

Congaree Chronicle

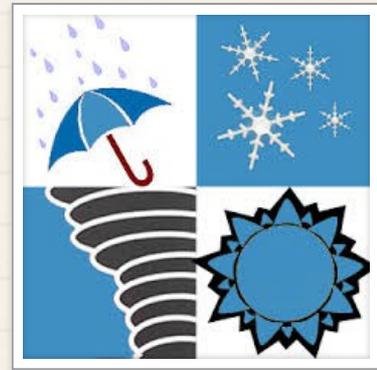
SEPTEMBER 2019

Greetings Congaree families and welcome to a great start of the 2019-2020 school year! I am Christopher Dickey, the new principal. Ms. Brown, our new assistant principal, our faculty and staff and I are ready to teach and provide the highest quality of instruction to our students. This year, our theme is "Remodel, Rebuild, Reclaim for Results!" Much like the home improvement shows that inspired our theme, our school is under construction. We are working to redesign current programs such as AVID and PBIS and to improve our overall instructional and behavioral practices. It is a continuous process. This will ensure that High Levels of Learning for ALL students is taking place at Congaree.

We encourage parents to participate in our Parent Teacher Organization (PTO) or School Improvement Council (SIC). Both organizations serve the purpose of having parents to participate in school programs, collaborate with the school on decision making, and work with teachers to support learning for students. If you would like to serve on one of these organizations please contact the school.

Check our calendar often for events to engage with the school. Follow us on Twitter, Facebook, Class Dojo, the school website and our other social media platforms. Please contact us at the school whenever you have questions or concerns. Let's continue to maintain our positive momentum and "Remodel, Rebuild, Reclaim, for Results!"

Respectfully,
Mr. Dickey & Ms. Brown



SEPTEMBER 20TH

Celebrate back to school with Watch DOGS!

Time: 6:00pm - 7:30pm

Where: CES Cafeteria

Cost: \$2 per person

Parents/guardians must stay with their child.

DATES TO REMEMBER

10: Grits for Grandparents @ 7:00 AM

17: PTO & SIC Meeting @ 6:30 PM

20: Watch Dogs Back to School Dance

25: Early Dismissal @ 11:30 AM

INCLEMENT WEATHER

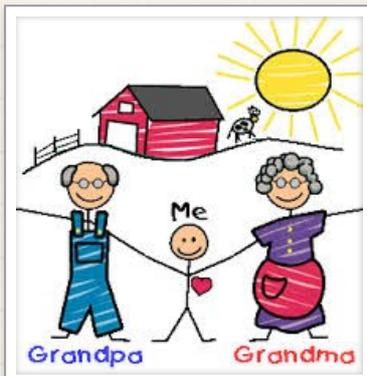
With hurricane season in full swing and winter right around the corner, be sure to follow local news broadcasts for school closures and delays.

TITLE ONE INFORMATION

Title I of the Every Student Succeeds Act legislation is a federal program that provides opportunities for the children served to acquire the knowledge and skills necessary to meet challenging state content standards. Click on the link for more info.

VOLUNTARY INSURANCE INFORMATION

Protecting the health and welfare of students is a concern that all school administrators (public K-12 school districts, diocese, nursery and daycare centers, etc.) face each and every day.



GRANDPARENTS DAY

All grandparents are invited to come enjoy "Grits for Grandparents" with their students on Tuesday, September 10th at 7:00AM in the school cafeteria.

NURSE NEWS

When should you wash your hands?

Handwashing at any time of the day can help get rid of germs, but there are key times when it's most important to wash your hands.

- Before, during, and after preparing food
- Before eating food
- Before and after caring for someone who is sick
- Before and after treating a cut or wound
- After using the bathroom, changing diapers, or cleaning up a child who has used the bathroom
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing
- After touching an animal, animal food or treats, animal cages, or animal feces (poop)
- After touching garbage
- If your hands are visibly dirty or greasy



What type of soap should you use?

You can use bar soap or liquid soap to wash your hands. Many public places provide liquid soap because it's easier and cleaner to share with others. Studies have not found any added health benefit from using soaps containing antibacterial ingredients when compared with plain soap. Both are equally effective in getting rid of germs. If soap and water are not available, use an alcohol-based hand sanitizer that contains at least 60% alcohol.

How does handwashing help fight antibiotic resistance?

Antibiotic resistance occurs when bacteria resist the effects of an antibiotic – that is, germs are not killed and they continue to grow. Sickesses caused by antibiotic-resistant bacteria can be harder to treat. Simply using antibiotics creates resistance, so avoiding infections in the first place reduces the amount of antibiotics that have to be used and reduces the likelihood that resistance will develop during treatment. Handwashing helps prevent many sicknesses, meaning less use of antibiotics.



PIANO LESSONS

Mrs. Michalski will be offering lessons before and after school in the music room to a limited number of students. If you are interested, have your child see Mrs. Michalski for more information.

BOYS & GIRLS CLUB

If you need after school childcare for the upcoming school year, use the following link to find out more information and enroll: <http://bgadev.com/>.

E-LEARNING

Lexington School District Two was selected as one of ten additional districts in South Carolina to join the eLearning Pilot. There are now 15 districts across the state who have been awarded the unique opportunity to use digital learning in place of missing a school day.

How does the work count?

Elementary and middle school students will have five days once they return to school to turn in the completed eLearning assignments. High school students will have three days once they return to turn in the completed work. Students who complete assignments will be counted "Present." These assignments may also count as a grade if the assignment would have been counted in a normal school day.



OFFICE REMINDERS

- Students must be signed in by an adult after 7:50 AM
- Parents are not allowed in hallways after 7:50 AM
- Car riders should be picked up at 2:25 PM. Any car riders not picked up will be taken to the after school daycare program.
- Transportation changes will only be taken in writing (fax, written note, dojo).

UPCOMING EVENTS

October

4: PTO Family Fun Night

8: PTO Skate Night

16: Fall Pictures

28: Breast Cancer Awareness



SAVE
THE DATES!