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A Note from Rick...

Greetings! We are excited to bring you our first newsletter for Chickasha Public Schools. Our goal is to highlight all of the great things that have been happening in each of our schools. Too many times, the great things are brushed aside in an effort to get along to the next item on the to-do list. In our community, school district, and state, we need to stop and enjoy all of the great things that are happening all around us every day.

This newsletter will be published each month, during the school year, and will be filled with information and highlights about our great school system. In this month's edition, we introduce our new Principal for Bill Wallace Early Childhood Center, recognize Joe Molder, and much more. I would like to say CONGRATULATIONS to Alli Bordwine and Aiden Gonzalez for winning individual State Championships in Powerlifting and to the Chickasha High School Boys Powerlifting Team for winning the 4A State Championship. Also, CONGRATULATIONS to Dylan Bratt on his undefeated freshman wrestling season and State Title. Additionally, our robotics teams did very well at their competition recently in Shawnee. Our baseball and soccer teams are off to a great start on the season as well. The Pride of CHS recently qualified for state competition as they scored superior in stage and excellent in sight reading. As you can see, there is much to be proud of!

I would like to encourage everyone to purchase a ticket and plan to attend the Chickasha Public School Foundation Gala. It will be held on April 26th at the Grady County Fairgrounds. The CPS District Teacher of the Year will be announced at this event. Information about tickets can be found on the CPS Foundation Facebook page or by contacting the Foundation office. See you soon!

Rick



SCHOOL BUS FIRE

On Monday, February 28th, a Chickasha school bus was transporting students home from school when the bus driver noticed an unusual smell coming from the bus. The driver, Joe Molder, stopped the bus and evacuated all students on board. He took them to a safe area away from the bus and then he returned to the bus to investigate the origin of the smell. He lifted up the hood of the bus and flames erupted from the engine compartment. Knowing that he could not put the fire out, he contacted 911 and had dispatch send fire trucks to the scene. The bus was a total loss and can be replaced. The student's safety was the priority that day and will be everyday as students in Chickasha Public Schools. We appreciate the efforts of Joe Molder in keeping our students safe.

FROM CPS TECHNOLOGY

CPS is currently laying the groundwork to provide every student with a personal learning device by the fall of 2022. Technology helps enhance and redefine the ways students interact with teachers, peers, and academic curriculums. The purpose of Chickasha Public Schools 1:1 Device Plan is to help every student improve academically and learn technological skills required in the 21st century world.

The decision to move to a 1:1 student to device ratio is motivated by our desire to increase student achievement and prepare students to excel in various paths they will pursue after graduation. This initiative is part of a comprehensive plan to ensure our students have the knowledge and skills to adapt to quickly changing academic landscapes and compete in job markets that demand technological skills.

Chickasha Public Schools 1:1 Device Plan

Goals:

- Ensure equal access to technology for all students.
- Increase student engagement and productivity through personalized learning.
- Extend and expand education beyond the school day by providing learning opportunities anytime, anywhere.
- Empower students to participate in global academic forums.
- Prepare students for college and career success.



Summer EBT Applications Open Now

Summer EBT for children is a program that offers a food benefit package to **school-age children** who qualify for free or reduced meals. The purpose of this program is to combat child hunger by providing meals during the summer months when school is not in session.

- 3-month food package via a benefits card
- Open to Native and non-Native students
- Can apply online or over the phone
- <https://chickashaw.net/SummerEBT>
- **APPLY NOW** for meals through the Summer months



In the ever-changing world of **Child Nutrition** news: We are very excited, as we administer student surveys in search of information to help better serve our student body. The survey consists of questions to help identify popular items and options students might want to see on upcoming menus. We have sample items for tasting at various sites as well as differing menu options to gauge student interest during lunches. As always, we are striving to make CPS Child Nutrition a positive and rewarding part of every student's school day.

Introducing:



Amanda Townley – Bill Wallace Early Childhood Principal. Mrs. Townley has been in education for 14 years. She is eager to impact students and provide a strong foundation. Welcome to Chickasha, Mrs. Townley.



Amy Adams – Grand Ave Elementary Assistant Principal. Mrs. Adams has been in education for 18 years. Nine of those have been at Grand Avenue. Mrs. Adams is eager to highlight the strengths of the wonderful staff at Grand and help students grow in the classroom. Welcome back to CPS, Mrs. Adams.

Looking ahead:

April 4 – April 22 CCRA(11th Gr. TESTING)
April 15 – Good Friday (No School)
April 20 – OSTP Gr. 3 – 8 TESTING BEGINS
Specific testing schedule posted on website
April 26 – CPS Foundation Gala (Grady Co. Fairgrounds @ 6:00 p.m. CPS Teacher of the Year announced)