



# Chase Cheetah Gazette

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

- March 2-6**    Read Across America Literacy Spirit Week (See Attached)
- March 5** School Governance Meeting Chase Community Room @ 4:30 PM
- March 8**    Daylight Savings Time Begins-Set clocks ahead 1 hour
- March 15**    Family Zumba Night @ 6PM
- March 25**    Early Dismissals @ 1:05 PM Teacher Collaboration /PD

## EXXON/MOBIL ALLIANCE GRANT

Chase School recently received a \$500 grant from the Exxon/Mobil Corporation. We want to thank the local Exxon/Mobil dealers in our area for recommending us for this grant which will be used to support educational programs and activities at Chase School.



## **IMPORTANT PARENT REMINDER**

Please remember to update the office with any changes in phone numbers and addresses...it is important that we are able to reach you in case of an emergency....



KIDS OF CHARACTER  
**JANUARY**  
2015



**CONGRATULATIONS!!!**

**Kindergarten**

Argenta: Ryan Villeda  
Dempsey: Janai Hunter  
Medina: JolonaFleurimond  
More: Jayden Russ  
Raider: Alexa Fragosa  
Agudo: Karianis Rodriguez  
Diaz: Hector Morales

**3rd Grade**

Calderella: Vivi Thai  
Matthews: Trevor Rowe  
Agramonte: Esmeralda Rivera  
Rinaldi: Emily Urgiles  
Rusi: Victoria Albright

**1<sup>st</sup> Grade**

Brophy: Eveliz Diaz  
Dika: EnesRedzeqi  
Palmieri: Robert Surajnoth  
Keeley: Gianna Newell  
Matthews: Amarion Rountree  
Mantilla: Geymarie Montes

**4<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Leo: Kalie Ollero  
D'Agostino: Jaivon Velez  
Lund: Jaydalisse Santiago  
Sheehy: Julissa Rodriguez  
Whitney: Giovanni Miecznikowski

**2<sup>nd</sup> Grade**

Defazio: Jessie Gonzalez  
Guerrera: Michael Jenkins  
McDowell: Hayley Trudeau  
Pringle: Damien Kesaran  
Tutino: Jeremiah Kelley  
Bramble: Jessica Clase

**5<sup>th</sup> Grade**

Cavallo: Sergio Morales  
Luchina: Carizma Gore  
Howles: Mohamad Madineha  
Stokes: Widnelly Rodriguez  
Velodotta: Vanessa Casas

These students were chosen by their teachers because they always display **CARING** throughout the day. Thank you for promoting positive character in your children!



## **JANUARY ATTENDANCE WINNERS**

Congratulations to January attendance Winners!!!

Kindergarten: Mrs. Raider

First Grade: Mrs. Matthews

Second Grade: Mrs. Guerrera

Third Grade: Mrs. Rinaldi

Fourth Grade: Miss Sheehy & Mrs. D'Agostino

Fifth Grade: Mr. Luchina

*Parents/Guardians thanks for getting your children to school every day!!!*

## **CLASSROOM NEWS**

### **Kindergarten**

For the month of March our themes will be Dr. Seuss's Birthday, springtime and St. Patrick's Day. For Dr. Seuss we will have a Literacy Spirit Week from March 2-6, where we encourage parents to participate also. For spring time we will be learning about baby animals. For March we will be introducing the digraphs, sh, ch ,wh, th and the sounds they make.

The sight words are: *be, she, me, this ,look, have, come.*

For language arts we are working on writing and sentence structure.

For Math we are working on counting to 120. We are continuing to work on teen numbers as ten ones and some more ones, we will continue to use simple shapes to form larger shapes. At the end of March we will begin to work on representing and solving addition and subtraction equations within 10.

The character trait for March is "fairness". Please discuss with your child ways they can be fair.

### **FIRST GRADE**

In module three in math we will be discussing measurements including telling time to the hour and half hour. We will also be identifying shapes based upon attributes and learning about fractions. Word problems will be working with comparison bars. Please review your child's daily work and help them practice these important skills.

In reading we are continuing to identify story elements, retell events, identify main ideas with supporting details, and compare and contrast fiction and non-fiction stories.

It's imperative that you check your child's folder daily and look for any important paperwork. Please review homework nightly and make sure the folder is returned the next day so your child has the necessary supplies to be successful.

## **SECOND GRADE**

During the month of March we will continue to study fairy tales, tall tales, fables and folktales. We are comparing and contrasting different versions of these stories.

In Mathematics we are using different tools to measure and compare lengths. Your child will measure, record data and display information in a line plot. Also, your child will learn how to solve two-step problems using different strategies.

We will be celebrating Dr. Seuss's Birthday during Reading Across America Literacy Spirit Week. Every day for the week of March 2-6 your child will be able to participate in different activities.

## **THIRD GRADE**

For the month of March we will continue to read and analyze non-fiction texts using text features to help deepen students' understanding. We are also discussing the text structure of the books we are reading and determining the author's purpose in writing them. In math we will continue to work on fractions discussing equal parts and comparing fractional pieces. Our grade 3 students have been given log-in information to go onto [xtramath.org](http://xtramath.org) to practice basic skills that will help them become more proficient in math. Please utilize this website if possible.

On March 18<sup>th</sup> grade 3 students will begin taking the Smarter Balance state assessment. If you have access to a computer you can go to the following link to have your child practice questions related to this test [www.sbacpt.tds.airast.org/student](http://www.sbacpt.tds.airast.org/student). Please remind your child to read for at least twenty minutes a day and review their multiplication facts daily.

Another reminder is to send your child in with a warm coat, hat, and gloves. The third grade fundraiser is "Fun shirt Friday". Please send 50 cents with your child every Friday until the end of March.

#### **FOURTH GRADE**

Recently you received a Home Connect letter with your child's report card. These letters explain your child's current reading level and activity suggestions to help your child improve their reading scores. The character trait of the month that we are focusing on is trustworthiness. Please talk to your child about what it means to be trustworthy. Being trustworthy means you are dependable and reliable. We are still exploring fractions in math. In ELA, we are learning about the theme of a story. Please make sure your child dresses warmly with gloves, hats, scarves, and coats. Encouraging your child to read for at least twenty minutes a day and reviewing their multiplication facts daily is beneficial.

#### **FIFTH GRADE**

**ELA:** We are continuing our ELA Unit 3 studying the genre of Realistic Fiction. Students will be studying point of view, conflict, author's purpose, theme, and figurative language and its uses.

**Mathematics:** Our mathematicians are dividing whole numbers by monetary decimal amounts, dividing a decimal by a decimal to the hundredths place, and word problems using all mathematical operations.

**Science:** *The 5<sup>th</sup> grade Science CMT Test will be given on Wednesday, March 4<sup>th</sup>.*

**Social studies:** We are studying the Civil War.

The **5<sup>th</sup> grade spelling bee** will begin on Monday, March 2<sup>nd</sup>! Be on the lookout for spelling word lists. Bees will take place on Fridays in the classroom. The Final Bee will be comprised of the top 15 spellers in the entire 5<sup>th</sup> grade. More information to follow.

\*5th grade will be taking the Smarter Balance Assessment following April break. To help your student prepare here is the link to the practice test:  
<http://sbac.portal.airast.org/practice-test/>

Click the large green button that says "Student Interface Practice and Training Tests"

We are still collecting Box Tops.

Please check with your child every month for a new Scholastic reading book order flyer!

We are in need of donations for the following items: tissues, paper towels, hand sanitizer, and cleaning wipes



### ***Parent's corner***

Smarter Balanced test is coming up. Here are some tips to help lessen your child's anxiety

- Help your child make test review sheets
- Study with your child every night
- Use practice quizzes. Pay attention to the areas your child struggles with; review and re-quiz these more often.
- Put your child to bed early the night before the test so he or she gets enough sleep
- Teach your child relaxation techniques, such as counting to 10, taking deep breaths and thinking positive thoughts

Smarter balanced tests are administered to students in 3<sup>rd</sup>, 4<sup>th</sup> and 5<sup>th</sup> grade (schedule is below). They are all taken on the computer.

### **SMARTER BALANCED TEST SCHEDULE**

Grade 3	March 17 - April 14
Grade 4	May 11 - May 29
Grade 5	April 15 - May 8