



# CHEETAH CHATTER

A quarterly publication for students, parents, family and staff at Chapel Lakes Elementary

## Celebrating 25 years at CLE!!

In September Chapel Lakes celebrated it's 25th year with a school wide party! Past and present administrators, principals, teachers and staff along with students and parents enjoyed a great night at CLE!



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### CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED STUDENT COUNCIL

#### THIRD GRADE

- Sara Younkin
- Blake Bendorf
- Lila Doyle
- Lilly Nutter
- Kassidy Nguyen
- Sara Ali
- Smanatha Lane
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- Madison Montgomery
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- Nadia Regier
- Trey Patrick

# PRINCIPAL'S POST

Chapel Lakes Families,

We have had a great first quarter here at CLE and I want to send out a special thank you to CLE PTA for organizing so many fun events. I am pleased to say, with the support of our community and PTA, we have been able to order another mobile computer lab for CLE students. Thank you for your continued support of our students and staff. As we head into Parent-Teacher Conferences I encourage everyone to take advantage of the opportunity to meet with your child's teacher. Conferences are a great time to discuss individual learning goals for your children. We appreciate your partnership as we work to meet the needs of each CLE student.

As we head into colder weather, I would like to review the arrival and dismissal routine. Please remember the North driveway is for dropping off and picking up students who are car riders and the West driveway/parking lot is reserved for our buses. We appreciate your help in keeping our West bus lane free from cars during dismissal. Also, we do not have staff members to supervise students prior to 9:05 a.m. so please plan accordingly. This is especially important for our students who walk to school, so please do not arrive earlier than 9:05 a.m.

As we progress through this school year, do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher, Mrs. White or myself with any questions, concerns or suggestions. Together, we will make this a terrific school for all Chapel Lakes Students.

Sincerely,  
Bryce Johnson, Principal

## The "Kind" Classy Cats for September

- K** Brooklyn Knapp  
Teddy Guthrie  
Elisa King  
Zach Saucier
- 1st** Brooklynn Geren  
Madelyn Madsen  
Varman Elangovan  
Brayden Scott
- 2nd** Ava Goeckeler  
Chelsey Richter  
Anecia Soto  
Maci Childs
- 3rd** Arjit Nayak  
Molly Soloman  
Sydnie Thach  
Nathan Graham
- 4th** Kiley Scott  
Kameron Oliver  
Morgan Weathers  
Paul Johnson
- 5th** Charis Morasch  
Jackson Wade  
Sydney Lisner  
Alexis Hill



### Box Tops Help Our School!

Chapel Lakes Elementary has been collecting box tops for education for the past several years. Teachers collect the box tops that you send and turn them in. Twice a year we submit our total box tops for the building and receive a check from General Mills. With this money teachers have been able to purchase additional items for their classrooms. We appreciate your support with this program and ask that you continue to save and turn in box tops. You can send in the box tops with your student at any time.

### Fun times at Donuts with Dads!!





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## PRESIDENT'S REPORT

Dear Parents, Teachers and Students,

It is hard to believe that we are already in October! As always CLE is off to another great start so far this year. I would like to give a heartfelt "Thank You" to everyone that participated in this year's PTA Annual Fund. While we did fall short of our goal for this year, our PTA Board is still very grateful for all of the generous donations that have come in. Because of your donations, we will be able to continue to provide activities such as Carnival, Trunk or Treat, Donuts with Dad, Muffins with Mom, as well as field trips, technology, and grants for our teachers to purchase items for their classrooms.



We had a great turnout for our 25 year CLE celebration in September despite the rain, and as always Donuts with Dad and Special Persons Day were a great success! It is always so nice to see the many families that walk through CLE's door to participate in activities with their child. I have enjoyed getting to meet so many families at school and having the opportunity to work with all of you that have taken time to volunteer for the PTA events we have held so far.

PTA has already provided sending several of our classes on field trips. Our 2nd graders enjoyed a beautiful day at the KC Zoo, 4th grade spent the day at the Negro League Baseball Museum and Jazz Museum as well as the Blue Springs School of Economics. 5th grade was able to visit the Kemper and Nelson-Adkins Museums.

It has been a very busy beginning of the year at school for PTA and we could not do it without the support from all of you. Your time is very valuable and you are greatly appreciated for all of your efforts! I am excited for the upcoming events: Trunk or Treat, Fall Classroom Parties, and Santa Secret Shop.

I look forward to getting the opportunity to visit and work with you all over the next few months and to another successful school year at Chapel Lakes.

Sincerely,  
Kristen Svoboda  
PTA President  
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## PTA CALENDAR

### November

- 6—Fall Party
- 13—No School
- 9—Fall Party
- 18—Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, 1st Grade
- 19—PTA Board Meeting, 6pm
- 19—PTA Unit Meeting, 7pm
- 25-27—No School, Thanksgiving Holiday

### December

- 10-11—Santa Shop
- 16—Teacher Appreciation Luncheon, Kindergarten
- 17—PTA Board Meeting, 6 pm
- 17—Unit Meeting, 7 pm
- 22-31—Winter Break

## THE "LITTLE READ WAGON LIBRARY" IS NOW AT CLE!

The Little REaD Library is a new addition to Chapel Lakes Elementary School. It is a little free library that can be used by any child or teen. The books and activities age levels range from Pre-K to high school. Every month there will be new books of every grade level for your child to choose from. Please return the books when your child is done with them and get a new book!

The Little REaD Library is located in front of Chapel Lakes, and is a red newspaper dispenser that says "The Little REaD Library" on the front and sides. This can be accessed any time of the day. The Little REaD Library is part of the Girl Scout Gold Award project, and we hope your child enjoys using it and enjoys reading!



## Special Person's Day







# CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS

## 1st Grade

First Grade is off to a fantastic start. Everyone is settling in to our routines and we are already seeing growth in many areas. We have enjoyed great books in our Reader's Workshop and are learning about fiction compared to informational text and story elements.



Our Pathways phonics lessons are moving along quickly as we work on increasing our decoding skills. Writer's Workshop is in full swing as the students create their own books using the illustration techniques we have learned. We have learned all about place value and how our number system works.

Everyone enjoyed sharing their learning with their grandparents and special guests and we are looking forward to the Fall Party! The 1st grade teachers enjoyed dressing up like the book character Pete the Cat for book fair spirit week.

We are looking forward to a great 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter in first grade!



## Kindergarten

We are off to a GREAT start in Kindergarten! We are really enjoying being a big kid and going to school all day! We have learned our school and classroom rules and are meeting new friends each day.

In Pathways, we have worked hard on learning our upper and lowercase letters. We also have learned two vowel sounds and ten consonant sounds. We will continue working hard to learn the rest of our vowel and consonant sounds! In reading we have set up our Reader's Workshop routines and are learning what good readers do. We have introduced the reading strategy, schema and the kids have done a great job making connections to text and themselves. We are so excited to learn how to read! Writing can be tricky at times, but we are having so much fun learning what, how and why writers write. We have made our own books already and look forward to making more. We enjoyed doing an author study and learning about Kevin Henkes and Mo Willems. We are also working hard to form our letters the right way to make them legible for our readers.

We have covered many topics in math already this school year. Rote counting, counting with 1-1 correspondence, writing our numbers to ten, 2-D shape identification, and composing shapes..... just to name a few. We are busy becoming mathematicians!

In science we have discussed the life cycle of a butterfly, and were able to watch life science happen right before our eyes. Seeing the butterfly start as a caterpillar and make its way through the chrysalis and into a beautiful Monarch butterfly was so exciting! We have talked a little bit about plants through our study of apples. We are always trying to be inquisitive, just like a scientist.

In Social Studies we have talked about ourselves and our school. We have talked about citizenship and how important it is to be a good citizen at school in our classrooms. We are learning how to be apart of a classroom community and what our role looks like.

We are excited to learn more in 2nd Quarter!





# CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



## 2nd Grade

We have had a great beginning in Second Grade! It has been wonderful to see everyone again and get to know the students. We are reviewing First Grade skills and learning new Second Grade skills. It is really fun to get to use the tablets in the classrooms. We had our first field trip of the year to the Kansas City Zoo. Several parents got to meet us there and walk with us as we learned about the habits and habitats of a lot of different zoo animals. We really enjoyed having our families and special people join us for Special Person's Day!

## 3rd Grade

Third Grade has been a busy place this quarter! We have worked hard to establish caring communities in our classrooms, as well as functional workshop times.

Stamina has been a focus in reading and writing this quarter as we explored the fantasy genre and learned about ourselves as writers.

Scientific inquiry got us off to an exciting start in Science. We conducted experiments and observed the monarch butterfly life cycle.

Also, we had visitors on two different occasions: Donuts with Dads and Special Person's Day. Both sets of visitors allowed us the chance to share our classroom and school with the important people in our lives.

We also had our PTA performance this quarter. It took a lot of hard work, but the performance was amazing!

We look forward to the upcoming months and cannot wait to see what they have in store for us!



## BOOK CORNER: News from the Library

On October 16th, Chapel Lakes students and staff had the unique opportunity to have a Skype visit with Lauren Tarshis, author of the "I Survived" series.

Students in grades 2-5 had a 45 minute visit where they learned about Mrs. Tarshis' writing process, inspirations, and ideas. Several students were able to speak to Mrs. Tarshis and ask her questions.





# CLASSROOM CONNECTIONS



*Left: 4th Graders enjoyed a tour of the Negro League Baseball and Jazz Museum. Right: As part of an economics unit, students participated in a field trip to the Blue Springs School of Economics.*

## 4th Grade

Fourth Graders completed their economics unit of study by putting business practices in place during their field trip to the Blue Springs School of Economics. Students, wrote loans to the BSSE bank, designed business banners, determined food and craft supply lists while working within a budget and received a salary for their hard work. They also learned about the planning involved in running a business as well as what it takes to earn a profit after paying off the loan. Each business and the City Hall were named after famous Missourians to coincide with our Famous Missourians unit of study.

We also enjoyed touring the American Jazz museum and Negro Leagues Baseball Museum. Fourth graders learned the origins of jazz, instruments and about famous jazz musicians like Ella Fitzgerald, Louis Armstrong, and Charlie Bird Parker. During the tour of the baseball museum, students saw that Jackie Robinson, Satchel Paige and Buck O'Neill were not only great baseball players, but also men who overcame obstacles to achieve many things in the Negro Leagues and Major League Baseball.

## 5th Grade

Fifth Grade had a great start to their last year in elementary school. We kicked off the school year with some exciting Science Investigations! The students also completed their Egg Drop Projects. For this project, they had to design a contraption to protect a raw egg from breaking, when dropped from the rooftop. The students worked hard on their projects at home with some help from parents. This was a great way for the students to practice following the scientific method when doing an experiment. We enjoyed watching Dr. Johnson and Mrs. White drop them from the top of CLE!

One of our favorite memories of 1st Quarter was our field trip to the Nelson-Atkins and Kemper Museums. We explored historic and modern art, and learned so many new things! We had a great time eating lunch in the park on a gorgeous day!

First quarter is flying by in 5th grade but we still have so much more to look forward to! Next quarter we get to see The Nutcracker performed by Blue Springs Ballet Company. Stay Tuned.....





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