

Good evening, Charles H. Parker Students and Families! This is Ms. Range, proud principal of Charles H. Parker Academic Center. I hope everyone had a wonderful weekend and enjoyed the sun. It was cool but beautiful! 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 quiet week at the hive. We will continue with our Black History Month celebration this week. Monday, Monday, 2/24 is Cultural Heritage Day – wear traditional African print, attire or shirt. On Tuesday, 2/25, we will have our CHPAC Black History Month Program for students. There will be 2 performances. One from 9:50 - 10:20 for our K-2 students and one from 10:30 - 11:00 for our 3-5 students. If parents are planning to attend, please remember to have your ID ready to scan in the front office. Parents must sign in through Lobby Guard before going to the gym.

Tuesday, we will have a home basketball game (at the YMCA) at 5:30. Wednesday, 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. On Friday, Philip O'Berry's JROTC program will be at Parker working with our Kindergarten and second grade classes. Also on Friday, we will have an away basketball game at Thomasboro.

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!