

Parrottsville
Elementary School
2023 - 2024

Home of the Parrotts



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THIS PLANNER BELONGS TO:

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Dear Parent/Guardian

This handbook has been prepared to help explain procedures, policies, and regulations of Parrottsville Elementary School (PES) and the Cocke County Board of Education (CCBOE). This handbook does not present all the rules that govern our school, but is to be used as a reference for frequently asked questions. You can find all policies of the Cocke County Board of Education at their website. <http://www.cocke.k12.tn.us/>

Dear Students

Welcome to Parrottsville Elementary School. We hope you find your educational experience at our school rewarding. Our school has a prestigious history of producing students with academic and extracurricular excellence! We expect you to be a part of that trend. Excellence begins with you. If at any time you have issues at PES, do not hesitate to speak with your teacher or an adult. We are here for YOU!

Academics

We offer a curriculum that opens the door for our students to lifelong learning and success. Our curriculum is based on the old standard of the 3 R's, reading, 'riting, and 'rithmetic. But a new set of 3 R's has begun to emerge within our curriculum; they are rigor, relevance, and relationships. Along with the curriculum, there are other programs and/or activities in place to help challenge our student body. These programs include, but are not limited to Math Contest, Spelling Bee, Accelerated Reader, Scholars Bowl, Music, Art, and Guidance. Students in the 7th and 8th grade have the opportunity to become members of the National Jr. Beta Club. There are grade requirements to qualify.

Athletics

We participate in the Cocke County Elementary Schools Athletic Association. School sponsored teams at PES include cheerleading, basketball, and volleyball. Cocke County has a recreation program that allows students to participate in baseball, softball, basketball, football, and volleyball.

Band

Students in 6th/7th/8th grades may participate in a band class. Instruments are available on a rental basis. The band director will work with students and families to provide an instrument.

Grading Scale

A	90-100
B	80-89
C	70-79
D	60-69
F	59 and below

School Closings

During the winter months, the school day may be cancelled due to inclement weather. PES has a phone communication system that calls out in case of school closings. If you wish to be added or deleted from this system, please contact the school office. Closings will be posted or announced by the sources listed below.

WBIR TV NBC	Knoxville	WBIR.COM
WATE TV ABC	Knoxville	WATE.COM
WVLT TV FOX	Knoxville	VOLUNTEERTV.COM
WIVK 107.7FM	Knoxville	WIVK.COM
WLIK 97.9FM	Newport	
WLIK 1270AM	Newport	
WNPC 92.9FM	Newport	

School Apps and School Website

We have a school app. You can download the app from App Store or Google just search for Parrottsville Elementary School.

Our website can be found at <http://parrottsvilleelementary.weebly.com>

Attendance Policy

Attendance is a key factor in student achievement, therefore, students are expected to be present each day school is in session. Cocke County Schools has established a strict attendance policy which is based on Tennessee state laws. After five (5) days of unexcused absences, the process will start which could lead to a hearing and/or a juvenile court appearance. Documentation of absences is a very important part of attendance. If your child misses school, you should make the school aware of their absences by sending a doctor's excuse or parent note to the school. Students are allowed five (5) parent notes per school year. The State of Tennessee refers to those students missing 10% or greater of school days as a student with chronic absenteeism. Chronic absenteeism is NOT the same as truancy. One of the negative consequences for chronic absenteeism is the loss of valuable time in the classroom, which is difficult to recapture. Our school receives a grade on the state report card based on our percentage of students with chronic absenteeism. The state report card can be found at <https://www.tn.gov/education/data/report-card.html>

Tardy to school/Early dismissals from school

Interruptions to the school day are a deterrent to the student's education and disruptive to the school day. We understand there are cases when a tardy or early dismissal is unavoidable. Proper documentation is needed to excuse a tardy and/or an early dismissal. A school day is 7 hours so students must be present at least ½ of the day (11:45am) to be counted as a whole day if not it is considered a tardy or an early dismissal.

Dress Code

Students shall dress and groom in a clean, neat, and modest manner so as not to distract or interfere with the operation of the school. When a student is attired in a manner which is likely to cause disruption or interferences with the operation of the school, the principal shall take appropriate action, which may include suspension.

Specific guidelines are listed below:

1. Girls are not to wear halter or midriff tops. K-1 girls may wear spaghetti straps. Grades 2-4 girls' straps should be 2" or greater. Grades 5-8 girls' straps should be 3" or greater.
2. Boys are not to wear tank tops.
3. Shirts/blouses must not be cut below the normal arm pit and must not come below the top of the breast. All shirts/blouses must reach the top of the pants or shorts at all times.
4. Shorts may be worn but must meet two guidelines.
 - a. The inseam of shorts must be a length of seven (7) inches, or
 - b. Shorts may be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee.
5. Skirts and dresses may be no shorter than four (4) inches above the knee.
6. Biker shorts are not permitted.
7. If two pairs of shorts are worn, the outer pair must conform to rule 4.
8. Clothes may not be worn with holes above the knee.
9. Clothes may not be worn with patches on or around the genital areas.
10. When leggings are worn, the outer garment must meet the guidelines for shorts/dresses
11. Galluses (suspenders for pants and overalls) are to remain on the shoulders at all times.
12. Appropriate undergarments are to be worn and must not be visible.
13. The waist of pants is not to be worn below the hips.
14. Pants must be secured at the waist. They may not rest around the buttocks or below.
15. No excessively baggy pants are permitted.
16. Pajamas are not permitted.
17. Clothing with poorly worded language is not permitted.
18. No clothing may have beer, whiskey, tobacco, drug labels, or suggestive pictures or language written or printed on them.
19. Hats and/or caps are not to be worn inside the building during school hours.
20. Visible body piercings are limited to the ear only.
21. Anything in question will be at the discretion of the administrator.

School Hours

Teachers' workday is 8:00 am to 3:30 pm. (Teachers stay until 3:45 to build in snow days). Hours for students are 8:10 am to 3:10 pm. Students are allowed to enter the building through the front doors at 7:30 am and go directly to their hallway for supervised bus duty. Breakfast begins at 7:30 am and ends at 8:10 am. Any student not in the school door by 8:10 is considered tardy.

Afternoon pick up begins at 3:10 pm behind the school and ends at 3:30 pm. Any remaining students after 3:30 pm may be picked up in the front lobby. All students should be picked up by 3:45 pm.

Bus Transportation

Riding a school bus in Cocke County is a privilege, not a right. State law does not mandate that school systems provide transportation. So it is very important that all bus riders realize that bus transportation may be denied if a student is NOT well behaved on the bus. Bus drivers have a big responsibility with many lives at stake each morning and afternoon; poor student behavior on the bus will not be tolerated!!!!

The bus driver has the right to assign seats and set the expectations for students on his/her bus. Students making poor choices on the bus will be referred to the principal and appropriate and fair consequences will be enforced. Please, keep in mind that suspension from the bus is always a possible consequence.

Cell Phone/Electronic Device

Students may have a cell phone/electronic device at school. The school system will not be responsible for lost or stolen items. The device should be turned OFF and placed out of site in the student's backpack or pocket by 8:10 am or when instructed by a teacher or staff member. Students are NOT allowed to turn on their device during school hours unless permission is granted by their teacher or administrator for special situations.

Violation of this policy (CCBOE 6.312) will result in a warning, then confiscation of the phone/device of seven (7) calendar days for the second offense and thirty (30) calendar days for each offense thereafter.

Corporal Punishment

Corporal punishment (padding, spanking) is an approved method of discipline by the State of Tennessee and CCBOE. For the most part, parent and teacher support of corporal punishment is still evident with the Parrottsville Elementary School community. Corporal punishment will be reasonable. Corporal punishment will be administered in the presents of another staff member and out of the view of other students.

If you feel corporal punishment is NOT an acceptable form of discipline, you need to write a note to your child's teacher informing him/her of your concerns. All notes will be kept for that school year. It is the parent's responsibility to notify teachers each year of their concerns with corporal punishments. When providing a note, parents should also include a phone number(s) in case of discipline concerns during the school day.

Parent Contact Information

It is essential that parents provide the school with contact information. Minor and major issues occur throughout the school day, from scratches to broken bones. We can provide minor first aid such as bandages, tums, or cough drops, but major issues require parent contacts. We will try to contact you with the information that you provide us if an issue warrants. If we are NOT able to contact you, "Loco Parentis" will be in effect, which is Tennessee law that states the school may make decisions in place of the parent.

Breakfast and Lunch

All students' meals are FREE at Parrottsville School. There are charges for extra items. Students are offered two options for breakfast: "grab and go" or a hot breakfast from the cafeteria.

