
Clayton Elementary School

CES News

March 2022



A Message from Mrs. Moyer

February came and went, but was filled with great events! We had our annual spelling bee with the top 10 fourth graders: Emerson Moore, Kaaliyah Webster-Smith, Daniel Elam, Olivia McCracken, Cruze Hill, Zoe Bishop, Alexis Justice, Angelina Hendricks, Rylie Pryor, and Liam Miles. All students did an amazing job and we are proud of each of them. Finishing in third place was Daniel Elam, second place was Emerson Moore, and first place was Cruze Hill. Cruze will go on to represent our school at the State Spelling Bee.

All month we celebrated Black History Month. Each day students were given facts of the day and quotes for the day. Through projects, books, music, and activities our students celebrated Black History Month.

Our second Book Fair for the year was a huge success. Students were very excited to buy books and show their love of reading. Students at lunch were able to win a \$5 gift certificate to the Book Fair based on role model behavior. A total of 75 gift certificates were given out. Thank you to everyone for their support of the Book Fair.

We also celebrated Bus Driver Appreciation Week. Our bus drivers work hard each and every day transporting our students to and from school safely. We appreciate them and all of their hard work!

Finally, we continued our Love of Reading by celebrating Read Across America. 25 guests, including district office employees, Smyrna High School students, and the Clayton Police Department came in to read to our students. Classrooms participated in a reading competition for the week, encouraging our students to read, read, read, and love it.

As always, thank you for your continued support of 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 February, the Core Value was INTEGRITY.

FEBRUARY STUDENT OF THE MONTH

KN	1 st	2 nd	3 rd	4 th
Julia Mercurio	Kaleb Haines	Sophia Parks	Carter Scuse	Tyler Orth
Jayden Harris	Emma Venella	Kenneth Boyles	Isabella Vascellero	Ian Grabowski
Kendall Stubbs	Arielle Jackson	Amber Kulhanek	Trenton Keiser	Raelyn DiGiacomo
Briana Walls	Charlie Kemske	Colton Crick	Madison Ducey	Kaiden Dorman
		Celeny Ramirez	Zakyla Johnson	Isabella Sargent

FEBRUARY CORE VALUE CHAMPION: RESPECT

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Kendall Stubbs	Kaleb Haines	Celeny Ramirez	Carter Scuse	Isabella Sargent

Important Dates:

- 2 Read Across America Week
"Green Eggs & Ham" – Wear Green
- 3 "Thing One and Thing Two" – Twin Day
- 4 "Can in the Hat" – wear your favorite hat
- 14 Professional Development Day – No School for Students
- 17 St Patrick's Day – dress festive
- 18 Report cards available online
- 29 PTO zoom mtg 5:30 pm





March is National Nutrition Month

During the month of March, learn about making informed food choices and developing healthful eating and physical activity habits.

The following information is from:

<https://www.myplate.gov/tip-sheet/healthy-eating-kids>

Empower kids to build healthy habits now and into the future. Use these tips to make every bite count!

Offer variety

Include choices from each food group – fruits, vegetables, grains, protein foods, and dairy and fortified soy alternatives – in meals and snacks during each day.

Connect at mealtime

Eat meals together whenever possible. Turn off the TV and put away phones and tablets, so you can “unplug” so you can focus on healthy foods and each other.

Make good nutrition easy

Designate a shelf or a drawer in your fridge for your kids. Stock it with cut up fruits and vegetables, yogurt, nut butters, and whole-wheat mini bagels and crackers.

Think about their drinks

Make water and low fat or fat-free dairy milk and fortified soy alternatives easy options to grab in your home. Have ready-to-go containers filled and in the fridge to take on outings.

Get kids involved

Depending on their age, kids can peel fruits; assemble salads, measure, scoop, and slice. Let them create and name their own side dish.

Have a shopping buddy

Let kids participate in grocery shopping online or in the store. Reward them by letting them choose their favorite fruit or maybe a new one.

Other resources:

<https://www.eatright.org/health/wellness/preventing-illness/now-is-the-time-to-build-your-childs-bone-bank-account>

<https://www.eatright.org/food/nutrition/healthy-eating/breaking-your-gradeschoolers-unhealthy-food-habit>

Contact me with any questions or concerns

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Welcome to the Counselor's Corner

It was great last month having students explore and discuss the parts of their identity that make them special and unique. Celebrating our differences and similarities helps to build not only our self-esteem but also our classroom and school community. This month, classroom guidance lessons in kindergarten and first grade will focus on feelings identification. In kindergarten, we will talk about the four basic feelings (happy, sad, mad, and scared). In first grade we will go a little deeper in exploring our feelings and play Feelings BINGO to practice identifying the feelings we will learn about. In second through fourth grade, we will have a lesson on cooperation. We will talk about what qualities and skills are necessary to make group work successful. We will reflect on times when we have participated in group work and what either made it successful or unsuccessful.

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 or via phone at 302-653-8587.