

## Student Recognition at Cahaba

At Cahaba Elementary we take pride in focusing on student growth; academically, socially, and emotionally. We believe that students' efforts in these areas should be acknowledged and celebrated throughout the school year in a variety of ways.

**Daily:** Each Homeroom teacher recognizes students with exceptional work ethic and effort by naming them as "Star Students" - Classrooms are rotated throughout the year. Pictures of the "Stars" are posted on the Cahaba Facebook page and named during morning announcements.

**Weekly:** Throughout the week students have the opportunity to earn a "husky paw" for making exceptionally good choices. "Husky paws" are given out by staff members for just about any behavior that an adult would like to reinforce and their use is adapted throughout the year. "Husky Paws" have been used for, but not limited to: good cafeteria manners, completing homework, exceptional hall behavior, volunteering for class chores, setting good examples during arrival and dismissal, etc.... Each homeroom teacher draws a "husky paw" winner on Fridays for recognition. The students' names are read on the intercom and they come to the office for shenanigans with the office staff and a visit to the "husky paw table" which is filled with small kid-friendly items.

**Monthly:** The TCS P.A.C.E program - We believe students have the capacity to learn and develop character traits that equip them to navigate relationships and challenges of life, while positively impacting the world around them. Each month we focus on a Character Trait. At the end of the month, each classroom selects one student who best represents that trait, and the students are celebrated by having their name read during morning announcements, invited to a special recognition with a treat and certificate, and their picture is posted on our website and social media pages.

### **Trimester:**

At the end of each trimester, we celebrate students' achievements at our "pep rally style" trimester celebration. Students' names are called to acknowledge the following areas:

All Students named as PaceSetters during the trimester ( P.A.C.E Characteristics)

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders that made All A's for the Trimester

Third, Fourth, and Fifth Graders that made All A's and B's for the Trimester

Fifth Graders who served as CES Dogs

Class SuccessMaker Champion – selected by the teacher using the teachers criteria

Class AR Champion – selected by the teacher using the teachers criteria

Students reaching Millionaire Status through the AR program

Husky Hero – chosen by the teacher as the student who showed the most growth during the trimester.

**End of the Year Celebrations:**

To close out the school year we host a more formal celebration and invite guest of students being recognized to attend. Recognition for Academic Achievement, Exceptional Effort, Character, Academic Growth, Music, Physical Fitness, Art, and Technology are highlighted.

**The Cahaba Wall Of Fame:** The Wall of Fame is located outside the Cahaba Cafeteria and recognizes students who meet at least two (2) of five (5) Milestones: Millionaire Status, More than 89% AIMS Math Fluency, More than 89% AIMS Reading Fluency, 40+ Hours Reading SuccessMaker, or 40+ Hours Math SuccessMaker. Honored students create pictures of themselves to be displayed on the wall. Inductees are recognized during morning announcements, at our trimester celebrations and EOY celebrations.