



Welcome!



2020-2021 School Theme: "Racing to *Excel* TOGETHER"
School Mascot: Dragon

Vision: Clear Creek Elementary creates an environment that promotes success for all students by developing the intellectual, social emotional and physical attributes of every child.

Mission Statement: Every child, reading, writing, listening and speaking every day!

Welcome Clear Creek School Family! It's time to start your engines! We are thrilled to invite your family to be a part of the "**CCES Racing Team**", as we are "**Racing to *Excel* TOGETHER**".

As we look ahead to our upcoming school year, we know things will not be the same due to the lifestyle changes we all have to make because of the global pandemic. Our extraordinary school staff is committed to providing a safe learning environment (remote and face-to-face), as we strive to make learning authentic, engaging, and meaningful for all students. As a result, we have worked to build systems of support to meet the diverse academic, and social emotional needs of our students.

Our team has been working hard throughout the summer to prepare our students and teachers to thrive in the remote learning environment. Based on the recent decision from the Charlotte-Mecklenburg Board of Education all schools will open under Plan C: Remote learning. We will continue with virtual learning until the board decides otherwise. For families who opted into the Full Remote Academy, at this time, nothing changes for you. Should we return to school prior to the end of first semester, your children will continue to receive instruction remotely. The first day of school is August 17, 2020 for students in grades Kindergarten through fifth. Our Pre-K students will receive a different start date, coupled with additional information from our Pre-K teachers.

Instructional Expectations:

Virtual instruction will require collaboration and partnership between families and schools to ensure success for all students. Our bell schedule will remain the same. Students will start their instructional day at 7:45am with a class meeting. Classes will end by 2:45pm each day. Throughout the instructional day, students will engage in a combination of face-to-face (synchronous) and self-paced (asynchronous) learning experiences. Attendance will be taken daily. Teachers will share their grade-level specific schedule with families during Open House. All instruction will take place online through the CANVAS platform.

Technology and Materials:

Technology and instructional materials distribution will begin Tuesday, August 11th for all grade levels. All rising 4th and 5th grade students who received technology in the 2019-2020 school year will continue to utilize the provided device. However, all students will need to pick up Math and ELA instructional materials (i.e. workbooks, etc.) All 1st graders who received technology, will need to return their CMS issued technology in order to receive an iPad. Additionally, please find our remote school supply list on our school website and Class DoJo.

Social and Emotional Support

Clear Creek Elementary will continue to prioritize the social and emotional health of our students through community building. This will take place through morning meetings, utilizing the Caring Schools curriculum. In addition, we will continue to offer additional support and guidance as needed as counselors and our school psychologist will be available to students and families with counseling, resources, and other support.

Connecting with the School

This year we are counting on parents to collaborate with teachers to:

- o Communicate on a regular basis via phone calls, emails, conferences and Class Dojo
- o Provide opportunities to learn about, and become comfortable with, online platforms
- o Create a learning space for your child to work with limited distractions
- o Communicate regularly with counselors about the social emotional needs of your child
- o Make attendance a PRIORITY
- o Check the Canvas Portal (instructional platform) regularly
- o Review your child's schedule daily

Although we will begin the school year remotely, there are still opportunities for parents to support our school. We are currently in need of additional parents to join the School Improvement Team. This team is a collaborative decision making structure that assists in the creation of the School Improvement Plan and monitors the effectiveness of instruction. Please email Principal Givens if you are interested in joining the School Improvement Team at michelled.givens@cms.k12.nc.us. We also have opportunities to support our teachers through the PTA. If you are interested in joining the PTA and supporting our teachers, please reach out to the PTA President, Mrs. Riser at sarah.n.riser@cms.k12.nc.us.

Your partnership and support are key elements to ensuring that we can maximize each student's educational and personal development. We look forward to a successful year together as partners in your child's education.

We are committed to making sure we can adapt, learn, and grow together in the 2020-2021 school year. Clear Creek Elementary is an incredible school and I could not be prouder to serve as a leader in such an amazing community. Thank you for choosing Charlotte-Mecklenburg Schools and Clear Creek Elementary.

Michelle D. Givens
Proud Principal