
Clayton Elementary School

CES News

January 2022



A Message from Mrs. Moyer

Hello CES Families!

We have officially made it to 2022! December was a fun-filled month and a time for us to celebrate all of our students. December was also a time for us to reflect on all that we are thankful for in the past year. We are thankful for our students and the in-person learning that is taking place. We are thankful for our families and all of the support and grace you have shown us. It is also a time to reflect on the wonderful things that are happening with your children. All of our students have worked very hard and shown resilience and perseverance in all that they do. The students at CES reflect the core values daily and we are extremely grateful for each and every one of them. We are very proud of our CES students.

January has started off quite snowy and we have implemented virtual instruction. We are fortunate that we have the capabilities of virtual learning while we are at home and we appreciate the support from our families. The opportunity to continue instruction allows teachers and students to engage with each other, enables students to continue learning, and prevents adding additional instructional days to the end of the school calendar.

We are looking forward to an amazing 2022! We hope you all stay safe and healthy. As always, feel free to reach out with any questions or concerns. The home-school connection is extremely important to us and we are here for you and your child.



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 November, the Core Value is PERSERVERANCE.

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

KN	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Charlotte Fischer	Dylan Mancini	Huntley Ross	Paisley Cobb	Khloe Wiles
Ialayah Ezeani	Brittney Williams	Jaxson Waters	Aubrey Fitzwater	Alexis Justice
Carly Haggerty	Jade Elias	Daylen Flores	Isaac Katz	Caylie Schlegel
Luke Monioudis	James Jarman	Rodney Arthur	Makayla Rife	Lilyana Wall
		George Bowersox	Justin Irwin	Evie Sierra

DECEMBER CORE VALUE CHAMPION: RESPECT

KN	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Luke Monioudis	Jade Elias	Daylen Flores	Issac Katz	Lilyana Wall



Karen Jones RN, BSN



Welcome 2022. Here is hoping this year is even better than 2021.

Everyone has been doing a great job helping to keep the schools safe. Let's continue to help keep schools safe.

This includes:

1. Washing your hands, frequently, with soap and water.
2. Wearing your mask when you are out of your home.
3. Keeping your hands away from your T-zone (eyes, nose, mouth).
4. Maintaining social distancing.
5. If you are exposed or sick, maintaining the appropriate quarantine or isolation period.
6. Avoiding large gatherings, if possible.
7. Getting tested.
8. Following the new CDC recommended guidelines for quarantine and isolation:



How to Respond to Positive COVID-19 Tests & Close Contacts in School Settings

What is the definition of a close contact in school settings?
Close Contacts: In schools, any student within 3 feet sustained for 15 minutes or more, or adult within 6 feet sustained for 15 minutes or more, regardless of mask use. Also, anyone between 3 and 6 feet sustained for 15 minutes or more without masks.
Not Close Contacts: Any student more than 3 feet from an infected student, only if both the infected student and exposed student correctly and consistently wore well-fitting masks the entire time. Also, anyone more than 6 feet from an infected student or adult.

TEST POSITIVE FOR COVID-19

ISOLATE – For 5 days, regardless of vaccination status

- Report positive case to school nurse/COVID coordinator.
- Provide information for any close contacts from the school environment.
- **With Symptoms –**
 - 1) You can end isolation **5 days** after symptoms first appeared
 - **IF:** 24 hours with no fever without the use of fever-reducing medications
 - **IF:** Other symptoms of COVID-19 are improving
 - **AND:** You must wear a well-fitting mask for the following 5 days when around others, both at home, and outside-of-the home.
- **Without Symptoms:**
 - Isolate for 5 days since your positive COVID-19 test. You must wear a well-fitting mask for the following 5 days when around others, both at home, and outside-of-the home.

CLOSE CONTACTS

IF YOU:

- Are fully vaccinated and boosted; or
- Have been fully vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna within last 6 months; or
- Have been fully vaccinated with J&J within last 2 months; or
- Are fully vaccinated but not yet eligible for a booster

THEN:

- No quarantine is required
- Wear a well-fitting mask for 10 days around others both at home, and when not at home
- Test on day 5 after your exposure if possible
- If symptoms develop, isolate at home immediately and get a test.

IF YOU:

- Are unvaccinated
- Were fully vaccinated with Pfizer or Moderna more than 6 months ago but not boosted; or
- Were fully vaccinated with J&J more than 2 months but not boosted

THEN:

- Stay home (quarantine) for 5 days.
- Wear a well-fitting mask around others at home and outside of home for another 5 days
- Test on day 5 after your exposure if possible
- If symptoms develop, isolate at home immediately and get a test.

Read Updated CDC Guidance on Isolation and Quarantine

<https://www.cdc.gov/media/releases/2021/s1227-isolation-quarantine-guidance.html>

Social Distancing in Schools

CDC recommends schools maintain at least 3 feet of physical distance between students within classrooms, combined with indoor mask wearing to reduce transmission risk. When it is not possible to maintain a physical distance of at least 3 feet, such as when schools cannot fully re-open while maintaining these distances, it is especially important to layer multiple other prevention strategies.

**These procedures outline general guidelines, but each case is assessed based on the facts of each unique situation. Design based on document issued by Helen Borczyk, Alaska: <https://www.alaskastate.gov/covid19/>

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Welcome Back Clayton Families

I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday season. I hope your students were able to share some strategies they learned from our mindfulness lesson before break that helped during the sometimes stressful season. This month, students across all grade levels will receive a lesson on growth mindset/perseverance. With the start of a new year, this is the perfect time to introduce the importance of having a growth mindset versus a fixed mindset. Students will learn about the power of YET. We will discuss how far we have come since September and the importance to keep persevering to learn new things that may be hard at first. Students in third and fourth grade will also dive a little deeper and talk about the importance of setting S.M.A.R.T. goals for the remainder of the school year. I also hope to start a new round of social/emotional skill small groups so if your child is selected, please be on the lookout for a permission slip that will come home before the end of the month. As always, please feel free to reach out with any questions/concerns you may have. My email is sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us or I can be reached via phone at 302-653-8587.

Important Dates:

- 14-21 Food Drive in honor of MLK Day
 - 14 National Hat Day – wear your favorite hat
 - 17 Martin Luther King Jr Day – Schools Closed
 - 18 Wear a “Positive Message” shirt day – in honor of MLK
 - 20 80’s Day – Dress like the 80’s
 - 24 National Compliment Day – tell at least two people something nice about them
 - 28 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
 - 31 National Backward Day – wear your clothes backwards
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