

Principally Speaking:

September 2019

Greetings Chisholm Chargers! As I write this newsletter, I find it hard to believe that we are already into our 3rd week of school. Everyone seems to be gaining familiarity with the procedures and routines that correspond to a typical school day. The days are getting a little shorter, the temperatures are a little cooler, and even though it still warm outside, we are beginning to see signs that the fall season is right around the corner. Thank you for all your help getting this school year off and running. It's been a relatively smooth start to the year despite numerous changes around the building.

Last Friday, we concluded our school fundraiser with the Boosterthon Fun Run for all our students. The rain and storms that blew through the area during the morning hours moved our outside runs into the gym with Glow Runs for all our grade levels. We certainly appreciate everyone's flexibility in adjusting their schedules to make this event happen, especially with short notice. Even though our spectator room was a little tighter inside the gym, the students and teachers seemed to really enjoy the Glow Run. We concluded the afternoon with a closing assembly that included a teacher dance and silly string duel between some of our staff, and concluded with the announcement that our school had raised \$60,000! This unbelievable amount far exceeded our goal of \$45,000. I would like to thank everyone from our staff, the students, our PTO, the Boosterthon organization and most importantly the parents, family, and friends for your pledge support to our fundraising!!

Some of you might not be aware, but our specials classes offerings and design look a little different from previous years. This year, students in each grade level attend specials with 5 special classes offered at the same time. Each class lasts 40 minutes and consists of PE, Wellness (health and movement), Music, Guidance/Media Center, and Computer Science. We have two new staff members. Wellness is being taught by Star Gomez and Computer Science being taught by Elaine Hargrove-McIlroy. We are excited to introduce both and welcome them to our Chisholm faculty. The structure and setup of our specials rotations will help give grade level teachers a daily common plan time, normalize the student's schedules, and provide our students Computer Science class instruction at least once every two weeks.

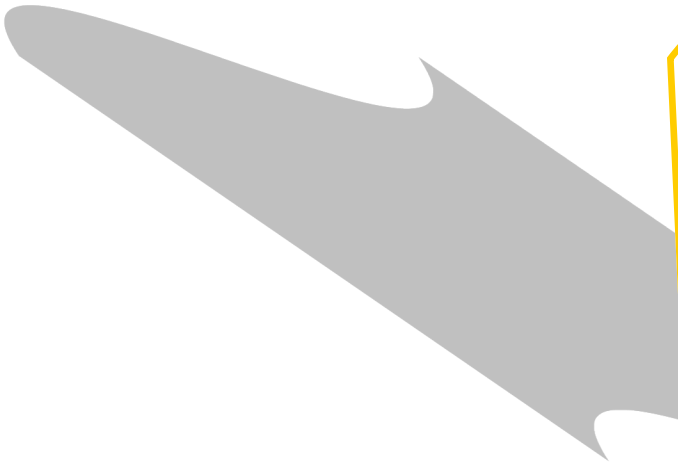
Lastly, I would like to thank everyone for their patience and flexibility with changes in this very young school year. We had some subtle changes to arrival and dismissal procedures with the completion of our new wing and less constrained parking lot. We had some bigger changes with set up and offerings of our specials classes, as mentioned above. Some larger changes have involved grade levels being located in different parts of the building or with the addition of 3 All-day Pre K classes. Along with the big and small changes, we still witness the wonderful financial support and volunteer efforts that we've grown accustomed to over recent years. We are only in our 3rd week of school, but I'm excited and look forward to seeing what the rest of the school year will bring our way. Thank you for partnering with our staff as we educate and help our students find success both inside and outside the classroom.



Mr. Higdon



September 12:	Custodian Appreciation Day
September 16:	NO SCHOOL Teacher Professional Day
September 20:	Family Fun Night 5:00-7:00 pm



Parents: Make sure your child has tennis shoes/sneakers and appropriate clothing to wear for their PE days. **Thank you!**





Howdy partners!

Family Fun Night is coming!

September 20, 5:00-7:00

Wrangle up all your delicious goodies for the Cake Walk—
cakes, cookies, brownies, muffins. Watch your inbox for the sign up!

We will have a decorating contest for the baked goods so start practicing!

If you would like to be entered into the contest, please put your name on your donation and have it
to the office by 12:30 on Friday, September 20.

There will be lots of grub to enjoy!

Face painting, photobooth, inflatables, colored hairspray, cake walk, tattoos!

Lasso up your family, come hungry and ready for fun!!

