



Puckett Elementary News

Bringing out the BEST!



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Welcome back! We've had a GREAT start to the 2019-2020 school year!

Important Reminders:

Arrival: Please do not allow car riders to get out of the car until 7:10 when our teachers report to car rider duty posts. We ask that you position your student on the passenger side of the car, so parents do not have to exit the car. Please do not pass other cars during drop off. This is to ensure the safety of our students. After 7:30 a.m., a parent must accompany his/her child to the office in order for the child to be signed in and receive a tardy slip.

We LOVE our parents, but the last day to be able to walk in students will be Friday, August 9th as our goal is to get students adjusted to normal routines as quickly as possible. Due to construction and traffic in the mornings, we ask that our guests park at the baseball fields during this time.

Breakfast: Please help reinforce to all of our breakfast students the importance of going straight to the cafeteria when they arrive and straight to class after they've eaten.



Lunch: Please help us in making sure your child has lunch money each day. We want all of our students to have a healthy lunch each day. Visit <https://www.rcsd.ms/departments/child-nutrition> to find menus, important forms, and access *My Payments Plus*, an online system to check your child's balance.

Dismissal: Dismissal has really started out smoothly! However, there are a few issues that need to be addressed.

- No check outs will be allowed after 2:00 p.m.
- If a transportation change has to take place, please send a note to the office as soon as possible. We will only accept written transportation changes. Phone calls regarding transportation changes are not allowed.

Afternoon Car Riders:

- Please do not pass other cars in the car rider line.
- Please do not leave your car while in line.
- The students will be called to a colored square to stand and wait on you. They will not be able to enter the car until you come to a complete stop.



★ Of the Month Club ★

Check back in September for our first group of Teacher, Staff, and Students of the Month!

This year, we are partnering with our PTO to make sure all of our recipients feel extra special. Another exciting change is instead of one student of the month, grade level teachers will have the opportunity to choose a leader from their classrooms throughout the year that represent a monthly character trait. Therefore, we'll have a student from each grade representing us each month. Each month's character trait will be modeled and discussed with students in Mrs. Ledbetter's counseling classes. The character trait for September will be TRUST! We can't wait to see who our September recipients will be! Stay tuned!

PBIS

Positive Behavior Intervention System

Because we value optimal learning, we believe in our students showing their BEST behavior daily. Students that show BEST behavior will be given positive rewards like verbal praise and recognition, and students showing their BEST can also receive BEST bucks which can be used to purchase prizes and incentives. Golden Tickets will be given to a teacher when their whole class is caught showing their BEST, and those Golden Tickets are saved to earn whole class rewards.

B-Be prepared.

E-Everyone is safe.

S-Show respect.

T-Think through all decisions.



Student Creed:

Respect, responsibility, and citizenship all three,

They bring out the best in you and me.

Trustworthiness and being fair help to show others we really care.

We all know what's right.

We all know what's good.

We will do the things we know we should.

Our teachers will communicate with you on PBIS classroom behavior plans specific to the needs of their students.

PTO Praises



It's never too late to join our PTO! Our PTO works very hard to ensure our learning environment at school is at its best for faculty, staff, and students. Your simple \$10 donation helps support students, classrooms, and teachers. If you haven't joined yet, membership forms will be coming home in backpacks next week.

Over the summer, our PTO partnered with Puckett Baptist Church to paint all interior classroom doors in the newly renovated hallways. We also want to thank PTO for the Back to School courtyard sign to welcome us back and for treating our teachers to a delicious meal during professional development. In addition, PTO also provided the beautiful plants for our pots in the courtyard area. On behalf of all faculty and staff, we want to thank our PTO for all they do to make Puckett Elementary the best it can be!

Find out what's new with PTO by liking their Facebook page: Puckett Elementary PTO!



Important Attendance Information



We believe BEST learning occurs when our students are punctual and present the duration of a school day. We do understand that illnesses and emergencies arise, but we appreciate your mindfulness in ensuring our students are at school consistently. Because we received new mandates about attendance recently, we wanted to share this same information with you.

- According to Mississippi Law, a student shall be counted present for average daily attendance if he/she is present for 63% of the day.
- Tardies **WILL BE** considered when determining perfect attendance.
- Excused absences are granted after receiving the written note from parents/guardians OR medical/dental excuses. **These notes MUST be received on the day of return to school if the absence is to be excused.**
- After a maximum of 3 excused days absences per nine weeks based on parental notes, a doctor's excuse will be required for excusing an absence after the school has received the 3 parental notes.
- Excused absences by parent note are **NOT** to exceed 10 days per year.
- In grades K-6, students can miss no more than 20 days total (excused or unexcused) per year. An accumulation of more than 20 absences may be one factor in determining promotion or retention of a student.

As a school, we will be implementing an exciting, "Let's Be Here!" attendance program this year with individual student opportunities as well as whole class opportunities to shine with attendance. We can't wait to tell students more about this exciting attendance program!

Important Dates

August 16th - Meet the Wolves 6:30 p.m.

Hamburger Plate Pick Up 5:30-6:30 p.m. Team announcements begin at 6:30.

August 23rd - Pep Rally "Battle of the Wolves" *PreK-4th Grade: wear white and 5th-6th Grade: wear gray* and Home Football Game versus Pishah 7:00 p.m.

August 30th - Home Football Game versus Pelahatchie 7:00 p.m.

September 2nd - School Holiday

Cheerleaders will begin selling spirit ribbons and tattoos for \$1.00 and eye blacks for \$2.00 on August 23rd, our first home game.

