



SHELBY OAKS ELEMENTARY EAGLE FAMILY NEWS

OCT-DEC, 2024

SOAR EAGLES SOAR!

We have had a strong start to our school year with a number of engaging activities. This includes our Back to School Spirit Week, our Block Party, our Hispanic Heritage Month Celebrations, Grandparent's Day, and our Walking School Bus!

We also celebrated all classes with ZERO disciplinary write-ups, and selected students for the Captain's Club. Way to SOAR Eagles! Thank you for PROTECTING OUR NEST!



COMING THIS QUARTER

October 18: Family Movie Night
October 24: Read for the Record
October 29: Multicultural Program
October 31: Book Character Day, Boo Bash, and Trick or Treat
November 1: Community Care Closet Launch
November 4: Student Council Elections
November 5: No School
November 18: Mock Writing Test
December 12: COME TO WIN Attendance Party
December 12: Music Program (tentative)
December 13: Family Movie Night
December 17: School-Wide Polar Express Extravaganza!
December 19: Q2: Touchdown Party for no write-ups
December 19: S1 Eagle Awards (Honors Program)

This next quarter we are FOCUSED ON OUR IMPROVEMENT as we continue to SOAR towards SUCCESS academically, socially, and behaviorally! On Monday, we officially opened our Eagle Store for students to "spend" their hard-earned DOJO points. This store is filled with toys, books, and even a few tablets! Please support us in reminding your Eagle to keep their hands feet and objects to themselves and to following school-wide expectations. Our Eagles have the POWER TO CHOOSE and to make good choices! We will also have two school-wide celebrations: Book Character Day with Trick or Treating (please send a bag of candy) (and a Boo Bash for a small fee) and our Polar Express Extravaganza! We will end the quarter with our Q2 landing pizza party and a COME TO WIN donut party to celebrate attendance CHAMPIONS AND WINNERS! LET'S GO EAGLES!

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ATTENDANCE MATTERS!

Did you know that students who are chronically absent (missing more than 10 percent of school days or time in a single subject) are less likely to meet grade level expectations, be promoted, or graduate on time? And, students who check in late or leave early on a regular basis miss a significant amount of time in a core subject! In addition, families with a large number of unexcused absences are subject to referrals to truancy and child protective services. This is why it is so important to send absent notices to the school; however, it is worth noting that not every reason for absence is considered “excused”. For example: vacations, car trouble, well-child appointments, non-emergency doctor visits, other appointments, etc. are not excused. To help combat chronic absenteeism, The district has launched the COME TO WIN initiative. You will see your designation in PowerSchool and on your report cards. As a reminder, students are late after 8:15A. Please also be mindful of the fact that school does not start until 8A. We open the doors at 7:45A for breakfast as a courtesy. Students cannot be dropped off and left on the porch before that time (or dropped off on Summer). We are required to call security and CPS if they are. If your students walk from the apartments, please make sure that they do not leave home until 7:45A. Dismissal ends at 3:30P.

AFTER SCHOOL PROGRAMMING

We have several fun and engaging after school activities at Shelby Oaks. We are thrilled to offer gymnastics (fee-based), soccer (fee-based), as well as Cheer and Dance (audition based). We also have a BETA Club (invite only) and a new student council (application and election based), Battle of the Books, Choir, Girls in Pearls, and Guys in Ties. In addition, we offer before and after school tutoring to identified students.

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WELCOME NEW STAFF!

New to the team this year are Ms. Patterson (school counselor), and Ms. George (Family Engagement Specialist). Joining our teaching staff are: Mrs. Cason (3rd), Ms. Harrell (3rd), Ms. Fleming (4th), and Ms. Chambers (4th). Also joining the staff on a part time basis are: Ms. Jones (Math Coach), Ms. Burkley (ELA coach), Ms. Langford (Behavior Specialist), Ms. Carter (Social Worker) and Mr. Rosenberg (Psychologist).

THE MICHAEL T. BURTIS CARE CLOSET

We are thrilled to announce a new resource for our families. This community care closet, stocked in partnership with FedEx Cares and New Dimensions Ministries, will provide school supplies, uniforms, weekend and holiday food bags, and other necessities for our families in need. The closet officially opens on **November 1 and will be dedicated in memory of Michael Burtis, our former behavior specialist.** Families can request items by scanning the QR code.

