



Chestnut Oaks Middle School

SUMTER SCHOOL DISTRICT

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Dear Chestnut Oaks School Family,

We recognize the tremendous efforts our students and staff have put forth during the pandemic. This school year has brought about additional unforeseen challenges including staff shortages and absences due to COVID-19, which have resulted in the addition of school duties and the modification of how we deliver quality instruction. While these challenges are not unique to Sumter School District, as a team, we are working diligently to ensure we are meeting the educational and mental health needs of our students and staff.

Sumter School District is amending the district calendar to incorporate four wellness half days for our students and staff on December 17, January 28, February 11, and March 11. Elementary schools will dismiss at 11 AM; middle schools will dismiss at 11:30 AM; and high schools will dismiss at 12:30 PM. Afternoon social emotional learning (SEL) activities will be available to our students via Schoology and/or the school district's website at sumterschools.net. Athletic events, practices, and extracurricular activities will operate as normal.

The mental health and well-being of our students and staff are top priorities. These wellness days are a reflection of our commitment to supporting the needs of our Sumter School District family. Please take this time to focus on your self care.

For the children,

Mrs. Jenaii. D. Edwards

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Proud Principal