

CIS SunTimes

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CLAYTON
Intermediate School

November 2021

Hello CIS Families,

The leaves and temperature are falling and we will set our clocks back on November 7, 2021. Fall has officially arrived!!

The Halloween Dance was a tremendous success! It was so great to have the students interacting and having fun with their peers-something they have not been able to do for a long time. We want to give a special THANK YOU to all the parent chaperones. You made it a big success!!

November is an exciting month of events including Veteran's Day, parent/teacher conferences and Thanksgiving break. Parent/Teacher Conferences will take place on November 22nd and 23rd. Be on the lookout for more information coming home with your child(ren). Once you have received the notice of conference dates and times available from your teachers, please schedule a conference time convenient for you. If you need assistance, your teachers will be happy to assist you.

Please feel free to call (302)653-4512 or email us any time during your child's stay with us at CIS.



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Important Dates

11/11	No School: Veteran's Day
11/12	No School: Teacher In Service
11/22- 11/23	No School: Teacher In Service Parent-Teacher Conferences
11/24- 11/26	No School: Thanksgiving Break
11/29	School Reopens

Core Value: Perseverance

Means continued effort to do or achieve something despite difficulties, failures, or opposition. The action, condition or an instance of persevering is steadfastness.

Adopt a Resident:

~Mrs. Missy Anspach~



The holiday season is fast approaching. The students and staff at CIS will be participating in a program at the Delaware Hospital for the Chronically Ill. It is called Adopt-a-Resident. Each team will receive a resident. The students will be given a sheet telling them the person's name, things they like, and their "wish list". Students may bring in their item (unwrapped) and give it to Mrs. Anspach. In December the items will be delivered to the hospital.

This brightens up the holidays for individuals that would not be getting anything. Thank you in advance for your support. Let's make it a Happy Holiday Season for all!

Nurse's Corner

~ Mrs. Christina Edge~



All living things need water to survive. Along with milk, plain water is the best drink choice for kids. Why? It's super healthy with zero calories & no added sugar. It good for the body - keeps joints, bones and teeth healthy, helps the blood circulate, and can help kids maintain a healthy weight into adulthood. Being well hydrated improves mood, memory and attention in children. Make sure to send your child to school with a water bottle so they can hydrate throughout the day & continue to learn to best of their ability!



#EAGLEUP

Student of the Month:

~October~

Reshetar	Justyn Olah	Urian	Cole Farrow
Hoye	Paisley Massey	Webb	Isaiah Dixon
Vitale/ Kowalczyk	Brandon August		
Quarles	James Stock	Preisich	Adam Bah
VanNess	Joey Hall	Voshell	Jacob Hall
Hutchinson	Marissa Hipkins	Matthews	Sean Taylor
McClain/ Boyer	Sammie Mancini	Wright/ Boyer	Bella Burris
Swift	Dean Kemp	Willis	Gianna Velazquez
Bloemker	Damian Estrada	Coverdale	Jackson Graff
Deppish	Hannah Funk	Cini	Ava Elias
Technology /Bivins	Daniel South	Gym/ Conn	Addison Cote
Art/ Crawford	Clemenceau Louder	Music/ Carpenter	London Johnson
Band- Chorus/ McCutchan	Elias Baylis		

Student Council:

~Mrs. Jody Crawford~

October was a busy month for the Student Council! We began the month with sales of pink items. The CIS Student Council was able to raise \$516.21 for the Delaware Breast Cancer Coalition. Many students and teachers wore pink on October 15th to show their support.

Next we planned for our Student Council officer elections. All students who ran for office read a speech on the announcements, made posters and campaigned for the office they chose.

Congratulations to our 2021-2022 officers:

- Historian: **Joey Hall**
- Secretary: **Kojo Gillet-Spio**
- Treasurer: **Jacob Hall**
- Vice President: **Grace Walker**
- President: **Maddison Miller**

We also had our Halloween Dance Friday October 29th. The dance was attended by over half of our students. There were games, music, prizes and food. A Lot of fun was had! Thank you to the parent chaperones as well as teacher's for all of your help during the dance. We couldn't have done it without you!

In November we will be having our annual food drive to support the Smyrna Middle School Food Bank. Please see the flyer in this newsletter in addition below is the google link for more information:

<https://docs.google.com/document/d/1hDIhcJVi5uH2NV4QOSgJ2hLKt3-zwW3gjih9Ls0DIw4/edit?usp=sharing>

As always, thank you for all of your support!

Home & School

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Ms Marcy Gomez, Guidance Counselor

SHORT NOTES

Celebrate progress

Suggest that your youngster create a fun reminder of all the things she has accomplished. Let her cover a container with construction paper and label it "I did it!" Then, she can write each success ("I memorized my times tables") on a slip of paper and put it in the container. If she's feeling discouraged, have her read the slips.

Excellent attendance

Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Try to schedule appointments and family trips outside of school hours. If he asks to stay home "just because," remind him of what he'll miss, such as his reading group or art class. Explain that he can be absent only if he's sick or if there's a family emergency.

Eat meals together

You may have heard that it's important for families to eat dinner together. But other meals count, too. If you work in the evenings, maybe you could make time for a family breakfast. On a weekend, try a picnic lunch! Research shows that children who regularly eat meals with their families tend to do better in school and avoid risky behavior.

Worth quoting

"The best way to cheer yourself up is to try to cheer somebody else up!"
Mark Twain

JUST FOR FUN

Q: What's yellow and smells just like green paint?

A: Yellow paint.



Homework solutions that work

Like an actor rehearsing his lines or a batter working on his swing, your child does homework to practice what he learns in school. And if he's like most youngsters, homework brings occasional challenges. Here are solutions to common problems he might face.

Getting started

When your child gets home from school or after-school care, he might want to relax for a little while, or he may want to jump right in and work. Have him try each method for one week and keep track of how it goes. He could write notes in each day's calendar square. ("Went great!" or "Hard time getting started.") After two weeks, he can review the notes to see which routine worked best.

Staying motivated

Does your youngster ever feel restless when he's doing homework? Suggest that he get up and move to a new spot. For example, he might finish his vocabulary assignment at the kitchen table and then read his science chapter on the



porch. A planned break (say, to have a snack or take a walk) can also give him a second wind.

Solving problems

Help your child make a list of strategies he can use when he gets stuck. For a math assignment, he might try tools like a number line or find sample problems in his book. When he's reading, he could look up words in a dictionary or reread a paragraph. *Tip:* If he's still stumped, he might call a friend or write down his question to ask his teacher the next day.♥

Family teamwork

Whether your youngsters are doing a group project or playing Hacky Sack, a team effort is needed. Everyone's a winner with these games that will show them teamwork in action.

Lower the yardstick. Together, hold a yardstick horizontally so that everyone has one finger underneath. Then, lower the yardstick to the ground—but if anyone's finger drops away, you have to start over. See how many tries it takes to get the yardstick to the floor.

Pass the ball. Sit in a circle with your feet out toward the center. Pass a ball around the circle—using only your feet. How many times can the ball go around before it drops on the ground?♥



Good consequences

Behaving well and working hard pay off! Help your child see the results of her efforts—you'll find yourself scolding her less often as she learns self-discipline.

Tie good behavior to nice outcomes.

If your youngster is quiet when you're on the phone, you might say, "You were so patient while I made that call. Would you like to play a game now?" Or when she goes to bed without a struggle, point out how energetic she seems the next morning.



Recognize success. Maybe you'd like your child's room to be neater. Tell her that if she keeps it clean for a month, you'll help her rearrange or redecorate it. By that time, picking up will probably be a habit. And she'll enjoy her room so much that she'll be motivated to keep it that way.

Tip: Try not to use rewards like toys or food. You'll train your youngster to expect something in exchange for behaving well. Plus, offering food as a reward can lead to unhealthy eating habits.♥



Ready, set, pretend!

No matter how old your youngster is, pretending can boost her creativity and teach her to think abstractly. Try these activities:



- Ask your child to close her eyes and imagine she's a person she has studied (explorer, inventor) or that she's visiting a place she has learned about (White House, rain forest). Encourage her to describe what she sees, hears, and smells. In the rain forest, for example, she might see colorful birds, hear monkeys howling, and smell damp leaves.

- Pick a random object (sponge). Have each family member list creative uses for it (pincushion, hamster tumbling mat, ice pack). After three minutes, compare your lists. The person with the most ideas gets to pick the next item.♥

Q & A

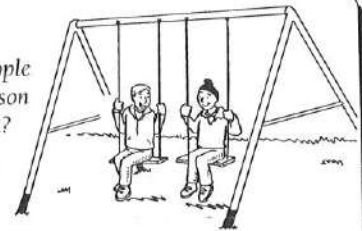
Respect differences

Q: We recently moved to an area where people speak several different languages, and our son has a lot of questions. How should we answer him?

A: It's great that your son is being exposed to a variety of cultures. You can use his curiosity to help him learn about respecting differences.

Explain that in many parts of the United States, people speak different languages, eat different foods, and wear different clothing than your family does. At the same time, they do many of the same things (play at the park, watch movies).

To help him understand, ask him to name one classmate who speaks English and one who speaks another language. Have him tell you something he has in common with each child (skateboarding, wearing sneakers) and one thing that they don't share (number of siblings, language spoken at home). He'll discover that language is just one of the many things that makes a person similar to or different from him.♥



PARENT TO PARENT

Talking to kids about money

My children were always asking to buy things such as dress-up shoes or new games. They didn't seem to understand that these items weren't in our budget.

I wanted them to learn about how we spend our money—and that it is limited. So I got a spiral notebook and labeled it "Family Spending Journal." I explained that for two weeks, everyone would keep a record of what they spent money on. I listed items like my subway

fare, the electric bill, and the taxes taken out of my paycheck. The children wrote down expenses such as school lunch, soccer cleats, and field trip fees.

After a few days, they were surprised by how many things we needed money for. Our kids had no idea, for example, that we paid for taxes on our income, several types of insurance, and membership in our homeowners' association. Sometimes they still ask to buy too many things at the store, but when I say no, at least they understand why.♥



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Canned Food Drive



November 1st – 19th

**** All food collected will be donated to the Smyrna Middle School Food Pantry.****

Items requested often include pasta, cereals, snack foods, canned meats and canned vegetables. All dry goods accepted.

The Student Council will also be creating holiday meal boxes which will include stuffing, cranberries, potatoes, vegetables and a dessert. Any donations of these items would be appreciated.

The homeroom that collects the most from each grade level will receive a prize!



5th Grade representatives should bring their canned goods to the gym at 9am Mondays and Wednesdays and 6th Grade should bring theirs Tuesdays and Thursdays.