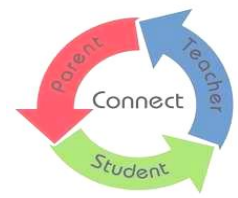




# CLOUD SPRINGS COMMUNICATOR



August 2017

Dear Parents,

Welcome to the new 2017-2018 school year! We are off to a great start! I would like to introduce myself as the new principal of CSE. My name is Kellie Yarbrough. I would also like to welcome the new assistant principal, Julie Robbins. We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school, our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child's education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children's success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child's learning by ensuring that he/she:

- 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day's learning experience
- 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers
- 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills
- 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life
- 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject
- 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school and go on to college.

The wonderful CSE staff and I feel privileged to be a part of this school family. We thank you for your support and look forward to meeting you.

## News from Parent and Family Engagement

### Parent Place/Volunteer Workroom/Resource Center

My name is Kathy Honeycutt, and I am the Parent Involvement Coordinator. I am very excited to be working with Cloud Springs Elementary Volunteers, Parents and Families. We have had some regular volunteers and some fresh new faces this year. We look forward to having a great year and welcome everyone who has free time they can spare/offer to help out. Our Volunteer Workroom/Parent and Family Engagement/Resource Center is open Monday thru Friday, 8:00 til 2:00. In our Resource Center, we have pamphlets like Helping Children Learn, Discipline, Motivating your Child, Self Esteem, just to name a few. We also, have books, videos, and other information you can check out, like Ending the Homework Hassle, I Can You Can Too, Grandparents as Parents, and much more. Please feel free to stop by any time, we are in Room 204.

TOGETHER WE CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

## SCHOOL COUPON BOOK SALE



Begins August 17th and ends on September 6th, we will be selling the new

Catoosa County Schools Coupon Book. This year our new book will sell for only \$10.00 in which the school will keep 70% of the profit from this fundraiser. This money raised from this fundraiser will go towards Technology and instruction in the classroom. Top selling students for our school will qualify for great sales incentives and prizes for selling books. Look for information regarding this sale in your child's folder.

## WILD WEST BOOK FAIR

Wild West Book Fair will be going on in the Media Center from September 11<sup>th</sup> through September 15<sup>th</sup>. Open 8:00 am until 3:00 pm. Please send money with your child. Make checks payable to Cloud Springs Elementary.

*Every child, Every day, without exception*





## PARENTS ARE A CHILD'S FIRST TEACHER

- Parents play an important role in their child's learning and development. Your child is watching you! Be a partner in the learning that happens every day!
- Your children's education doesn't begin when they go off to kindergarten. It begins in your home--with you as the teachers
- Researchers say that no amount of formal teaching can compare to the influence of parents, who teach every day by word and example
- Work with your child and your child's teacher to help your child succeed

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**VISITOR ENTRY** – For the safety of all our students and staff, ALL of the outside doors are locked from 8:00am to 3:00pm on school days. When a parent or visitor comes to school, they will need to push the buzzer system and may be required to **SHOW ID and MUST STOP AT THE FRONT DESK**. If you wish to visit the classroom, eat lunch, or go anywhere in the building, you **MUST SIGN IN** and be given a visitor's or volunteer badge. When you leave, again stop by the front desk and sign out. By doing this, we keep our school safe from unwanted intruders. Our staff has been instructed to STOP any adult in the building that does not have a badge. Thanks for helping us by following these simple safety issues.

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## Important Dates

August 22: Benchmark testing begins  
September 4: Labor Day – No School  
September 12: Volunteer Orientation 8am & 6pm  
September 12: PAC Meeting 8:30am & 6:30 pm  
September 15: Grandparents Breakfast  
September 15: Disney Day - Renaissance  
September 21: Annual Title I Meeting 6:00  
September 21: Benchmark Curriculum Night 6:30  
September 22: Picture Day

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Good attendance is a very important factor in a child's academic success. Please make every effort to have your child at school on time each day unless your child has an illness that is contagious... It is our goal that no student will miss more than 5 days. It is important to remember that illnesses strike more frequently in the winter which can cause absences to accumulate quickly. Although a student can make-up work missed when absent from school, the written assignments cannot replace the valuable instruction given by the teacher in the classroom. Please continue to support your child's future by working with your child's teacher to help your child academically and by having your child at school each day possible.

PARENTS: PLEASE REMEMBER TO SEND A SIGNED NOTE STATING THE REASON FOR YOUR CHILD'S ABSENCE (INCLUDING DATES) WHEN THE CHILD RETURNS TO SCHOOL. NOTES MUST BE RECEIVED WITHIN THREE DAYS.

**DRESS CODE POLICY** – You may ask “What can my child wear & what can they not wear?” Students can wear pictures and writing on their shirts that is “appropriate.” No loose tank tops or baggy pants will be permitted, and girls cannot wear spaghetti strap tops, or shirts that show midriff. Also, no hats except on special “hat day”. You can find more information regarding the dress code by going to our school website located at <http://www.catoosa.k12.ga.us/cse/>

### Parent Pick-up

Parents, it is important that you send a note to school if your child will have a change in his/her normal transportation home, or if someone different will be picking your child up. Also, in the afternoon pick-up line, please keep your child's name card visible in the windshield until your child is in the car. Thank you for your help!

**Car Riders – Parents who bring or pick up students are asked to use the designated drop-off/pick-up area on the right side of the campus where staff members are assigned to help children safely out of cars. The front is designated for BUSES and DAY CARE vans only. Please follow these rules to ensure the safety of all of our students.**

