
CES News

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A Message from Mrs. Moyer, Principal

We have had an amazing start to the year. Our students have adjusted well to school and have already started working hard on their academics.

The week of September 19th we raised awareness for Pediatric Cancer in honor of one of our students, Jourdyn Pierre who is a pediatric cancer patient. On Monday students wore gold/yellow shirts, Tuesday they wore gold/yellow socks, Wednesday was "Favorite Team" day, Thursday was Super Hero Day, and Friday we went all out wearing All Gold! In addition, students were able to purchase gold bracelets at lunch and we raised a total of \$533 which was donated to Nemours Hospital Pediatric Cancer Unit. We are so proud of our students for showing such great compassion.

Next month is full of wonderful events as well. First through fourth grade will be visiting the Clayton Fire House on Monday, October 10th. On October 12th the Clayton Fire House will be coming to CES to visit our Kindergarten.

On October 13th we will have our annual Fall Festival at Clayton Elementary School. The cost is \$5.00 per child if you purchase a wristband in advance or \$6.00 at the gate. It is always an amazingly fun time for all of our students. There will be unlimited games, a hayride, a haunted hallway, a book walk, and a craft. We hope our families can join us for a fun-filled event.

The Joe Corbis fundraiser must be picked up on Tuesday, October 18th from 4pm-6pm. Unfortunately, we do not have room to store any items that are not picked up, so please make a plan to have someone pick up your order.

Just a friendly reminder that Picture Day is Friday, October 21.

The week of Monday, October 17th we will celebrate Breast Cancer Awareness. Look for the flyer that will be sent home stating the different events and fundraisers.

We will have our annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31. Students can come to school wearing their costumes. The parade will begin at 2:00 p.m. and parents are welcome to join us outside for the parade. Once the parade is finished, students will return to their class. We ask that parents do not enter the building after the parade due to limited spacing. However, if you would like to sign out your child for the day, we will have sign-out tables under the awning outside our main office.

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>



A Message from Mr. Daws, Associate Principal

We have had an extremely successful start to the school year and our students are really getting into a solid routine. From entering the building, finding their way to their classrooms, navigating the cafeteria, and managing the overall logistics of the daily grind, we couldn't be prouder of how our CES Eagles have shown their understanding of one of our District's Core Values: Perseverance. We definitely had some wanderers and tears along the way, but our kids pushed through and are now getting around like seasoned veterans.

As we begin to transition into cooler weather, it is extremely important that your child comes to school each day with weather-appropriate attire such as a sweatshirt, coat, gloves, etc. Also, PLEASE label your child's items in case something mistakenly gets left on the playground, the bus, or any other location within and around the building. Our lost and found gets filled up quickly and we definitely want your child returning home with everything they came with.

We look forward to continue our partnership in ensuring your child(ren)'s success.





STUDENT OF THE MONTH and CORE VALUE CHAMPION

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 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 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 September, the Core Value was RESPECT.

SEPTEMBER STUDENT of THE MONTH

KN	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Chase Riley	Briana Walls	Hunter Stevens	Jourdyn Pierre	Aiva Watson
Finley Caruthers	Brinley Katz	Farrah Frey	Londyn Williams	Elisha Newman
Kendall Tracey	Laiya Lucas	Kennedy Mears	Alexis LeBloch	Carter Brown
Lane Barthelmeh	Gabriella Maxwell	Ekemini Effiong	Ian Simpson	Victoria Bell
			Daylen Flores	Austin McCloskey

SEPTEMBER CORE VALUE CHAMPION: RESPECT

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School Nurse News



Karen Jones RN, BSN

Staying Healthy During Cold & Flu Season

We have made it through one month of school and it has been great seeing all the kids' smiling faces. With colder weather approaching unfortunately so is cold and flu season. COVID-19 and the flu are both contagious respiratory illnesses that are caused by different viruses. You cannot tell the difference between

flu and COVID-19 just by looking at the symptoms that is why it is important to continue testing to confirm a diagnosis.

ALLERGIES, COLD, FLU AND COVID-19
Most common symptoms for each

SYMPTOMS	Allergies	Cold	Flu	COVID-19
Body aches		✓		sometimes
Chills		rarely	✓	sometimes
Dry cough	✓	✓	✓	✓
Fatigue	sometimes	✓	✓	✓
Fever		rarely	✓	✓
Headache	✓	rarely	✓	sometimes
Itchy eyes	✓			
Loss of taste/smell	sometimes	rarely	sometimes	✓
Nasal congestion	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Nausea/vomiting/diarrhea		sometimes	sometimes	sometimes
Runny nose	✓	✓	✓	rarely
Sneezing	✓	✓	✓	sometimes
Sore throat	sometimes	✓	✓	sometimes
Shortness of breath	sometimes	rarely	✓	✓

The best way to combat the flu, covid and other illnesses this season is through preventive measures.

- ❖ Wash your hands frequently with soap and water for 20 seconds or use hand sanitizing gel.
- ❖ Get your flu vaccine and discuss with your health care provider if you are due for other vaccinations.
- ❖ Stay home and limit your contact with others if you are sick.
- ❖ Avoid touching your nose, mouth, and eyes.
- ❖ Avoid sharing eating utensils and sharing drinks.
- ❖ Get enough sleep
- ❖ Eat right and exercise regularly

Please do NOT send your child to school if he/she has or has had:

- ✚ A fever more than 100.1 degrees within the last 24 hours. Must be fever free without the aid of medication for 24 hours.
- ✚ Vomiting or diarrhea within the last 24 hours
- ✚ Continuous coughing, not relieved with cough medicine

https://www.beaumont.org/images/default-source/covid-19/allergies-cold-flu-covid.jpg?sfvrsn=57433e5_4

<https://www.cdc.gov/flu/symptoms/flu-vs-covid19.htm>

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Sarah Yatskevich, School Counselor

Greetings CES families

It has been a pleasure meeting with all of our students during our monthly classroom guidance lessons. It was great to see familiar faces and welcome those who are new to Clayton Elementary. For the month of October, we will be focusing on listening and empathy/compassion. Our kindergarten and first graders will complete a lesson on the importance of listening and what whole body listening looks like when we read *Howard B. Wigglebottom Learns to Listen*. In second grade, we will focus on compassion when we read *Hey, Little Ant*. In third and fourth grade, we will also discuss the importance of compassion and empathy when we read *The Invisible Boy*. I am hoping by the end of October, that I will have small groups running as well. If your child is recommended for a group, I will reach out to let you know more about the group and send home a permission slip for them to participate.

This year at CES, we are going to have a social emotional learning (SEL) topic of the month. These topics will be the focus of the month through daily questions that are read over the announcements and then can be discussed throughout the day. Topics cover a wide range of essential skills like having a growth mindset, conflict resolution, and feelings identification that will help get kids thinking about and discussing how these skills can help them in life. This month, we will focus on **FRIENDSHIP**. Some stories that can be read at home to reinforce the concept of healthy friendships include: Enemy Pie by Derek Munson, The Rainbow Fish by Marcus Pfister, and A Sick Day for Amos McGee by Phillip Stead. Some questions that you can ask your child about friendship include:

- Are you happy with the friendships you have? Why or why not?
- Would you rather have one close friend, or five friends that you are not as close to? Why?
- What do you think makes up a healthy friendship?

As always, if you have any questions or concerns about your child's social and emotional well-being, please feel free to reach out via phone or email at 302-653-8587 or sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us



Important Dates in October:

10/10 - Field Trip to Clayton Firehouse

- 1st grade 9:15 – 10:15 am
- 2nd grade 10:30 – 11:30 am
- 4th grade 11:45 – 12:45 pm
- 3rd grade 2:00 – 3:00 pm

10/12 – Clayton Firehouse visits our Kindergarten students

10/13 – Color Wars Pep Rally – wear your class color t-shirts
CES Fall Festival – 5:30-7:30 pm
10/14 – Professional Development Day – No School for students
10/17-10/21 – Breast Cancer Awareness & Bookfair Week
10/17 – Pajama Day – School Appropriate
10/18 – Twin Day – dress the same as a friend or teacher
10/19 – Team Spirit – wear your favorite team shirt/jersey
10/20 – Pink Out – wear as much pink as possible
10/21 – Picture Day – dress to impress
10/22 – District Fall Festival @ SHS 2-6 pm
10/26 – PTO meeting @ 5 pm in our cafeteria
10/31 – Halloween parade – 2 pm

Upcoming Dates in November:

11/4 – Professional Development Day – No School for students
11/8 – Election Day – Schools Closed
11/11 – Veterans Day – Schools Closed
11/21 – Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School for students
11/22 - Parent/Teacher Conferences – No School for students
11/23-25 – Thanksgiving Break – Schools Closed



CES Reminders, procedures, and expectations

Birthdays

- Store bought food items ONLY can be brought into the school for your child's birthday. No balloons or gift bags please! Students can eat treats, but there will not be individual birthday parties.

Lunches

- Visitors will be able to come to Special Occasion lunches only due to spacing and timing. Invitations will be sent home for these occasions.
- Packed lunches should be from home only. Please do not drop off fast food lunches for your child such as McDonalds.

Holidays and parties

- Holidays and parties may occur throughout the year. These events will be teacher invitation only and may be limited due to spacing.

Absences

- A parent note or doctor note is REQUIRED after your child's absence.
- 10 parent notes per year are accepted as EXCUSED absences.
- After 10 unexcused absences, a mandatory meeting will be held and a plan will be put in place.
- 3 consecutive absences will require a doctor's note excusal.

Change in transportation

- If there is any change in transportation, the request MUST be put in writing prior to 2:00 p.m. otherwise there is no guarantee the change can be made. Requests can be sent to school with your child or you can send an email to the front office (not the teacher) at whitney.hitchens@smyrna.k12.de.us or brenda.darrell@smyrna.k12.de.us

Coats/Jackets/Lunchboxes/Personal items

- Please write your child's name on all personal items. Each year the lost and found items become overwhelming and unclaimed, which leads to a large donation of unclaimed items.

Bus Lane

- Absolutely NO CARS should enter the bus lane if there is a bus present. Even if there is only 1 bus, we still must maintain the safety of our children and we cannot have vehicles moving through the bus lane.

Code of Conduct

- The student code of conduct for the Smyrna School District is located on our website <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/Page/897>

Home Access Center

- You can access your child's current grades, report cards, and attendance through our Home Access Center. Please contact our front office if you do not have a username and password.

1:1 Distribution

- All students will receive a chromebook, charger, and case upon receiving the signed Chromebook agreement.

Communication Tree for student concerns

- To ensure that parental concerns or issues are heard by the appropriate individual who can resolve the issue at the point of origin and provide a direct response, we ask that parents follow the School's Communication Tree outlined below. It is the intent to resolve concerns and issues during the earliest steps with the individual(s) directly involved with the concerns.
 - Step 1) In the event of a concern, a parent should contact the teacher, who is directly involved with the concern or situation.
 - Step 2) If a parent has completed Step 1 and feels that the issue/concern was not remedied, they should contact the building Principal
 - Please know that when a complaint or concern is shared by a parent with administration regarding an employee, the concern must be shared with that employee.