

Good evening, Charles H. Parker Students and Families! This is Ms. Range, proud principal of Charles H. Parker Academic Center. I hope everyone is enjoying their long weekend and spending time having fun and resting. As always, this message will be posted on our website and our Facebook account. Please remember that the school is here to support you. If you have any needs or need any support, please let us know. The office is open Monday through Friday from 7:30 AM until 5:30 PM.

It's a busy week at the hive. Monday there is no school for students. It is a teacher workday. This week we will also be celebrating Black History month. The breakdown for the week is below.

Tuesday, 2/18 – Unity Day – Wear red, black and green to symbolize unity and pride

Wednesday, 2/19 – Greek Day – celebrating Black Greek Letter organizations

Thursday, 2/20 – Literature Day – celebrating poems and stories by Black Authors

Friday, 2/21 – Sneaker Ball – 5:30 – 7:00 at CHPAC. Students must have adults with them.

Monday, 2/24 – Cultural Heritage Day – wear traditional African print, attire or shirt

Tuesday, 2/25 – CHPAC's Black History Month Program for students

Wednesday is a basketball game against Paw Creek Elementary School.

This week Mr White and our students will be celebrating/competing in Jump Rope for Heart. Jump Rope for Heart teaches kids healthy heart habits such as movement, eating healthy and inspires them to support American heart health research and programs.

Finally, February 26 is an early release day. All CMS schools will release early for professional development for staff. Charles H. Parker will release at 1:15 PM that day. We will be releasing students at 1:15 to provide teachers with additional professional development opportunities. CMS will provide lunch, and buses will complete the end-of-day routes. We ask that you be in the car rider line no later than 1:30 PM. We also ask that you notify day-care providers or other appropriate parties of the early dismissal.

Charlotte Girls on the Run team for the Spring 2025 season is back at Parker! Over the next 8 weeks, program participants will learn what it means to be strong, confident, and connected through interactive lessons and physical activities. By the end of the program, the girls will be physically and emotionally prepared to complete a 5K event with their teammates. The finish line is just the beginning!

Register Now!!! Season begins March 4, 2025!!

Below are details for our team and the upcoming season: **Site Liaison:** Mrs. Glaze

- **Practice Days/Times:** Tuesday & Thursday, 4:30 PM - 5:30 PM
- **Registration Method:** Paper Registration Only
- **Please see Mrs. Glaze for an application.** Financial Assistance available

Our PTA Direct Giving Campaign is underway, and we are currently at only 60% of our fundraising needs. This is the PTA's only fundraiser, and all funds go to support our amazing teachers and staff and provide educational and enrichment opportunities for our kids. We would love 100% participation this year! No gift is too small, and all gifts are tax-deductible. Parents, grandparents, teachers, community supporters, and anyone that loves Parker are all invited to support our fantastic school! You can donate online at <https://bit.ly/DGPAC2425> Don't forget that many companies will match your donation! If you need additional information, please let us know.

Please reach out if you have any questions or have any needs. Thank you for all of your support, understanding and dedication to Charles H. Parker! Have a wonderful evening!