

AUGUST 2023



# CHEATHAM NEWS

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## MARK YOUR CALENDAR



August 3rd  
**MEET THE TEACHER**

August 7th  
**1ST DAY OF SCHOOL**

August 15th  
**KONA ICE**

August 21st-25th  
**NWEA TESING**

August 23rd  
**HALF DAY**

Aug 28th- Sept 1st  
**AIMSWEB TESTING**  
**K-3**

August 31st  
**FAMILY NIGHT**  
**5-7PM**



## Better Together

### CHEATHAM WELCOMES BACK STUDENTS

Each year we determine a new theme that helps guide and set the tone for the kind of year we expect to have. This year's theme is "Better Together." We know when people come together to support the same goal, there is a higher rate of success. The same is true for school. When teachers, staff, students, parents, and the community work together, students grow and academic achievement increases. We are excited to continue our work together to ensure our students, your children, get the support they need to have a wonderful school year. We look forward to many opportunities to join in partnership. We are "Better Together!"



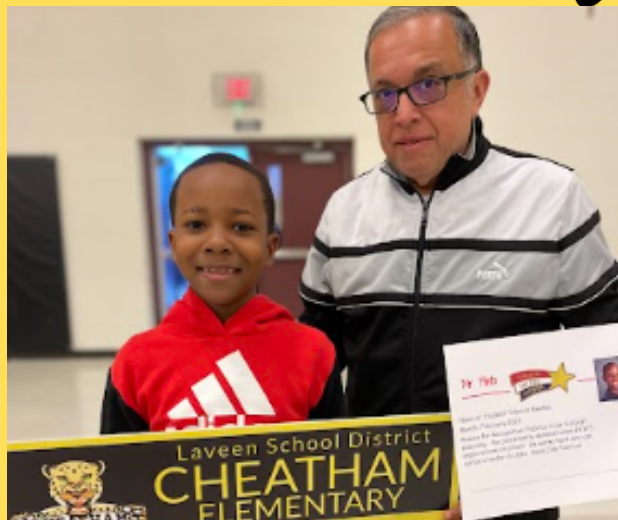
# WHAT'S NEW?



## CONGRATULATIONS

### *Excellence in Education*

Mr. Pinto is Cheatham's 2022-2023 Excellent in Education recipient. Not only does he exemplify quality teaching and professionalism in his self-contained classroom, he also supports the greater Cheatham School community as a campus leader supporting other staff and students. We appreciate your positive impact!



## FRESH FRUIT & VEGETABLES

The Fresh Fruit and Vegetable Program (FFVP) has come to Cheatham. The program is an important tool in our efforts to combat childhood obesity. The program has been successful in introducing elementary school children to a variety of produce they have never tried.

## KONA ICE

### *Supporting Cheatham*

It has been a hot summer. Kona Ice is here to support. Not only will it offer students a chance to cool off with a treat, 20% of the proceeds go to support Cheatham. The truck will be on campus once a month. If you purchase a refillable cup, students will be able to refill it all year at a discounted price.





TITLE 1

ACADEMIC GOAL TEAMS

# FAMILY NIGHT

Earn a FREE dress down for attending



THURSDAY

**31**

**AUGUST**

5-7PM

Come join our Academic Goal Team and learn how to support your child's academic growth at home.



- ✓ Review your child's data
- ✓ Learn about academic goals
- ✓ Access curriculum and standards
- ✓ Take home resources
- ✓ Child/Teen Mental Health Awareness presented by notMYkid

Academic sessions & notMYkid presentations will run every 30 min.








Dear Cheatham Families,


NWEA Map Growth will be administered next week, August 21st-25th. This document will help you prepare your child to take MAP Growth in Math (K-8), Reading (K-8), Language (3-8), and Science (4-8). Assessments will take place first thing in the morning, so it is important to be on time.

Below you will read about how MAP Growth helps teachers better plan for your child's academic learning and about how you can help prepare your child for a successful experience.


### What is MAP Growth?



MAP Growth helps teachers understand what students know today, so goals can be set to improve growth throughout the year.  
**Students cannot pass or fail this test.**



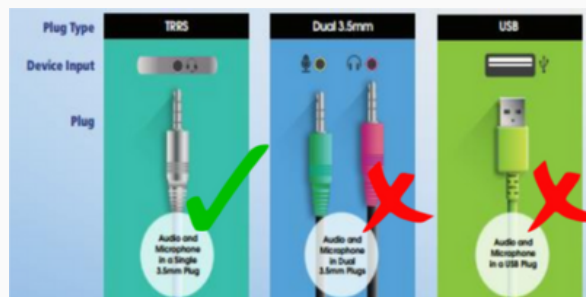
**This test will not affect grades.**  
In fact, it's normal for students to only answer about half the questions correctly.



Each student takes a unique test based on their responses. The results determine individual student strengths and needs.  
**These results will help us know what students are ready to learn.**

How can you help your child prepare?

- **Make sure that your child is well-rested on school days.** Children who are tired are less able to pay attention or to handle the cognitive demands of the assessment.
- **Start with a healthy breakfast.** A healthy body leads to a healthy, active mind. Eat at home or come at 7am for school breakfast in the cafeteria.
- **Be on time.** Testing begins promptly after breakfast at 7:30am
- **Bring personal headphones.** School headphones are provided, but students are able to bring in their own set for best comfort. Headphones must be able to be plugged into the Chromebook and may not be Bluetooth.



- **Review the resource center.** Sit with your child and review how the assessment works here <https://studentresources.nwea.org/index.html>

Thank you for your support. We look forward to a successful testing week.

Regards, Mrs. Pashley