

COUNCIL GROVE ELEMENTARY SCHOOL NEWSLETTER – MARCH 2019

CGES March 2019 Activity Calendar

3/1/2019	Dr. Seuss Family Read Night-6:00 pm
3/4/2019	CGES PTO/Site Council-6:00 pm-Conference room
3/5/2019	Yearbook orders due today
3/8/2019	END of 3 rd Nine Weeks/Early Dismissal-1:10
3/10/2019	Daylight Saving Time
3/11/2019	Board of Education Meeting-6:30 pm
3/11-15/2019	Spring Break
3/18/2019	Classes resume
3/19/2019	CGES Spring Individual/Class Pictures taken today
3/21/2019	LIFE Night
3/28/2019	LIFE Night



Dr. Seuss Family-Read Night!

When: Friday, March 1st from 6:00 - 7:00 p.m.

Where: CGES gym

Who: EVERYONE!

Come join in the fun! There will be a time of **READING** with a loved one and then you may go visit Dr. Seuss stations (*paint* a Yertle the Turtle rock, play *Tic-Tac-Toe* with green eggs and ham, see if you can win at Dr. Seuss *BINGO*, *write your own lyrics* with local musician/former teacher Ken England, decorate a Cat in the Hat *bookmark*, get your picture taken at our Dr. Seuss *photo booth*, etc).

At the conclusion of the family night, you can go home with a *new-to-you book* (*bring a book from your home and swap it for a different title*) and a *delicious treat*!

Share a LOVE of READING and make a MEMORY with your FAMILY!

Feel free to wear pajamas and bring a blanket / comfy pillow to sit on.

**Children must be accompanied by an adult.

Digital Safety Reminder from Mrs. Honas

Having internet access to information at our fingertips is both a blessing and a curse. I want to inform you about "Momo." This is very scary and disturbing information that I am going to share with you, but I want to make sure our kids are safe at school and at home. Just this week, we had several students searching on school Chromebooks about Momo. This is a concern because students can access it through popular websites or games such as Peppa Pig and Fortnite. Please read the following articles explaining Momo. The first article is from WIBW News and the following article is from a Facebook post from Craigavon Police Service in Northern Ireland. This is a global issue.

As you read this, the number one thing to remember is **you are the parent of your child and you can control what sites they visit on the internet**. It is always best practice to monitor your child's internet use and don't be afraid to tell them to turn off their phones/computers and do something else. "Unplugging" is good for the soul!

Kansas parents concerned by 'Momo' challenge



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(KWCH) An internet challenge that tried to prompt kids to do dangerous things eventually leading to suicide has re-surfaced.

Officials warned parents about the "Momo" challenge last year. Now, there have been reports of the scary looking creature appearing in videos such as "Peppa Pig" and "Fortnite."

One Kansas mother said her children were watching a video on YouTube when "Momo" popped up.

"...it told them to grab a knife and cut there head open, and so many other stuff," said Daniela Mejia in a Facebook post.

Daniel Timmermeyer said he researched "Momo" after his 12-year-old daughter came home talking about a scary face she heard about from a friend.

"From what I understand the videos start out playful then a few minutes in tell kids to go to the medicine cabinet and swallow as many pills as they can then turn on the oven and get inside. It also says that if you tell your parents it will come to your house and kill your family and then the person watching the video. This is one of the most disturbing things I have ever heard," he said in an email to KWCH.

Momo is a statue that was created by a Japanese artist. But the striking features of the young woman with long black hair, large bulging eyes, a wide smile and bird legs can be frightening to most

who see it. It's believed 'Momo' is run by hackers who are looking for personal information, but the danger lies in what "Momo" is asking people to do.

"The danger lies with your child feeling pressured to either follow the orders of ANY app via 'challenges', or peer pressure in chat rooms and the like. This is merely a current, attention-grabbing example of the minefield that is online communication for kids. In 2017 it was 'Blue Whale', now it's 'Momo'. There'll be something else next," said the Police Service in Northern Island in a Facebook post.

The National Online Safety, an organization based out of the United Kingdom, pinned a graphic to its Twitter page with the title, "What parents need to know about MOMO."

The agency said as of Tuesday, it had been contacted by hundreds of schools and parents concerned about the challenge. Some tips NOS provided include telling your child that "Momo" isn't real, putting device settings and parental controls on their devices, reporting and blocking the inappropriate content and talking to your child regularly about what you're watching.

Wichita psychologist Dr. Molly Allen agrees.

"As a parent, you want to set up an environment where your kid has a healthy amount of balance in their life and that means getting away from the screen sometimes," said Allen. "So, even if your kid pitches a fit about that and they insist they gotta work on their Fortnite skills. Say no, put the screen down go outside and play."

[PSNI Craigavon](#)

February 24 at 2:47 PM ·

This freaky looking creature is 'Momo', the latest online app character behind headlines like "Suicide game hits UK", getting people clicking like mad on articles to read more. Great for a short term shock effect, but not great long term as it somewhat misses the bigger issue.

Even basic open source research suggests that 'Momo' is run by hackers who are looking for personal info. Whatever or whoever is behind it, there is no disputing the content being sent is horrendous. The set up can come from countless other apps- anything with a chat function. A 'curse contact' sends a number and tells you to contact them on Whatsapp. One video of such interaction in America I've seen shows an ominous sounding voice recording being sent to a child telling them to take a knife to their own throat. Another threatens family if a 'challenge' is not completed. It's chilling viewing. There are numerous variations and of course now imitators.

Back to the bigger picture: as creepy as she looks, `Momo` isn't going to crawl out of your child's phone and kill them.

The danger lies with your child feeling pressured to either follow the orders of ANY app via 'challenges', or peer pressure in chat rooms and the like. This is merely a current, attention grabbing example of the minefield that is online communication for kids. In 2017 it was 'Blue Whale', now it's 'Momo'. There'll be something else next.

Don't focus only on Momo, but make sure you know what your child has online access to. More important is that your child knows not to give out personal info to ANYONE they don't know, that no one has the right to tell them to, or make them do ANYTHING they don't want to.

When it comes to devices, all phones have parental controls, and various things can be put in place via the network provider. If in doubt, ask. If there's parents out there who have found methods that work, discuss it here for everyone's benefit.

A conversation now can keep our wee ones safe online.

YEARBOOK ORDERS

- *Orders are ***due by March 5th, 2019***
- *Please turn your order/payment into the school office (or online)
- *A basic soft-cover yearbook is available for \$12.50
- *Yearbook upgrades/extras are available for purchase
- *Please make checks payable to USD 417

Thank You!

Jennifer Wilkens, LMSW
USD 417 Social Worker
CGES/PHES Yearbook Coordinator

Kindergarten Roundup

Kindergarten Roundup will be held April 12, 2019 at Council Grove Elementary School. If you have a child who will be 5 years old by August 31, 2019, please call the school at 620-767-6851 to schedule your child for roundup. If your child is attending our pre-school program, you do not need to call for an appointment. There will be NO regular kindergarten and preschool classes on kindergarten roundup.

Pre-school Screening

Early Childhood (often called Preschool) Screening will be held at CGES on Friday, April 19, 2019. All students who would like to participate in the district Pre-K program and any upcoming Kindergarten student who has not attended the current district Pre-K program are encouraged to attend the developmental screening. This screening is required for consideration to attend the district Pre-K program in the Fall. There will be NO regular pre-school on screening day.

Children from birth to 5 years of age are welcome to attend the screening. Please call the CGES office at 620-767-6851 to schedule an appointment.



State Assessment Schedule for March and April

<u>3rd Grade State Assessment Schedule</u>				
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday	April 2nd	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Anderson	ELA
Tuesday	April 2nd	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Burns	ELA
Tuesday	April 2nd	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Frost	ELA
Wednesday	April 3rd	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Anderson	ELA
Wednesday	April 3rd	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Burns	ELA
Wednesday	April 3rd	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Frost	ELA
Wednesday	April 10th	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Anderson	Math
Wednesday	April 10th	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Burns	Math
Wednesday	April 10th	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Frost	Math
Thursday	April 11th	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Anderson	Math
Thursday	April 11th	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Burns	Math
Thursday	April 11th	8:15-9:30 a.m.	Frost	Math

<u>4th Grade State Assessment Schedule</u>				
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday	April 9th	8:10-9:30 a.m.	Kelley	ELA
Tuesday	April 9th	8:10-9:30 a.m.	Sheets	ELA
Wednesday	April 10th	8:10-9:30 a.m.	Kelley	ELA
Wednesday	April 10th	8:10-9:30 a.m.	Sheets	ELA
Tuesday	April 16th	9:45-11:05 a.m.	Kelley	Math
Tuesday	April 16th	9:45-11:05 a.m.	Sheets	Math
Wednesday	April 17th	9:45-11:05 a.m.	Kelley	Math
Wednesday	April 17th	9:45-11:05 a.m.	Sheets	Math

5th Grade State Assessment Schedule

<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Test</u>
Tuesday	April 2nd	9:45-10:50 a.m.	Green	ELA
Tuesday	April 2nd	11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Tischhauser	ELA
Tuesday	April 2nd	1:45-3:00 p.m.	Lococo	ELA
Wednesday	April 3rd	9:45-10:50 a.m.	Green	ELA
Wednesday	April 3rd	11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Tischhauser	ELA
Wednesday	April 3rd	1:45-3:00 p.m.	Lococo	ELA
Tuesday	April 9th	9:45-10:50 a.m.	Lococo	Math
Tuesday	April 9th	11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Green	Math
Tuesday	April 9th	1:45-3:00 p.m.	Tischhauser	Math
Wednesday	April 10th	9:45-10:50 a.m.	Lococo	Math
Wednesday	April 10th	11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Green	Math
Wednesday	April 10th	1:45-3:00 p.m.	Tischhauser	Math
Tuesday	April 16th	9:45-10:50 a.m.	Tischhauser	Science
Tuesday	April 16th	11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Lococo	Science
Tuesday	April 16th	1:45-3:00 p.m.	Green	Science
Wednesday	April 17th	9:45-10:50 a.m.	Tischhauser	Science
Wednesday	April 17th	11:40 a.m.-1:10 p.m.	Lococo	Science
Wednesday	April 17th	1:45-3:00 p.m.	Green	Science

<u>6th Grade State Assessment Schedule</u>				
<u>Day</u>	<u>Date</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Teacher</u>	<u>Test</u>
Wednesday	March 20th	9:00-10:15 a.m.	Booker	ELA
Wednesday	March 20th	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Hauser	ELA
Wednesday	March 20th	12:20-1:35 p.m.	Hodges	ELA
Thursday	March 21st	9:00-10:15 a.m.	Booker	ELA
Thursday	March 21st	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Hauser	ELA
Thursday	March 21st	12:20-1:35 p.m.	Hodges	ELA
Wednesday	April 3rd	9:00-10:15 a.m.	Hauser	Math
Wednesday	April 3rd	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Hodges	Math
Wednesday	April 3rd	12:20-1:35 p.m.	Booker	Math
Thursday	April 4th	9:00-10:15 a.m.	Hauser	Math
Thursday	April 4th	10:30-11:45 a.m.	Hodges	Math
Thursday	April 4th	12:20-1:35 p.m.	Booker	Math

March 17-23rd is National Poison Control Awareness Week. With Spring right around the corner, please refer to the article on the website for tips to keep you and your family safe from poisons that are around us every day. Post the Poison Control Help Line somewhere in your house, so you have quick and easy access to it. 1-800-222-1222 Stay safe and enjoy the spring weather that will be here soon!



Dear CGES Families~

We are excited to share information about an upcoming **KINDNESS CHALLENGE!** CGES will be collecting food as a community service project to benefit Main Street Pantry and Care and Share. Both of these agencies help area families, especially during the holiday season. However, the need for assistance continues throughout the year. Our mission is to help restock their shelves.

This is a great opportunity to teach and reinforce the importance of kindness, giving, empathy, compassion and selflessness with your child(ren). This is an optional activity, so please give only as you are able. Students may bring in **CANNED GOODS** (or other nonperishable food items) beginning on Feb. 26th through March 5th, 2019. There will be boxes for the donations in the lobby at CGES. Please check expiration dates, as expired items will be thrown away. Also, remember this is for new/unopened canned goods or other nonperishable food items (ex. Peanut Butter, Jelly, Pancake Mix, Syrup, Cereal, Oatmeal, Pop-Tarts, Pasta, Mac & Cheese, etc).

Kindness Crew members will be tracking the number of items received, as they have set a goal to collect 500 items. If this goal is met Mr. Gant and Mr. Hauser will have to dress up as a....it's a surprise!

Sincerely,

6th Grade Kindness Crew Members & Mrs. Wilkens



Together we CAN make a difference!