



I had a great time meeting with all of you and your students during our student led conferences. There were many great conversations and we truly appreciate your support. If you were not able to meet attend student led conferences and would like to meet with Mr. T, please contact me at [jtomaszewski@wcpss.net](mailto:jtomaszewski@wcpss.net) and I do my very best to find a time that will accommodate you. Parents I also wanted to let you know that our 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter NC Check In will be on Monday, March 25 during our math time. I would also like to congratulate Varun for competing in First in Fitness. I would also like to recognize our 2018-2019 Kickball Team

**Varun, Colin, Chase, Margo, Riley, Sydney**



To stay up to date be sure to read each issue of the "Rockin' Croc Times."

## CHOMP Update

This has been an awesome week and we are so close to our CHOMPliment reward, only 1 CHOMPliment away. With hard work we will certainly earn that CHOMPliment early next week! I'll be sure to keep you posted on our reward. Depending on what is selected we may have to schedule when we return from track out.

We currently have: 199 CHOMPliments

## IMPORTANT DATES

3/22: Science Fun For Everyone  
Field Trip (Held at SCES)

3/25: Third Quarter NC Check In

3/28: Human Growth and  
Development Parent Meeting 5:30

3/29: Last day of 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter

4/26: Super Crocs Day (5/3 rain  
date)

4/29-5/3: Teacher Appreciation  
week

5/4: School Carnival

Pick of the Week: Saul

## Backpack Buddies

We need your help collecting donations for our BackPack Buddy Program. This program provides food for students in our community for weekends and extended holidays/track out. You can sign up to donate or volunteer here: [https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084cae\\_a822a2f94-20191](https://www.signupgenius.com/go/508084cae_a822a2f94-20191)

Thank you for your support. Please reach out if you have any questions or suggestions!

## Newsworthy Announcements



Student Council is very excited to be kicking off Kyle's Kindness Challenge. This week your child created a Kindness Challenge Menu in class. They choose 9 ways they want spread kindness over the next few weeks either at home, in the community, or at school. When your child finishes these acts of kindness please sign their form and return it to school. Student names will be drawn to participate in a pizza party.

We encourage you to have discussions with your child about how kindness can take many forms. If you post pictures of your kind deeds on twitter use the hashtag #kyleskindnesschallenge Please tag @sycamoreCreekES and @CrocCouncil. Our hope is to encourage more acts of kindness! If you have any questions please email sschoenebeck@wcpss.net or carce@wcpss.net.

**Kindness Challenge:** March 4th-March 29th



Our final service project will take place on March 26<sup>th</sup>. We will be making dog toys and will be visited by a golden retriever service dog and a guest speaker. More information came out about this project this week. In your students' Friday folders last week was a form that only needs to be signed and returned if you do not wish for your student to be in the classroom with the dog.

**Career Day/Week:** 4th & 5<sup>th</sup> grade students will participate in Career Day on Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup>. We will have the following days leading up to Career Day:

College Day- Wednesday, March 27<sup>th</sup> -Wear college gear.

Future Career -Thursday 3/28 - Dress us as your dream career

Dress for Success -On Career Day Friday, March 29<sup>th</sup> - Dress as though you are going to have an interview

### Super Crocs Day - Volunteers

Tracks 2 and 4 - April 26th and rain date on May 3<sup>rd</sup>

If you would like to volunteer follow the attached link:

<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f044caaae2ca46-20171>

Baseball Game with your Teacher?



Are you interested in attending a baseball game with Mr. T and Mrs. E on July 1<sup>st</sup>? Be sure to bid on this opportunity at the school carnival. We are looking forward to enjoying a day at the park with the 2 highest bidders. Current students from Mr. T and Mrs. E's class are encouraged to bid. The highest bidder from each class will be the lucky winner!

### Volunteers Needed



Career day is an exciting time when Sycamore Students can learn from about the wide range of careers there are in our community. Career day is for 4th and 5th grade only and consists of three 30 minute presentations and Q&A. Students will be in groups that will rotate from room to room, so chaperones are needed. If you do not desire to speak, but would like to be a chaperone please also sign up below.

You do not have to have a child in 4th or 5th grade to participate, so please consider even if you have younger children.

If you are able to volunteer and share your career or be a group chaperone please sign up for one or both of the Career Day dates: Call or email Mr. Gordon questions phone: 919-841-4222 ex 25477 email: sjgordon@wcpss.net

Sign up [here](#)

# Curriculum Update

**Math:** This week in math we have been focusing on dividing whole numbers. Students are currently working towards dividing 4 digit numbers by 2 digit numbers. Students have utilized multiple strategies learned from last year and were shown an all partials method and the standard method for long division. It is important for students to practice this skill along with their multiplication facts. On Thursday, students worked on solving division problems with divisors like 10 or 100, (i.e.  $4200 \div 70$ ). Students also worked on creating word problems that corresponded to a division equation. On Friday, students practiced by solving various equations. On Monday of next week we will have a quiz on multiplication on division.

**Reading:** This week in reading our students continued working with on their unit 2 essay. Students crafted their second proof paragraph and their conclusion. After completing their essay students worked with a partner to peer edit their writing piece. Next, students read about another athlete that overcame a challenge, Jim Abbott. Students then identified Jim's factors for success and compared and contrasted these factors with that of Jackie Robinson.

**Social Studies/Science:** In science this week we continued our unit on ecosystems. On Wednesday, students completed a Nearpod about Biomes. Upon completion of the Nearpod activity students began a biomes project that is described in their google classroom. Students took a quiz on Friday.

This unit will involve some vocabulary which you may find [here](#). Next week, we will continue our study of ecosystems by learning about different biomes.

## OBJECTIVES



### I Can Statements:

I Can... In order to bring purpose to what your child is learning, we post I CAN statements on our board daily. It is important that your child is continually utilizing these to evaluate their understanding. You can check in with your student by discussing the following statements.

#### Math:

I can multiply three digit by two digit problems using the standard algorithm.

I can divide up to a four digit dividend by a two digit divisor using models and visuals.

#### Reading:

I can support my opinion with reasons and evidence from a text.

I can craft a focused opinion essay with a clearly stated opinion that is supported by reasons and evidence.

#### Science:

I can describe how living organisms depend on biotic and abiotic factors.