

Creek View Elementary School



1. Will students have an opportunity to say goodbye to their teachers and classmates from this year?

The faculty and staff at Creek View was very saddened to learn that the school building will not reopen for learning this school year. Grade levels have already begun discussing ways to reunite with their classes. Once we have received guidance from FCS that it is safe to return to school, grade levels will plan opportunities to allow students to connect with peers and their teachers.

Alternative plans for how to celebrate our fifth graders are being considered but are dependent on the State of Georgia designation of a state of emergency and FCS direction. Plans will be clearly communicated once more is known.

2. When will my child be able to get their personal belongings they left at school? Time is being scheduled in adherence with restrictions on how many staff members may be in the building at a given time for teachers to gather and organize students' belongings. When this process is complete, Ms. In will communicate through her weekly newsletter, The Cheetah Chat, when families are able to pick up belongings.

3. If I ordered a yearbook, how will my child receive it?

Yearbooks will be picked up at the same time when students belongings are made available.

4. If I need to return school property (library books, textbooks, teacher loaned items, etc.), how should I do this?

Families will be able to return any items when they pick up personal belongings.

5. How will field trip payments be refunded?

Rock Eagle field trip payments will be refunded via checks that will be mailed to families. These checks should be received by families by April 24th. Please deposit these checks as soon as possible to assist our bookkeeper. Additional field trip payments/donation and would like a refund, please email our bookkeeper, Mrs. McGill, **by April 30, 2020**. Any funds collected where a refund is not requested by this time will be accepted as a donation and added to the school general fund.

6. What will happen to balances on my child's lunch account?

Any money left on a student's lunch account rolls over to the next school year. Fifth graders can use this balance at WBMS (or any other FCS school).

7. Where will I find school updates?

Ms. In sends out a daily email that includes morning announcements as well as the Cheetah Chat newsletter weekly with important updates. The Creek View Elementary website (https://www.fultonschools.org/creekviewes) is also updated on a frequent basis. Teachers are sending out weekly emails with specifics about their class and grade level websites provide access to assignments for the week. The Creek View twitter account (@CreekViewElem) provides information as well as the Read Aloud and PE Workout of the Day.

8. Where can I find contact information for Creek View staff members?

The Creek View Elementary website features a staff directory (https://www.fultonschools.org/creekviewes)

9. What are the standardized testing expectations for this year?

The Georgia Department of Education requested a waiver from the U.S. Department of Education that was granted allowing Georgia Milestones End of Grade testing to be waived for the 2019-20 school year.

10. What experiences will be available to allow my child to keep learning to be prepared for the next grade?

Teachers will post assignments each Monday on their websites and will send an email to families. Grade levels are working to provide more video instruction and more interactive instruction for students. Teachers will provide updates as to when these lessons will occur. No student will be penalized if he/she is unable to attend an interactive instructional time.

11. How can I keep track of work that is assigned for my child?

Grade level websites include specific activities that have been prioritized because they align with learning standards that are critical. These are defined as "must do" activities. Teachers have also planned "may do" assignments that would be good enrichment if time permits after "must do" activities are completed. Students in K-2 should spend approximately 60 minutes while 3-5 students should spend approximately 90 minutes on TeleSchool each day. Special areas teachers create engaging art, media, music, PE, and STEM activities that students may enjoy and are encouraged to be completed once RELA/Math assignments have been done.

12. How should my child turn in assignments?

The preferred method to turn in assignments is electronically. Parents may email either a scanned document or a photograph of work. If only hard copies can be returned, please contact your child's teacher so they are aware. In those instances, a plan for returning the hard copies will be discussed.

13. What is the expectation for TeleSchool work completion?

Families are asked to do their best in these challenging circumstances. Assignments are being created with the purpose of providing engaging activities that will allow students to practice skills associated with prioritized standards. Ideally, students will complete the "must do" assignments. In the event that a student is unable to complete all tasks, teachers will work with families as needed. Due dates are a suggested pacing but are not meant to serve as hard deadlines. While special areas (art, media, music, PE and STEM) create activities, students are encouraged **but not required** to complete them. Each student and their family will have to determine the pace that works best for them.

14. How will grades be assigned to my child?

Feedback will be provided to help students know what they have mastered and what they need to continue to work on. Grades will be assigned for participation. Numerical grades will not be provided for quarter 4 instead students in all grades will be assigned S(Satisfactory), N (Needs Improvement) or U(Unsatisfactory).

15. How will it be determined whether my child is promoted, placed or retained?

Students who are actively participating in and completing TeleSchool assignments will be promoted to the subsequent grade. Grades from quarter 1, quarter 2 and quarter 3 will help the student support team discuss requests for retention with families.

16. What will be the process for placement testing to determine students' academic levels?

Within the first few weeks of school, students will be assessed to ensure they are in the appropriate levels for math and RELA.

17. If I have a rising Kindergarten student, what is the process for registering my child?

Spring registration for kindergarten students is scheduled for Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7, 2020. Registration will be conducted virtually throughout the district on Wednesday, May 6 and Thursday, May 7; however, Kindergarten and new student registration is ongoing and parents are encouraged to use the online enrollment application process at their convenience. Parents can access Infinite Campus via the FCS website https://www.fultonschools.org/enrollment to complete the online registration process and upload documents. Document verification will occur as necessary or via appointment when schools re-open.

18. Our family is experiencing difficulty at this time. What supports are available from the school?

• **Support with TeleSchool -** Creek View Elementary and our community want to help families in as many ways as possible. For parents struggling to balance jobs, parenting, and helping with schoolwork, classroom teachers are available to provide guidance and support in prioritizing essential TeleSchool tasks. They also can offer help in guiding families in how to access resources to help with school work.

- Support with technology Should families need technical assistance the FCS Remote Learning Hotline (470-254-2300) will be live to answer questions, such as resetting a password or finding a student ID number. The hotline is open 9 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. during the regular school week, Monday through Friday.
- Support with social/emotional needs In instances where children are experiencing a heightened level of anxiety or frustration, our school counselor, Chris Emerson (470-505-4120), and school psychologist, Evelyn Backa, are available to call parents/students and develop strategies that may provide some relief.

Request support from Mrs. Backa:

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Request support for your child from Mrs. Emerson:

https://forms.office.com/Pages/ResponsePage.aspx?id=mLHcDGmBcEu6n9p-O6cAwhBjWMalW7pEnthiyFB8AlURUNRTTFRVUFVRERSTFBOWUY0UVIDQkxYVi4u

- **Support with financial concerns:** If issues arise where families need support in finding food or community resources due to job loss, our school social worker, Lisa Lewy, is available to provide information about next steps. The FCS website also routinely provides updates on community resources here: https://www.fultonschools.org/communityresources.
- Support with meals FCS Nutrition Department currently offers free meals for all children under the age of 18, or under the age of 21 for youth with special needs at several school-based sites on specific dates from 11:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. Because the dates and sites have changed, please visit www.fultonschools.org and click on the "FoodStop" link for the most up to date information. You can also reach out to our school social worker, Lisa Lewy, or our school counselor, Chris Emerson for specifics.

FoodStop

Additional support lines – (see next page)



The Georgia COVID-19 Emotional Support Line provides 24/7 free and confidential assistance to callers needing emotional support or resource information as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic. The Emotional Support Line is staffed by volunteers, including mental health professionals and others who have received training in crisis counseling

A partnership between The Georgia Department of Behavioral Health & Developmental Disabilities, Beacon Health Options and Behavioral Health Link



Georgia Crisis and Access Line (GCAL) 1-800-715-4225

GCAL is available 24 hours a day, 7 days a week and 365 days a year to help you or someone you care for in a crisis



CARES Warm Line 1-844-326-5400

Substance Abuse Challenges Call or Text Every Day of The Year 8:30AM – 11:00PM



COVID-19 Hotline (844) 442-2681

The State of Georgia has a new COVID-19 hotline. If you believe that you are experiencing symptoms of COVID-19 or have been exposed to the novel coronavirus, please contact your primary care doctor or an urgent care clinic. Please do not show up unannounced at an emergency room or health care facility.