

Cougar Tale

May 18, 2018

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Adopt the Garden meetings – 21st

We will be continuing our Adopt the Garden program over the summer where families can sign-up to take care of the garden for one week. Slots will be available to students in sprout scouts and science club first but if open spots remain, we will allow other families to join in on the fun! If you are interested in participating, join us for our last informational meeting on May 21st from 4:00-5:00 to learn how your family can participate in the program! Families who join the program will be to harvest and enjoy our garden fresh produce all summer long.

Also, there will be a garden work day, tomorrow, Saturday, May 19th from 10:00-12:00. Bring your family and get ready to help our garden grow!

Lost and Found

Parents, any items remaining in the lost and found at the end of the year will be donated to a local charity. If your child is missing a jacket, sweater, hat, shoe, etc please come and claim them!

Cafeteria Accounts

If your child(ren) have a negative balance on their lunch account please pay Ms. Monica in the cafeteria or online as soon as possible. If you aren't receiving texts or emails about your account, please check your spam/clutter folder or call the office. Any remaining balances will be forwarded to your child's account for the 2018-2019 school year.

Library books returned

All library books were due to the library on **Monday, May 14th**. If you still have books at home, please send them back as soon as possible. Thank you!

Talent Show

The talent show will be the morning of Wednesday, May 23rd at 8:30 and then again in the afternoon at 1:30 in the cafeteria. We will notify all participants and family members of which time you will perform. You can bring props, costume, etc. that are needed that morning. All music should have been submitted to Ms. Jami on a labeled cd.

Principals Corner

This column is the most difficult one I have ever written. Many of you have already heard, but for those who do not know, I will not be returning to Carolyn Lewis Elementary as principal next year. I have been offered the position of Special Education Supervisor for Conway School District. This is a bittersweet time for me. I am excited about this new opportunity but I am heartbroken to be leaving my Carolyn Lewis family. I have been principal of Carolyn Lewis Elementary since we opened in 2012. This is "my" school and I have loved every moment here. I cannot thank our families enough for all the love and support you have shown me during the six years we have been together at CLES. I cherish so many memories in my heart of all the hugs and sweet notes from our students, all your words of love and support. You have trusted me with your most precious asset – your children – and I realize what an honor that has been. I am proud of our successes – our garden, our choir, and all of our clubs. We have been consistently recognized as one of the top performing schools in the state. In the past five years, our school has received over \$110,000 in Reward and Recognition Funding for high student achievement. Our teachers have chosen to invest that money in materials for our school, even though the state would have allowed them to use it for staff bonuses. The selflessness of our staff is amazing! The good news is that the new principal, Mr. Stacy DeFoor, already has a connection with Carolyn Lewis. He was Assistant Principal our first 3 years and will be returning as Principal next school year. He is currently principal of Florence Mattison Elementary. I know that I am leaving the school in good hands and that you will support him, just as you have supported me.

Please reassure the students that I love them all and that I will miss them more than anyone can imagine. And please don't let them forget me because I will never forget them!

With love,
Dr. Antley



For Your
Calendar:

May 21
End of
Year
Fun
Bash

May 22
3rd
Grade
Field
Trip

May
23
Talent
Show

May
24
Last
Day of
School

May 28
Memorial
Day

June 17
Father's
Day

July 4
4th of July

July 24-25
CLE
Kindergarten
Camp

August 13
First Day
Back for
Students