



CHERRY PARK ELEMENTARY

SCHOOL OF LANGUAGE IMMERSION



What Do Our Kids Learn from the Wax Museum?

On Friday, our fifth graders became “wax figures” who presented information about important people in history who made a difference. They did research, made a display, and dressed up as their person. They spaced themselves out in the cafeteria and visitors could “push their button” and the kids came to life and told about his or her character. This activity is so beneficial for our children. It requires them to use their inquiry skills to research a topic. They must do an oral presentation (which is one of the greatest fears of most people.) They have the chance to see life from a different perspective and literally stand in someone else’s shoes. They also get to use their creativity to make their display and dress up for the part. We are so proud of their work. Their effort and perseverance on this major project is worth our applause. As I thought

about the Wax Museum this weekend, I wondered about something. How much are our kids “researching” us as teachers and parents each day? Are they learning how we make a difference or how we make a mess? Would they want to dress up and act like us or would they want to choose another person to emulate? I think the truth is that when their “button is pushed” by problems and adversity, we may have some indicator of our influence on them by what they say and do. All too often I know I forget that my daughter and son are always learning how to navigate their lives by watching how Jan (my wife) and I navigate ours. Our example will always be their greatest teacher.

Mr. Maness, Principal

Message from Mr. Bartless, Our Media Specialist

The following students have qualified to be our Battle of the Books Team for Cherry Park:

Sadie Bridges, Campbell Compton, Jack McCrae, Hayden Powell, Victoria Smrekar, and James Townsend. Jaxon Thomas and Isaiah Wilson are our alternates. They will practice as a team until the district Battle of the Books on Friday, March 29, 2019.

Overdue Books--Notices have been sent home for each student who still has a book from their previous school (EPES, RDES, or RWES). Parents are encouraged to help students locate these books and return them to Mr. Bartless here at Cherry Park Elementary School of Language Immersion. He will get them to the correct school. Mr. Bartless has already returned numerous books to each of the schools. **Questions should be directed to the media specialist at the previous school.**

Arrival and Dismissal Reminders

In order to help us have the most safe and secure arrival and dismissal, please keep the following in mind:

1. Changes in dismissal should be submitted in writing (as in a note) at the beginning of the day and sent with your child. There are times when teachers may not be able to check their email until the end of the day.
2. All early dismissals need to happen before 2:00. It is difficult to ensure our kids are going to the right places if staff members are having to go to two or three places to locate a child after 2:00 and get him/her to the right place.
3. When visiting Cherry Park for any reason, please bring proper identification such as your driver's license or official ID. Name badges or work badges are not appropriate ID.
4. In the morning, there is minimal traffic by our arrival time of 7:45. It is best for children to be in their classes by 7:40 and they are late at 7:45. Please know that our morning instruction has already begun by 7:40. After 7:45, parents need to sign in their children late at the main office at the Caswell entrance. The Cherry Road entrance door automatically locks at 7:45.



Let Me Run Cherry Park Elementary School--REGISTER TODAY

Cherry Park will have Let Me Run this spring!!! Currently, we have more boys than can be served by our current coaches. If you would like to help coach, please contact Mrs. Kennedy or Mr. Questelle at their email addresses below.

Let Me Run is a running program for **4th & 5th** grade boys, but it's more about the boy than the run. Counteracting the negative pressures society places on boys, the program uses running as the vehicle to inspire, teach, and reach them. Combining exercise with fun activities and lessons, our trained coaches inspire boys to be courageous enough to be themselves, build healthy relationships, and live an active lifestyle. Registration is now open!

REGISTER TODAY - 2018 Spring season starts on **March 26th, 2019** and meets TUESDAY AND THURSDAY after school from 2:30- 3:30 pm. The season ends with the Let Me Run 5k race on May 18, 2019.

[Watch this video](#) to learn more.

REGISTER AT: <http://www.letmerun.org/region/greater-charlotte-area/teams> or request a paper registration form

QUESTIONS? Email Coach Nate Questelle ultimate@yahoo.com or Coach Mary Ann Kennedy tigerunner2000@gmail.com

Parent Teacher Organization and School Improvement Council Update

The PTO serves to raise funds, coordinate volunteers and encourage teachers through appreciation activities. We had a great meeting last week and minutes from the meeting were sent out earlier this week. We will meet again on **Monday, March 18 at 6:30 PM** to continue organization efforts. We encourage all parents to come and participate. We will meet in the Cherry Park Elementary Library starting in January. Meeting dates have been set for the following Mondays at 6:30 PM for the rest of the year: **April 22 and May 20. Our School Improvement Council will meet on the same days at 5:30 PM** in the Office Conference Room. All parents are invited to attend either or both meetings. Both groups are working on

bylaws and have started organizational efforts. The group at PTO divided into committees to work on Bylaws, Fundraising, Volunteers and Teacher Appreciation. We hope you can come and join one of these subcommittees. Here is the link if you wish to receive the PTO Newsletter:

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Got Questions?

Attached are answers for our Transition FAQ. Please don't forget that you can ask them at our [Transition Survey](#) site. These are being collected and will be answered on our FAQ page on our school website as well.

Calendar Dates

Monday, March 18—Teacher Workday/Student Holiday; 5:30 SIC (Fishbowl Room); 6:30 PTO (Library)

Friday, March 22—Report Cards Go Home

April 4-13—Come See Me Festival

April 15-19—Spring Break

May 24—Kindergarten through Second Grade Field Day (in the morning)

May 31—Third through Fifth Grades Field Day (all day)
