

January Newsletter

Clayton Elementary

A MESSAGE FROM MRS. MOYER, PRINCIPAL

Happy New Year and Welcome back!

I hope everyone had a wonderful winter break. It was a great time to rest and spend time with family and friends.

As we celebrate the New Year, it is always a great time for looking into the past, but more importantly, looking forward to the coming year. As we begin 2023, I would like to share that I have high expectations for academic success for all of our students. It is my hope that everyone has returned refreshed, strong, and ready to persevere and learn. We are very proud of our students and their work ethic. We are also very proud of the strong core values that have been instilled in each of them. Together, we will work to ensure that all students achieve success.

As I reflect on December, it truly was a time of happiness, togetherness, and compassion. We welcomed approximately 150 families to our Math and Reading Night. It was a time to share our curriculum and enjoy fun games and activities as well. Our fourth grade students gave a spectacular performance of "A Christmas Carol." It was great to see the amazing talent of our students. But most importantly, we were able to collect donations and provide dinners, gifts, and services to many families in our community. I am very proud of the compassion that was shown at Clayton Elementary School.

As always, we appreciate the home-school connection and open communication. Please call us if you have any questions or concerns.

Please Join us on the following social media accounts:

Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/ClaytonElementarySchool>

Instagram @clayton_eagles

School website <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/ces>

NEWS FROM MR. DAWS

WELCOME BACK! We are so glad to reopen our doors and welcome all of our staff and students back from Winter Break. We hope you were able to spend time with loved ones and find joy in all of the magic the holiday season brings. As we plan to reopen our doors on January 3rd, we will look to revisit our building wide expectations so that our students can continue their academic, social, and emotional growth and success. Please continue to support your student(s) by reminding them of appropriate school behavior and the importance of staying focused on their schoolwork.

COMING SOON

1/16 - No School - Dr Martin Luther King Jr Day

1/25 - PTO mtg 5 pm Cafeteria

1/26 - Mid-trimester 2 ends





Sarah Yatskevich, M. Ed.
School Counselor

Welcome Back Clayton Families
I hope everyone had a happy and safe holiday 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 of persevering when faced with new challenges. 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. As always, please feel free to reach out with any social/emotional questions or 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 Numbers for Community Resources

Mental and Emotional Assistance

- Child Priority Response (mobile crisis unit) 1-800-969-4357
- Mental Edge Counseling 1-302-382-8698
- A Center for Mental Wellness Counseling 1-302-674-1397

Food Assistance

- Food Pantry at Smyrna Middle School 1-302-653-8584
- Our Daily Bread Soup Kitchen (Middletown) 1-302-285-9540



School Nurse News



KAREN JONES RN, BSN

Welcome to a New Year! I hope everyone had joyful and healthy holidays!

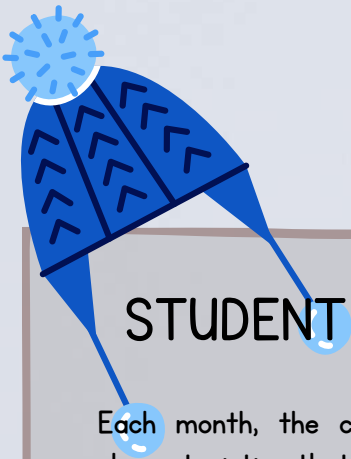
To continue keeping our children healthy (and in school) this winter season remind your children (and yourself) to practice frequent hand washing and healthy habits. It is not too late to get a flu shot if you or your child has not had one and I highly recommend that you do get one.

Please remember to dress your child appropriately for the weather. Prior to the Christmas break, students had been borrowing jackets for outside recess because they do not have a jacket or their jacket is too light for the weather. If they do not have the appropriate jacket and I am not able to loan them one, they will not be allowed to go to recess. Also, all students should have a spare change of clothes in their book bags. Accidents do occur and the supply of clothes in the nursing office is limited and I often do not have the appropriate size for the student.

Just a reminder, for those students who I have sent a notice home that they need to see the eye doctor, please send in follow up that the student has seen the doctor. This follow up is mandated by the state and I need to have record of it in the student's record. Also, for those who have limited or no insurance for vision, please call me. There may be assistance available to pay for eye exams and glasses. No child should be without glasses if they need them!

One last thing, just a review about fevers: a fever is not an illness. Fever is an important symptom of an illness (a temperature of 100.6 or above is considered a fever). Fevers generally occur along with a sore throat, earache, nausea, listlessness, headache or rash. When a fever occurs, your child may be carrying something contagious. If it is something viral, it may pass in a day or two. Most doctors advise that children with fevers be kept home for an additional 24 hours after the last fever. When they are fever free it needs to be without having received any Tylenol or Motrin. It is not good practice to give Motrin or Tylenol to prevent fever; they should be used to treat it. Children should also be kept home for an additional 24 hours after the last episode of vomiting or diarrhea.

Wishing everyone a happy and healthy 2023!!



STUDENT OF THE MONTH and CORE VALUE CHAMPION

Each month, the classroom teacher selects one 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 snack/ice cream voucher, 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, the principals select one 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 December, the Core Value was PERSEVERANCE.

DECEMBER STUDENT OF THE MONTH

KN	1st Grade	2nd Grade	3rd Grade	4th Grade
Brooklyn Massey	Kendall Stubbs	Adrian Alvarez	Lawson Barthelmeh	Vance Otto
Mason Clift	Clara Petrucci	James Jarman	Calum Jarrett	Jayden Moreno-Ochoa
Zachary Kassien	Wesley Parks	Sara Carney	Bria Grant	Cameron Maurer
Gabriel Villalobos	Olivia Gaffney	Wesley Toberer	Karoline Bartsch	Aubrey Fitzwater
			Joel Alvarez	Zach Soriano

DECEMBER CORE VALUE CHAMPION: PERSEVERANCE

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