



# HURRICANE WAVE



Principal: Eric Wampler ∞∞∞∞∞∞ August 26, 2022 ∞∞∞∞∞∞ Asst. Principal: Penny Nave

## PRINCIPAL'S CORNER

We are off to a great start at HME! We are very proud of being designated as a level 5 school. Level 5 is the highest distinction available based on Tennessee Value-Added Assessment System (TVAAS) scores. We are so proud of our staff and students!

A huge thank you to everyone that attended our Parent Involvement or Kindergarten Orientation. Your attendance is critical in forming/maintaining a relationship that provides a strong foundation for your student's educational process.

Our dismissal and drop-off routines are going very well. Please help us by having the kids ready to exit the vehicle as soon as it stops. Also, pull all the way up so we can get more kids in/out at one time. We can work on teaching all students to secure themselves in the vehicle.

Remember, the #1 focus is attendance. Please make sure our students are in school. Working together, in school, we can accomplish anything!

Please see the reverse side for our district attendance policy.

## IMPORTANT DATES

- 9/2** Progress Reports  
Posted on Skyward
- 9/5** Labor Day-No School
- 9/13** Fall Pictures
- 9/13** School Board Meeting @ 5:30
- 9/23** Parent Teacher Conferences-**No Students**
- 10/5** End of Grading Period
- 10/7** Fall Dance
- 10/17-10/21** Fall Break
- 10/25** Professional Development Day-**No Students**

### HME MONDAYS

Join us every Monday to celebrate our HME school spirit! Wear your blue and gold to show support for our school. This past week, PTAC sent home an order form for new HME apparel. We look forward to seeing everyone in their **BLUE AND GOLD!**

### SKYWARD/ALL CALLS

On 8/23, there was a call reach sent out. If you did not receive this call, please make sure that you update your information on Skyward. If you have questions about this, please call the office.

### POPCORN FRIDAY-9/2

Next Friday, 9/2, students and staff will participate in Popcorn Friday! Please see the attached, stapled paper for more information. What a great way to start off our long Labor Day weekend!

## WELCOME TO OUR NEWEST HME FACULTY AND STAFF MEMBERS

Vickie Livingston-K-5 Resource Teacher

Brittany Tipton-Teacher's Assistant

Alexis Cook-Teacher's Assistant

Elizabeth Mindemann-Computer Teacher

Bo Toft-Teacher's Assistant

Liz Grill-Bookkeeper

Jennifer Ward-Project On-Track Math Teacher

## **Elizabethton City Schools-Three-Tiered System for Truancy**

A student entering school after 8:00 a.m. will be counted tardy and must be signed in at the office by a parent or guardian. Please walk your child into the building.

**For the purpose of determining truancy, three (3) tardies or early dismissals is equal to one (1) unexcused absence.**

### **TIER IA – Prevention - Includes all students in the school:**

- Recognize Good and Improved Attendance by way of recognition, rewards, and celebrations
- Engaging students and parents in learning opportunities and with a welcoming environment
- Monitoring daily attendance and analyzing data
- School Attendance Team in place that meets regularly to review attendance data and coordinate efforts to reduce Chronic Absenteeism

### **TIER IB – Provided for students who accumulate at least 5 unexcused absences and up to 9 unexcused absences:**

- 3 Unexcused Days Letter (as courtesy)
- At-Risk Cohort Meeting with guidance counselor or school administrator
- Conference to include Parent/guardian and student
- Attendance Contract signed by parent/guardian and student
- Reported to Elizabethton City Schools Truancy Board
- Each block of 5 Unexcused Absences - Truancy Letter will be generated

### **TIER II – Provided for students who accumulate at least 10 unexcused absences and up to 19 unexcused absences:**

- Truancy Letter generated
- Possible Department of Children Services (DCS) Referral
- At-Risk Cohort Meeting with guidance counselor or school administrator
- Individual Assessment by guidance counselor or school administrator
- New Attendance Contract signed parent/guardian and student
- Scheduled to report in front of Elizabethton City Schools Truancy Board

### **TIER III – Provided for students who accumulate 20 or more unexcused absences:**

- Scheduled to report back in front of Elizabethton City Schools Truancy Board
- Juvenile Court referral