

Extra, Extra...EES News

What's Happening at EES...

Friday, September 1, 2017

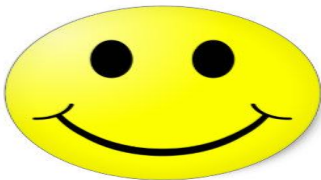
Playground Progress



Little Miss Bella Putnam poses at the center of an upcoming attraction being added to the EES playground. Thanks to the SAFE Afterschool program for the funding and Putnam Pro for their painting services, students will be able to participate in guided activities during recess time and after school. The design plan includes both hopscotch and four-square, a large circular area that can easily be used as a clock, and several other "nature" elements that promote gross motor movements such as hopping, jumping, skipping, and balancing. All of these elements will be surrounded by a track. Pictured below is another addition to the EES playground area. In an effort to increase safety, a fence has been added to the exterior border of the playground.



Spreading a Little Sunshine



A shout out to Mrs. Connie for her work to provide encouragement to the staff of EES. Sweet smiling faces could be seen passing from hand to hand this week. Each handoff was accompanied by words of recognition for a particular behavior or character trait. Thanks for your part in making EES a great place to work.

Community Connection



The Class of 1990 celebrated with a class reunion over the summer. In an effort to give back to the Gilmer Co. Charter School System alumni took up an offering of \$300. The class decided to share the proceeds with the special education department at EES. Pictured above displaying the newly purchased Osmo supplies are Mrs. Jennifer Ledford, Mrs. Erin Low, and Mrs. Michelle Sanford. This innovative technology additions will help students increase in the areas of collaboration and communication by encouraging them to interact with their peers, while getting appropriate feedback from the teaching tool. In addition to these funds, teachers are also taking advantage of the community support offered by Shane's Rib Shack to support this initiative.

Monthly Enrichment



Fidget Spinner Games



Dream Catchers



Marshmallow & Toothpick Creations

Students in all grade levels took part in monthly enrichment activities today as a part of our positive behavior incentive program. Students are given Bobcat Bucks in an effort to recognize positive behavior and good work ethic (only to name a few circumstances). Once a month this currency can be traded for opportunities to participate in an enrichment activity. Activities vary in nature, but there always seems to always be something for everyone. Pictured above are a few of the today's activities.

Media Message

The EES art, media, and technology programs are working in collaboration to bring a special guests to our school. On September 11, 2017, illustrator Michael White will offer six sessions in which he will instruct all elementary students to create illustrations of their own. In celebration of this memorable day, the illustrator plans to present a patriotic theme. Pictured below are Mrs. Brandi Byrd (EES art teacher), Mrs. Deanne Stenberg (EES computer lab teacher), and Mrs. Staci McClure (EES media specialist). These teacher are pictured with an illustration that we received from our anticipated guest. We plan to purchase several books that are illustrated by Mr. White to raffle off at our Title I Night on September 19th in order to offset the cost of the program.



Each month EES mails off a shipment to General Mills as a part of the Box Tops for Education program. A huge shout out to our families for their support this month for contributing over 1100 box tops. General Mills issues 2 checks a year to Ellijay Elementary School. Please continue to support us in our efforts to fundraise with this program. Students bringing in 10 box tops will be rewarded for a charm to add to their collection.

Upcoming Dates...

9/4...Labor Day Holiday
9/5...Mrs. Sandra Deal will be at EES to read to a group of students @ 9:45 am.
9/5...Midterm for Q1
9/8...Progress reports go home.
9/11...Illustrator Visits EES..Michael White (Ga. Resident)
9/12...ESOL Extended Day Begins (Tuesdays & Wednesdays)
9/18...BoE Work Session 6 pm
9/18...Spirit Week...Color Day (4th/Red, 3rd/Blue, 2nd/Yellow)
9/19...Title I Informational Night/Homecoming Float 6-7 pm
9/19...Spirit Week...Twin Day
9/19...Boy Scout Visit
9/20...Shane's Night...ESOL Program
9/20...Spirit Week...Tacky Day
9/21...Spirit Week...Super Hero Movie Day
9/21...BoE Meeting 6 pm
9/21...Homecoming Parade @ 7 pm
9/21...Boy Scout Round Up 7-8:15 pm
9/22...Spirit Week...School Spirit Day
9/26...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
10/1-4...AdvancED Visit Window
10/4...Fall Pictures
10/11...Teacher Workday
10/12-13...Fall Break
10/16...BoE Work Session 6 pm
10/18...Shane's Night...ESOL Program
10/19...BoE Meeting. 6 pm
10/23 - 10/27 Book Fair
10/24...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
10/26...Family Reading Night/Book Fair
11/13...BoE Work Session
11/15...Holiday Pictures
11/15...Shane's Night...Special Education Program
11/15...Last Day of ESOL Extended Day
11/16...BoE Meeting 6 pm
11/16...STEM Night 6-7 pm
11/20-24...Thanksgiving Holiday
11/28...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
12/5...EES Family Art Night 6-7 pm
12/11...BoE Work Session 6 pm
12/14...BoE Meeting 6 pm
12/20...Early Release Day
12/20...Shane's Night...Still Available

12/21-1/2...Holiday
1/3...Teacher Workday
1/4...Students Return
1/15...MLK Holiday
1/17...Shane's Night...Still Available
1/18...Family Movie Night 6-7pm
1/22...BoE Work Session 6 pm
1/23...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
1/25...BoE Meeting 6 pm
2/13...EES Loves Math Family Night 6-7 pm
2/19...Winter Break
2/21...Shane's Night...Still Available
2/22-23...Inclement Weather Days
2/27...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
3/15...Spring/Group Pictures
3/16...Teacher Workday
3/21...Shane's Night...STEM Program
3/27...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
4/2-6...Spring Break
4/10...EES Color Run 6-7 pm
4/18...Shane's Night...Special Education Program
4/23-5/4...GMAS Testing Window
4/24...School Governance Team Meeting @ 7:15 am in the Media Center
5/16...Shane's Night...Still Available
5/16-22...GMAS Retest Window
5/25...Early Release Day...LAST DAY OF SCHOOL
5/28...Memorial Day
5/29-31...Post Planning Days
5/31...School Governance Team Meeting @ 1:00 pm in the Media Center