

# Chestnut Log Middle School

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## Why Chestnut Log Middle School?

"Chestnut Log Middle School embodies a family-oriented atmosphere. My child and I enjoy the fact that this is a place where learning is the focus and differences are embraced."

—CLMS Parent

## Achievements

- ◇ 6th and 7th grade Math Team placed 3rd in DCSS Math Competition
- ◇ National Beta Club School of Merit
- ◇ Recipient of DCEF Classroom Impact Grant, Walmart Grant, and Dollar General Literacy Grant
- ◇ Recipient of Georgia Aquarium 2020-2021 Sponsored Education Admissions Grant
- ◇ REACH Grant Scholar Winner
- ◇ Young Georgia Authors Winner
- ◇ 8th grade boys basketball team, DCSS Middle School Champions, 22018
- ◇ Thanksgiving Food Drive in collaboration with the Rotary Club
- ◇ Two teachers serve as District Specialists in ELA and Science
- ◇ 8th grader Neveah Mitchell is founder and CEO of Georgia Mudd Garlic Butter
- ◇ CLMS school-wide Walking Challenge



**One Book, One School** is a reading initiative designed to create a shared reading experience across the entire CLMS community. This strategy builds daily awareness of the details of each story and encourages deep, attentive and personally gratifying listening habits. When teachers model the habit of regularly reading together as a family, they create a strong foundation for literacy in each student's life. This year the Chestnut Log Media Center and ELA Department chose to read the novel *Seedfolks*, by Paul Fleischman.

## Inside the Classroom

Chestnut Log Middle School aspires to be a school that places students at the center of the learning process. All staff members are committed to ensuring that every student who comes through our doors receives a high quality education. Chestnut Log focuses on promoting student engagement within the classroom on a daily basis.

Teachers and staff use a variety of learning models, including inquiry-based learning, direct instruction, and project-based learning. It is important that students learn important skills and knowledge through data-driven instruction. We use instructional technology for remediation, critical thinking, and independent mastery of the content. We, as a school community, focus on improving students' reading and writing skills. One of the ways we do this is through **One Book, One School**.

Chestnut Log *Expects Excellence in Everything!* It is our goal to create an environment for students to succeed and achieve great success in academics, athletics, and the arts.

## Our Mission

Ensure a safe, nurturing and positive learning environment where all students have the opportunity to succeed. Meet the developmental needs of diverse learners, challenge students to develop academic, technological, and critical thinking skills for lifelong learning, and engage students in rigorous work that is relevant to real world experiences. Promote respect, acceptance and appreciation for cultural differences.

## Our Vision

Serve as an extended family to the students, with all staff members supporting the successful development of every child's hidden potential.

## Principal's Message

*The new school year is upon us and we want all stakeholders to "Expect Excellence in Everything" as we embrace our theme: #Results...Not Excuses! We would like for all of the members of Chestnut Log Middle School Family to be fully involved and participate in the education of our students. It will take ALL of us working together to ensure Chestnut Log Middle School students are ready for the 2021-2022 school year!*

**-Principal Caroline Whitt**

**Student Enrollment:** 671

**Total Staff:** 73

**Certified Staff:** 50

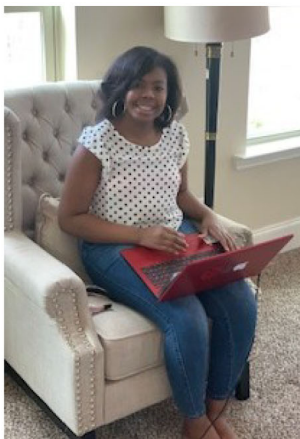
**% of Certified Staff with Advanced Degrees:**

*Numbers for enrollment and staffing current as of 10-21*

*To access state-mandated test scores including the Georgia Milestones Assessment System (GMAS), please scan the QR code.*



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*Neveah Mitchell, above left, is building a butter business empire. The 13-year old entrepreneur is creating success as founder and CEO of Georgia Mudd Garlic*

## Beyond the Classroom

Chestnut Log Middle School embraces the chance to impart high quality instruction, leadership skills and character. We have many opportunities for student and parent engagement. Chestnut Log connects with both parents and community stakeholders through PTA/PTO, School Council, and local business/community partnerships.

Chestnut Log continuously rewards excellence in all areas by acknowledging good behavior, academic success, and good attendance. Students receive numerous incentives for positive behavior through our school-wide PBIS - Positive Behavior Intervention Program.

Students who need additional support in their core classes can enroll in the 21st Century CHAMPS program. This program provides homework assistance, extra remediation, and focuses on individualized learning styles along with academic enrichment. We also participate in the Georgia REACH program; please see our school website for more information.

We offer a variety of clubs and organizations for our students and encourage everyone to be involved in one of our exceptional programs. Students are able to explore and participate in clubs such as Chess Club, Jr. Tome Society, Spanish and French Club, Youth Against Cancer (YAC), Fellowship of Christian Athletes (FCA), Peer Mediators, Math Club, and CLMS Ambassadors program. The National Junior Beta Club is one of Chestnut Log's biggest organizations. Students participate in community service projects, and members attended the national convention three years in a row prior to the coronavirus pandemic. In addition to activities and clubs, students can also participate in our many sports programs, including softball, basketball, football, track, cheerleading and soccer.