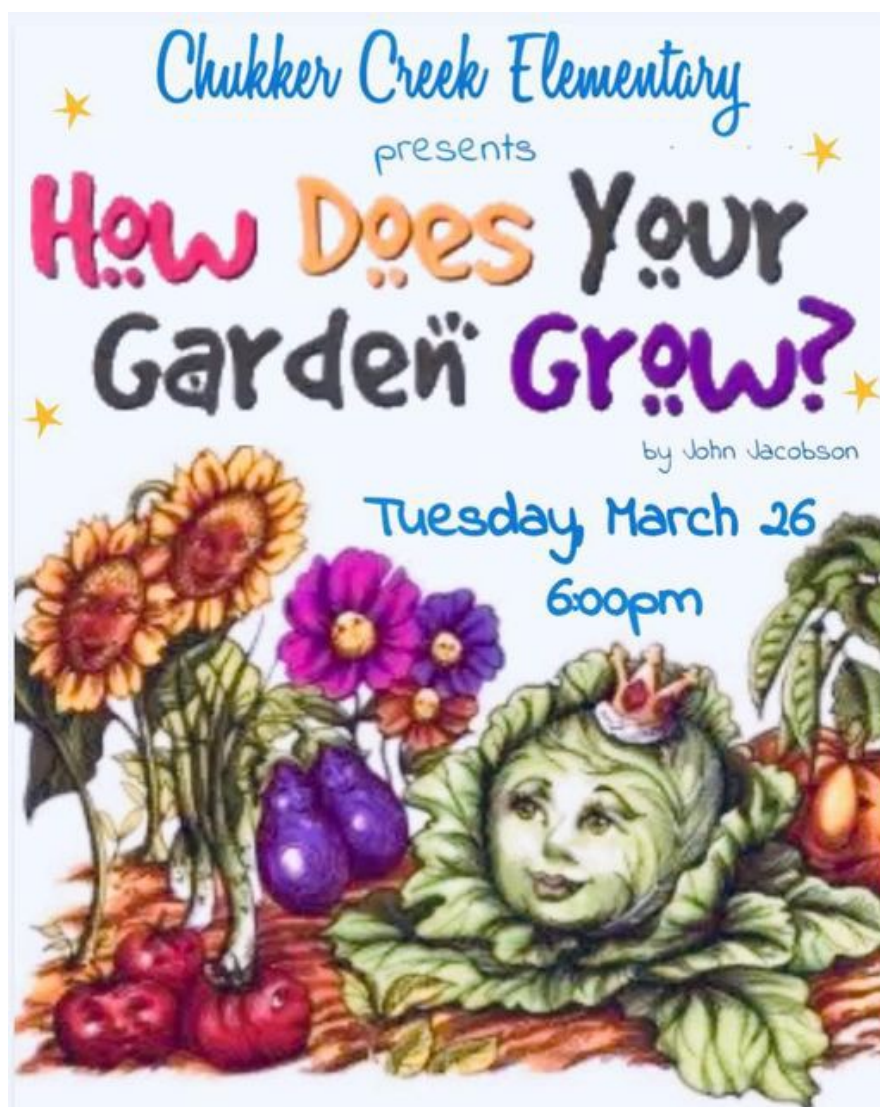
Please help us by reviewing the school wide rules with your students and encouraging them to work hard to meet our schoolwide academic and behavioral expectations.

Thank you for your continued support.

Sincerely,

Dr. Evans

Cell: 803-640-2716







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Way to go Champions! We appreciate your support of the American Heart Association's mission. With your donations millions of Americans will be helped through increased awareness of cardiovascular disease, lifesaving scientific research, and heart healthy habits.





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Thank you to our amazing volunteers who helped make our book fair a success. It takes a village to ensure our students' success and we are grateful you are a part of ours! Thank you to our wonderful parents/guardians for your support as well.

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That's a wrap on our Junie B. Jones the Musical Jr.! The students did an outstanding job, thank you for your dedication and parents for your support. Special shoutout to Denise Ashley and Casey Beckham (Directors), as well as Katie Tate, Nikki Ellis, and Madison O'Bannion (Assistant Directors), Michael Kimberly (back drops), and Julie McLain (cheer routine and finale song choreography).

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LET'S SPRING INTO ACTION

# FOOD DRIVE

MARCH 11-20, 2024

**You can help  
prevent hunger!**

According to the USDA, one in every five children are unsure where they will get their next meal. Let's spring into action by collecting non-perishable food. Collected food will be distributed to our students for use over Spring Break.



## Contact

Vicki Miller-McCarthy, Coordinator of Social Work

 (803) 335-7052

DONATION PICK UP DATE: MARCH 21



**AIKEN COUNTY**  
PUBLIC SCHOOLS

## DROP OFF LOCATIONS

Aiken Elementary  
Belvedere Elementary  
Hammond Hill Elementary  
Other Sites To Be Determined

**AIKEN AREA  
ELEMENTARY  
TRACK MEET**

MIDLAND VALLEY HIGH SCHOOL

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SATURDAY

**05.04.2024**

9:00 AM TO 12:00 PM

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RSVP or Questions:

[Ckaune@acpsd.net](mailto:Ckaune@acpsd.net)







**JANUARY 16 - MARCH 27**  
**TUESDAYS & THURSDAYS**

**3:00 - 4:00PM**

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Chukker Creek Elementary School

# *Saturday*

## **TUTORING SESSIONS FOR STUDENTS IN GRADES 3-5**

*January 27th, 9:00am - 11:00am*

*February 24th, 9:00am - 11:00am*

*March 23rd, 9:00am - 11:00am*

*April 20th, 9:00am - 11:00am*

If you 'd like your student to attend one or more of the Saturday sessions, please complete and return the form below. No transportation will be provided. Parents can drop off students at 8:45am and a snack will be provided. Parents must pick students up promptly at 11:00am.

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WISH YOUR STUDENT A  
**Happy Birthday**  
ON THE CHUKKER CREEK MARQUEE!

Celebrate your child's birthday by having it announced on the Chukker Creek Marquee. The cost is \$10.00 and announcements will run from Monday to Sunday the week of your child's birthday.

*Monies raised from this fundraiser will be used for school club day events, student award ceremonies, and faculty and staff recognition.*



**Happy Birthday Announcements**  
**ON THE MARQUEE!**

**\$10**

Please complete the form below along with your payment to the office at least two weeks before the student's birthday week. Cash or check payment only. Checks can be made to Chukker Creek Elementary.

Student's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Birthdate: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent Signature: \_\_\_\_\_







SAVE THE \*NEW\* DATE!

**Tuesday, April 16th**

# *Spring Pictures & Class Picture Day*

Due to a scheduling conflict, we moved Spring Individual and Class pictures to Tuesday, April 16th, the week we return from Spring Break. Be on the lookout in MARCH for more information.

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## CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY WATCH D.O.G.S. FUNDRAISER T-SHIRT ORDER FORM

We are placing a bulk order for Watch D.O.G.S. t-shirts that all Watch D.O.G.S. must wear when they volunteer. All monies raised from this bulk order will go directly back into this program.

**Please return this order form and your payment (cash or check made payable to CCE).  
ALL ORDERS ARE DUE ON THURSDAY, DECEMBER 7th.**

If you choose not to order at this time, you may order it directly from  
[www.dadsofgreatstudents.com](http://www.dadsofgreatstudents.com).

DAD'S NAME	
STUDENT'S NAME	
STUDENT'S TEACHER	
PHONE / EMAIL	

ADULT SHIRTS				CHILD SHIRTS			
	PRICE	QTY	TOTAL		PRICE	QTY	TOTAL
Adult S	\$20			Child S	\$15		
Adult M	\$20			Child M	\$15		
Adult L	\$20			Child L	\$15		
Adult XL	\$20			Child XL	\$15		
Adult 2XL	\$23					TOTAL AMOUNT	
Adult 3XL	\$23						
		TOTAL AMOUNT					

Once we receive the order, we will send the shirt(s) with your student.  
Thank you for supporting the Watch D.O.G.S. program at Chukker Creek!

# Chukker Creek Champions Beanstack

2023-24

Students enjoy reading! Log your reading minutes!

Families: Encourage your students to log into Beanstack through  
Clever to see the fun ways to enjoy reading.  
Parents can encourage a culture of learning and reading.

1. Sign with Clever by locating the Beanstack app on the Clever portal.  
Download the mobile app in the Apple App Store and Google Play Store.  
Ms. Simmons will be teaching students how to use it.

Students will sign in with their student number and birthdate (mmddyy)

2. Log all your reading at home, whether it's for homework, for fun, at breakfast, or at bedtime! Teachers will log reading at school.
3. Share fundraising messages and your donation page to family and friends, all from within Beanstack.

An Xbox One has been donated for the end of year READER OF THE YEAR!  
with the most minutes and badges completed.

 **beanstack**





**CHUKKER CREEK ELEMENTARY**

# Yearbooks

**ARE ON SALE NOW!!!**

**Customize your 2 FREE PAGES!**  
The 2 custom pages are FREE &  
are printed **ONLY** in your book.

Create Custom Pages by: April 1

**TO PURCHASE & CUSTOMIZE YOUR YEARBOOK:**

1. Go to [www.treering.com/validate](http://www.treering.com/validate)
2. Enter your school's passcode:

**1016221369571762**

Soft Cover Price: \$28.10

Hard Cover Price: \$35.48

# WHY JOIN?

## CHUKKER CREEK PTO NEEDS YOU!



### #1 OUR STUDENTS BENEFIT

Help your child perform better academically by being an active participant and role model in the community that helps raise your child!



### #2 OUR SCHOOL BENEFITS

You can actively contribute to making a difference in your child's school. Whether it's through fundraising or organizing events, your involvement can have a positive impact on the school community.



### #3 CREATE CONNECTIONS

Develop powerful relationships with teachers and staff while making life-long friends with other parents!



### #4 YOU BENEFIT

Volunteering your time, talents, and energy while socializing with other parents is fun and rewarding!



**READY  
TO SIGN UP?**

Email [chukkercreekpto@gmail.com](mailto:chukkercreekpto@gmail.com) or  
sign up at Meet The Teacher on Friday,  
July 21st!.

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***Click on the link below for a list of comprehension questions that you can use to ask your student questions about books that he or she reads at home.***

<https://pcvirtualtutoring.com/assets/files/Reading-ComprehensionQuestionsforparents.pdf>

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## Car Rider Line Procedures

### Arrival

We have begun implementing our new transportation procedures. Please take special note that we now have two(2) lanes for morning drop off. For safety reasons we ask that you remain in your car during drop off, and refrain from parking to walk your students into school.

### Dismissal

We have our DriveLine Platform up and running. We are working to make dismissal more efficient. Thank you for your continued patience.

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## Week 28 Reminders

### 1. Bell Times

Arrival Time: 7:00am

Tardy Bell 7:30am Dismissal Time: 2:30pm

### 2. Morning Arrival

**Students should not arrive prior to 7:00am.**

**For the safety of all of our students, we ask that you ONLY use the car rider line to drop off students. Students may not be dropped off in the back of the building.**

### 3. Breakfast and Lunch Information

**Breakfast will be available from 7:00-7:20am.** All students receive breakfast and lunch at no cost.

### 4. Early Sign-Outs and Transportation Changes

To ensure a safe and efficient dismissal process, we respectfully ask that there you do not come to sign-outs students after **2:00pm**. **ALL** car transportation changes must be in writing. We **DO NOT** accept transportation changes over the phone for the safety of our students. We do not accept bus transportation changes in the CCE Main Office.

### 5. Bus Information

Online Transportation Registration Link: <https://aikenpowerschool.com/public/>

**All bus transportation issues, requests, or changes must be made through the bus transportation office.**

### 6. Dismissal Procedures

Carline parents, please be patient as the students travel to car line. We expect many additional car riders the first week, so traffic may move slow, at times. Please allow for the additional time needed to safely dismiss our students, in advance. Bus riders will be escorted by staff to the bus lot. Online transportation registration and approval is required before a student can ride the bus.

### 7. Home to School Communication

Communication updates and flyers will be sent home on Wednesdays. Our teachers will also frequently communicate through Class DoJo/Remind.

### 8. How to Report Concerns or the need for Resources

Email your students teacher

School Counselor: – Ms. Valentine – [svalentine@acpsd.net](mailto:svalentine@acpsd.net)

Ms. Dixs – [bdixs@acpsd.net](mailto:bdixs@acpsd.net)

Assistant Principal: Mr. Adams – [radams5@acpsd.net](mailto:radams5@acpsd.net)

Principal: Dr. Evans – [rbryant2@acpsd.net](mailto:rbryant2@acpsd.net)



## Upcoming Events

3/26 - First Grade Musical - 6PM - School Cafeteria

3/26 - (March) Leader of the Month Ceremony - 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Cafeteria

3/27 - Field Day

4/1 - 4/5 - Intercession for Intervention and Enrichment

4/1 - 4/12 - Spring Break

4/16 - Spring Pictures and Class Picture Day

4/25 - Champion Singers Concert - 6:00PM - 6:30PM

4/26 - Leadership Day at Chukker Creek (Time to Be Determined)

4/29 - Interim Reports for Quarter 4

4/30 - Fifth Grade Class Trip - Atlanta GA - Coca Cola Factory and Aquarium

5/3 - (April) Leader of the Month Ceremony - 8:30 AM - 9:30 AM - Cafeteria

5/3 - (April) CBIS Event

5/13 - SC Ready for 3rd - 5th Grades - ELA - Writing

5/15 - SC Ready for 3rd - 5th Grades - ELA - Reading

5/20 - SC Ready for 3rd - 5th Grades - Mathematics

5/22 - SC Ready for 3rd - 5th Grades - Science (4th Grade Only)

5/24 - Kindergarten Bridging Ceremony and Class Party - 8:30AM - Cafeteria - Attire - Sunday Best!

5/24 - First Grade Awards and Class Parties - 10:45AM - 11:45AM

5/27 - Memorial Day - No School

5/28 - Half Day for Students / 2nd Grade Awards and Parties - 8:30AM - 9:30AM - Cafeteria

5/28 - 5th Grade Bridging Ceremony and Awards - 6:00PM - 7:30PM - Girls - White Dresses / Boys - Black Pants, White Shirts and Ties (More information to come)

5/29 - Half Day for Students / 3rd Grade Awards and Class Parties 8:00AM - 9:00AM - Cafeteria /  
4th Grade Awards and Class Parties - 9:30AM - 10:30AM - Gymnasium

5/30 - Half Day for Students / Pre-K Bridging Ceremony and Class Party - 8:30-9:30AM - Attire -  
Sunday Best! / Last Day of School - End of Quarter 4 - Report Cards Distributed

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# A Leader in Me™ School

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## Chukker Creek Elementary School

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