



At Metcalfe Elementary we:
DREAM, BELIEVE, ACHIEVE.

Upcoming Events

Feb 5th - Fifth Grade
JaBiz Town Field Trip

Feb 14th - Valentine's
Day

Feb 17th - President's
Day / No School

Feb 19th - Second
Grade Cade
Museum Field Trip

Feb 20th - Interim
Reports Go Home

From the Desk of Principal, Jacquatte Rolle

Dear Metcalfe Families,

It's February and students have made a nice transition back to school after the holiday break. Winter is here and the weather has gotten much colder. Parents please dress your child in warm clothing each day. I also ask that you commit to getting your child to school daily and on time. For those students in grades 3, 4 and 5 FSA testing will be upon us soon. Students will be required to read and comprehend complex text, determine main ideas and make inferences. Poor attendance can keep students from being successful on the FSA. Let's work in partnership to ensure that your child has the greatest opportunity for success on the FSA by bringing your child to school on time daily.

With Valentine's Day around the corner, I reflect on how happy it makes me feel to lead Metcalfe Elementary School. Each day students enter the building with bright smiling faces ready to learn. Teachers are committed to the success of all students. Positive energy permeates the building. My heart is filled with joy and I am steadfast in my efforts to ensure a quality education for your child(ren).

Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions you may have. My door is always open.

Yours in partnership,

Jacquatte Rolle,
Principal

AP Corner – Ms. Vamadria Johnson, Assistant Principal

Greetings Parents!

African American History is a vital part of present-day American culture. This month, we want to be sure to provide our students with opportunities to learn and appreciate African American history which is a part of American History. There are many different ways to view and celebrate African American History. Below are a few ideas that you can do with your students at home.

1. Read an educational book. Books are fantastic learning tools for children of all ages, especially when the themes discussed are somewhat mature. There are, however, plenty of books out there that have been written for the sake of educating kids extremely young in age. By introducing them to these concepts early on, they'll better understand African-American history, culture, and why February is such an important month.

2. Watch a movie. Depending on age, films that depict the struggle for equal African-American rights, segregation, and current affairs are essential teaching tools that are often able to keep children engaged. Consider sitting down on a chilly Friday evening and watching a movie.

3. Do an arts and craft activity. Give your child an arts-and-crafts activity that also presents an opportunity to educate on important social issues.

Sheppard's Scoop, BRT

Greeting Parents/Guardians,

Please continue to speak with your child about their behavior and the expectations that have been set forth by the school. We are getting closer and closer to the testing season, and it is extremely important for students to be inside of their classrooms learning, and not outside of the classroom due to a behavioral concern.

Cell Phones must be turned off and in your child's backpack. If your child is found with their cell phone out or even in their pocket, the cellphone will be held in my office for the parent/guardian to retrieve. This includes in the morning when they arrive on campus, during breakfast, in the classroom, etc.

Let's continue to make this school year a success, Go Wildcats!

Mrs. Sheppard

Guidance Greetings



Greeting Parents,

My name is Lakeysha Bradley, your new Guidance Counselor here at Metcalfe. I look forward to working with all of you. Parents or guardians feel free to contact me at (352)955-6713.

First Grade News

Hello First Grade Families!

As we get into February, I greatly encourage you to help your child practice counting forward and backwards by 1s, 5s, and 10s. Students should be fluent through numbers 1-120. This will be a great help as your child learns to add and subtract two-digit numbers in the upcoming weeks. Students will begin by finding 10 more or 10 less than a number. They will then add and subtract tens using various strategies including number lines, quick sketches, and using addition to subtract.

Thank you for all your support!

Third Grade News

Hello Third Grade Families!

3rd quarter of 3rd grade is underway! As we Raise the Bar this quarter, we are really looking to challenge ourselves and push towards our goals. At home, we ask that you ensure that your child is reading at least 20 minutes a night. Ask your children questions about what they read, such as, "Who was the main character? How were they feeling at the beginning/end of the text?" or "Recount what you read. What was the problem/solution?" If they are reading a nonfiction book, ask them to describe what the topic is, and have them provide supporting details about what they read using support from the text. Those 20 minutes will help boost your child's proficiency, and reinforce what we are doing in the classroom. Your child also needs to have their multiplication facts memorized. The students are needing to have that quick recall as we continue practice in our math with two-step word problems. Please check your child's agenda planner nightly and sign it. We use the agendas to communicate homework assignments and upcoming events. As we've mentioned before, there are a lot of resources that your children can use at home that will support their learning at school (for example: iStation, Achieve3000). We would also like you to help in reminding your child to give their best effort in order to Raise the Bar! Together, we can achieve our goals! Please contact your child's teacher if you have any questions or concerns.

Second Grade News

Hello second Grade Families!

We are so excited! The Second-Grade students are showing tremendous growth this quarter. This demonstrates how hard our students have been working and how serious they are about learning. Mrs. Scott and Ms. DiMauro are so proud of each and every one of the students.

It is important for these students to keep working hard by doing the homework every day and reading for at least 20 minutes every day. It is also important for student folders and calendars to be checked daily to be sure that students are keeping up with assignments, assessments, and conduct. Becoming proficient, or really good at something, requires practice, practice, practice! If we want to become a professional football player we must practice! If we want to become great at playing the piano we must practice! If we want to be outstanding readers or master math skills we must practice!

Mrs. Scott and Ms. DiMauro are always thinking about how far these second-grade students will go in life and how much they will achieve. What will the future bring for them if they work hard? Will they become doctors or lawyers, community leaders or even president of the United States? Will they become astronauts, scientists, manager of a business or own their own business? We believe in these students! We believe they will achieve. They must believe in themselves and believe they can and will achieve!

Fourth Grade News

Hello Fourth Grade Families,

We are excited for our students to "Raise the Bar of Achievement in 2020! Fourth grade is learning new strategies, skills and information at a rigorous pace to help them meet their goals. This quarter, we are laser-focused on ELA, Writing and Math strategies as we gear up for FSA season. Parents your involvement is needed now more than ever as we only have 30-60 days until the FSA testing begins. This will be the first time most students will take the writing FSA. We highly encourage you to work closely with your child at home on fluency, vocabulary, spelling, punctuation and paraphrasing to further increase their understanding. In Math, 4th grade fractions, measurement and angles are our key focus this quarter. Reviewing multiplication facts and math key words daily with them is a great way to build on the students prior knowledge. Additionally, staying updated via skyward weekly will keep you informed of their progress. Parents we appreciate your partnership and support and are committed to your child's success!

Fifth Grade News

Hello Fifth Grade Families!

We are so excited about our upcoming interactive field trip at BizTown on February 5, 2020. The students will be able to learn how to set up, organize, interact with their peers, and run their own businesses. This will be an excellent learning experience to prepare them for the future.

Parents please continue to encourage your child to turn in their homework on time. Homework will help to reinforce the skills learned in class. Students are receiving homework in the areas of math (assigned Monday-Thursday/due the next day), reading, reading log, writing, social studies, and science (given Monday's and are due Friday's). Spelling homework is due biweekly. We are now adding writing homework to the reading packet. Please continue to look for our newsletter updates, as they will be going home with your child every week. We would also like to remind all parents/guardians to continue checking and signing daily planners in order to build awareness of the homework and testing requirements

FSA testing is approaching fast, it is important for students to attend school daily to stay on track of the materials covered in class. Parents, please continue to encourage your child to do their best on homework and study for their assessments. We know that if we all work together, your child will continue to excel in their learning.



The Wildcat Mission Statement

At Metcalfe Elementary, we dream big. We believe in ourselves and try our best at all that we do. Working together we will achieve our goals.
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Character Trait of the Month

February: **Courage**



Safety Patrols

Dear Parent(s)/Guardian(s) of Safety Patrols,

It is important to remind your students that they are positive role models in our school community, and therefore should be seen as positive examples daily. This means that they should have a positive attitude and exhibit positive behavior at all times. It is highly important for safety patrols to be completing their weekly homework assignments and class work with fidelity. Students are required to maintain at least a C average as well. To attend the Washington D.C. trip this summer, they should be keeping up with the expectations required at Metcalfe.

The upcoming trip to **Washington D.C. from June 3rd – June 7th, 2020** is approaching fast. The **initial \$250 payment was due on December 2, 2019.**

The safety patrol team would like to thank parents for turning in their first deposit money. We are still working on planning more fun and exciting fundraisers in the future (coming soon). Please contact Mr. James if you have not paid. Following the first payment, the balance (**\$465/student; \$638/adult**) will be due on **March 6, 2020**. The total cost of the trip comes out to **\$715.00/student and \$880.00/adult**. Payments can be made by check or money order.

Thank you for all of your help and support as we continue to inspire these great leaders representing our school.