



Cowpens Elementary

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# Cougar Tales

## HAPPY HOLIDAYS!



*As the holidays rapidly approach, I am reminded of how special each and every one of your children is to me. My wish for all of you and your families is a Merry Christmas and a joyous New Year.*

*Sincerely,  
Mrs. Sneed*

The school will be closed for the winter holidays December 24 through January 4. ENJOY!

## REMINDERS



The beginning of a new year is a good time to refresh our memories. Please remember:

- Students are late after 7:45 AM.
- Please send an excuse when your child is absent.
- Smoking is not allowed on our campus. This includes in your car when you are dropping off and picking up a student.
- For safety reasons cell phones should not be used as you come through the car rider line in the morning and afternoon.
- You must have your green car number to pick-up during dismissal. Without a number, you will need to park and go inside with your picture ID.

## Holly Jolly Jukebox

The evening of December 17th was filled with laughter and holiday cheer as we watched our students perform with joy and excitement. The event was absolutely spectacular with brightly colored costumes and music to make you tap your toes. Our students, Miss Haggerty, Miss McDaniel and Mrs. Broadhead put in many hours of practice to make the performance a success for all. Certainly, no one left the auditorium without a smile on their face and a song in their heart.



### Statement of Non- Discrimination

Spartanburg School District Three does not discriminate on the basis of race, color, national origin, sex, disability or age in its programs or activities and provides equal access to the Boy Scouts and other designated youth groups. The following person(s) has been designated to handle inquiries regarding the non-discrimination policies: Assistant Superintendent for Personnel and Pupil Services 3535 Clifton Glendale Road Glendale, SC 29346 (864)279-6000 [rgoode@spartanburg3.org](mailto:rgoode@spartanburg3.org)

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## BACK TO SCHOOL

Students return to school on January 7, 2019.

## TERRIFIC KIDS FOR DECEMBER

Jack Finley

Jackson Fraedrich

Saul Wright

Malachi Gentry

Jackson Mintz

Teegan Love

Brianna Israel

Aisley Johnson

Draegan Harper

Makayla Summey

Aiden Smalley

Miles Witherspoon

Eden Turner

Letecia Bridges

Kaliah Oglesby

Haven Zuercher

Kalyn Norris



## MERRY CHRISTMAS!



### The Joy of Giving



Cowpens Elementary School is blessed to be a part of a loving community. You all give every time we ask for help for someone or for a group. Thank you so much for donating small toys, hats, gloves and more through Giving Warms the Heart and for your donations to the American Cancer Society and Hospice through our Angel of Hope Tree. Your kindness and generosity is appreciated more than you know.

## CHRISTMAS JOY

Many of you sent new toys, games, hats, etc. to help another child have a better Christmas. While others of you sponsored a child or children. We appreciate your generosity and kindness during this special time of year. Your giving will truly warm the hearts of others.

We would like to especially thank the following churches, businesses and groups for donating so that our children could have a special Christmas:

Love Springs Baptist

Cowpens First Baptist

Salem Methodist Church

Oakdale Baptist Church

Mt. Olive Sunday School

CES Staff and Parents

Morningside Baptist SS Class

BHS Students

Central Baptist Church

Retired CES Staff

Ben Avon Methodist

St. John's Lutheran Church

Cooper Standard

Ragan's Shortstop

Cowpens Police

First Citizens Bank

Miraziz Dentistry

Cannons Methodist



## Counselor's Corner

Dear Parents,

During the month of December we begin thinking of ways to show generosity to those in need. In guidance, I discussed the meaning of generosity with students and ways that they can show generosity here at school and how you and your family can display generosity at home. Please take time over this holiday season to discuss this with your child. Feel free to use the below information as a guide to your discussion.

*First we must see the need.* Many times, routines and daily activities keep us so busy that it is difficult to see what is right in front of us. People who are hurting or in need don't always ask for help. Look at people and think, "What can I do to help?". Opportunities to be generous surround us at home, school, and on the job.

*Recognizing a need leads to action.* Generosity begins with a genuine caring attitude, but then takes the next step. For example, when you hear that a family has lost their home to a fire during the holiday season, there are many needs. How to help comes naturally after making the decision to help.

*Two needs are met.* Most of the time, the recipient is appreciative, but we also benefit dramatically through our act of generosity. Our basic inner need to "be needed" is fulfilled. We can identify with the needs of others because at some time, all of us have needed someone's help. Our world is enriched by the connection with the person we helped.

Overcoming selfishness with generosity takes effort. Being generous requires that we see the value of those around us. Where do we start? By realizing how dependent we are on those we live with and come in contact with each day. Make a decision to set an example of generosity by looking at others and saying, "How may I help you?" .

As always, if I can be of assistance to you and your family, please feel free to contact me at 279-6307 or by email [abella@spartanburg3.org](mailto:abella@spartanburg3.org).

I hope that you and your family have a wonderful and safe holiday season and a Happy New Year!

Sincerely,

Angela Bellamy

School Counselor

