

# CES News

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April 2022

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## A Message from Mrs. Moyer

The year is flying by and it's hard to believe we are in April! As you are Spring Cleaning this year, please don't throw away books. Our librarian would love to have gently used book donations. You can drop them off in the office at any time.

March was a fun-filled and successful month. We began the month with Read Across America and invited 25 visitors into our classrooms to read to the students. Visitors included students from Smyrna High School, District office employees, Clayton Police Department, and many more. We celebrated our love of reading by having a reading competition among all classes. The class from each grade who read the most was awarded with a pizza party.

On March 15<sup>th</sup> we welcomed Jesse Ruben to our school. He performed three concerts that day for all of our students and ate lunch with our Core Value Champions. As a school we celebrated Jesse Ruben's We Can Project, which inspires kids to make a difference in their lives, community, and the world.

Students "rocked their socks" on March 21<sup>st</sup> in celebration of World Down Syndrome Day. Students wore brightly colored mismatched socks which represented inclusion, rights, and well-being of people with Down Syndrome. March 21<sup>st</sup> was chosen because people with Down Syndrome have 3 copies of their 21<sup>st</sup> chromosome. Socks are used as a global voice because the chromosomes actually look like mismatched socks.

Finally, I'd like to congratulate our Teacher of the Year, Ms. Marcy Campbell. We are very proud to have her represent Clayton Elementary School.



## STUDENT OF THE MONTH and CORE VALUE CHAMPION

A Note from Mr. Daws

Each month, the classroom teacher selects 1 student to represent their class based on positive characteristics that have been consistently displayed in the classroom. This is a very special honor for our students. They receive a certificate, a medallion, their name read on the announcements, as well as their picture taken and placed on the Student of the Month bulletin board.

From this pool of students each month, Mrs. Moyer and I select 1 Core Value Champion from each grade level based on their display of behavior that supports the chosen Core Value for the month. For the month of March, the Core Value was RESPONSIBILITY.

### MARCH STUDENT OF THE MONTH

| KN                | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup>   | 3 <sup>rd</sup>  | 4 <sup>th</sup>       |
|-------------------|-----------------|-------------------|------------------|-----------------------|
| Gabriel Velazquez | Sara Carney     | Elijah Grande     | Cara Scuse       | Aigne Williams        |
| Makayla Mayhall   | Piper Caruthers | Andrew VanArsdall | Adrian Ruiz      | Caleb Sweeney         |
| Chloe Kemske      | Madison Justice | Ariana Phelps     | Scarlett Kassien | Peyton Moerman        |
| Maverick Davis    | Kennedy Mears   | Sophia Uhey       | Henry Watts      | Daniel Reyes-Carranza |
|                   |                 | Aubrey McDonald   | Ethyn Brady      | Ashley Kim            |
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### MARCH CORE VALUE CHAMPION: RESPONSIBILITY

| KN             | 1 <sup>st</sup> | 2 <sup>nd</sup> | 3 <sup>rd</sup> | 4 <sup>th</sup> |
|----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|-----------------|
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## School Nurse News



Spring is here! Allergy Season is Upon Us!

### Tips to Manage Your Allergies

- **Shower after being outdoors:** to remove pollen you pick up outside, take a shower and change your clothes.
- **Minimize indoor pollen:** Keep your windows shut and use your AC or a HEPA purifier to filter allergens.
- **Check the weather:** Learn when conditions such as the wind increase pollen levels, so you can prepare.

- **Know your allergy relief options:** From medications to nasal sprays, talk to your doctor about your options.
- **If you are at risk for anaphylaxis, keep your epinephrine auto-injectors with you at all times:** Epinephrine is the only treatment for a severe allergic reaction. It is only available through a prescription from your doctor. Each prescription comes with two auto-injectors in a set

**Asthma/Allergy Action Plans:** Seasonal Allergy and Asthma Action Plans are important to review and update with your health care provider and a copy should be on file at school, as well as a rescue inhaler (if prescribed). Learn what your child's triggers are – pollen, grass, molds, temperature changes, exercise, smoke, perfume, pesticides – so that they can avoid those triggers.

Be sure to take prescribed allergy medications as indicated to get your day started right!

You can check daily particulate counts at the end of most televised weather reports. You may also go the following websites:

<https://www.aafa.org/prevent-allergies>

<https://www.accuweather.com/en/us/clayton/19938/allergies-weather/2218438>

For more information about air pollutions visit: <https://www.dhss.delaware.gov/dhss/dph/hsp/hhinside.html>

<https://archive.epa.gov/region02/capp/web/pdf/ppcpflyer.pdf>

**Spring Cleaning:** In addition to your regular spring cleaning chores, consider adding some that will make your home a little safer for your kids, such as changing your smoke detector batteries, cleaning out your medicine cabinet, checking product recalls, and looking for broken toys, etc.

**STOP FLUSHING YOUR OLD MEDICATIONS!** Safely dispose of unused, expired, or unwanted medications at collection sites across Delaware.

Atlantic Apothecary 103 S Dupont Blvd #2, Smyrna, DE 19977 302-653-9355

Smyrna Police Dept. 325 W. Glenwood Ave. Smyrna, DE 19977 302-653-9217



Welcome to the Counselor Corner

We had really great lessons throughout the building last month focusing on feelings in kindergarten and first grade and cooperation skills in second through fourth grade. Along with social/emotional and academic

development, school counselors are responsible for the development of college and career readiness and awareness. While one might think elementary school is too young of an age to start these discussions, I feel it is the perfect time to get the wheels turning and thinking about potential and possibilities. During the month of April, students in all grade levels will be introduced to the world of work. We will discuss the jobs and careers in our community, tools used in different jobs and careers, the difference between a job and a career, exploration into how our current hobbies/interests can lead to a job or career that we will enjoy, and how all careers begin here in school with a solid education. We will also talk about how those essential skills we practice now like cooperation, collaboration, managing feelings, stress reduction, perseverance, and time management will help us throughout our journey in the world of work. This is one of my favorite lessons to dive into because I love seeing the students making the connection between school and a career and realizing that their potential is endless.

As always, if you have any questions or concerns that I can assist with, please feel free to reach out via email at [sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us](mailto:sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us) or via phone at 302-653-8587.



#### Important Dates in April:

- 7 Board Game Day K – 2<sup>nd</sup> grade
- 8 Board Game Day 3<sup>rd</sup> – 4<sup>th</sup> grade
- 11 Spring Picture Day – Dress Pretty as a Picture
- 12 Tacky Tourist – Wear your best tourist get up
- 13 Wear your brightest neon and sunglasses
- 14 Dye-ve into spring – wear tie dye
- 15-22 Spring Break – School Closed
- 18 PTO sponsored Skating Social – Dover Skating Center 5:30 – 7:30 pm
- 26 PTO mtg 5:30 pm (CES Library)
- 27 Administrative Professionals Day
- 28 3<sup>rd</sup> & 4<sup>th</sup> grade Dodgeball Tournament 3:45 – 5 pm

#### Important Dates in May:

- 2-6 BOGO Bookfair
- 20 May Fair
- 24 PTO mtg 5:30 pm (CES Library)
- 26 4<sup>th</sup> grade Spring Concert 6 pm
- 27 Field Day
- 30 Memorial Day – School Closed
- 31 Field Day (rain date)

#### Important Dates in June:

- 9 KN Moving Up Ceremony – 9 am  
4<sup>th</sup> grade Fly Away Ceremony – 2:15 pm
- 10 Last Student Day