
CES News

October 2023



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.

In honor of Jourdyn Pierre and Remington Welch, we raised awareness for Pediatric Cancer by selling gold bracelets at lunch. All proceeds will go to Nemours Hospital Pediatric Cancer Unit. In addition, we wore gold shirts, dressed as superheroes, and wore our favorite team's gear. We are so proud of the compassion among our students.

On October 10th our students in grades 1st through 4th will visit the Clayton Fire House for an educational tour. Students will walk with their teachers from Clayton Elementary School to the Fire House. On October 11th the Clayton Fire Company will visit our Kindergarten classes for a presentation.

On October 12th 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 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.

Just a friendly reminder that Picture Day is Thursday, October 19th.

We will have our annual Halloween Parade on Monday, October 31. Students can come to school wearing their costumes. The parade will begin at approximately 2:00 p.m. and parents are welcome to join us outside for the parade.

Important Dates:

October 9-18 – Breast Cancer Awareness (Socks for sale at lunch)

October 12-20 – Book Fair

October 13 – Staff Professional Learning – no school for students

October 14 – The Great Clayton 5K sponsored by our PTO

October 19 – Picture Day

October 31 – Halloween Parade

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 have had some wanderers and tears along the way, but our kids pushed through and are now getting around like seasoned veterans.

A reminder that breakfast is available to purchase for all students starting at 8:30am. The cost is \$0.80. If your child is to get breakfast, please remind them that morning to go straight to the cafeteria upon arriving to school.

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 want your child returning home with everything they came with. We look forward to continuing our partnership in ensuring your child(ren)'s success.



Sarah Yatskevich, School Counselor

Greetings CES families It has been a pleasure meeting with all 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, empathy/compassion, thinking before speaking, and growth mindset. Our kindergarten and first graders will complete a lesson on the importance of listening and what the whole body listening looks like. In second grade, we will focus on the importance of choosing our words wisely and how they can have either a positive or negative impact. In third grade, we will complete a unit on kindness and empathy. Lastly, in fourth grade we will discuss the value of a growth mindset. Small groups have also started for those students who were recommended. Groups will meet once a week for a total of 8 sessions for those students. As always if you have any social emotional learning related questions or concerns, please feel free to reach out to me at 302-653-8587 or via email at sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us



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/treat, their name read on the announcements, as well as their picture taken and placed on the Student of the Month bulletin board.

SEPTEMBER STUDENT of THE MONTH

KN	1st	2nd	3rd	4th
Camryn Hartnett	Lyanna Garcia-Perez	Kemet Woods	Daniel Smith	Joel Alvarez
Blake McCracken	Caleb Lewis	Wesley Parks	Arielle Jackson	Jaxson Crane
Layla Bell	Finley Caruthers	Sophia Poore	Sara Carney	Lawson Barthlemeh
Cy Davis	Lane Barthlemeh	Stephona Gibbs	Aniya Richards	Bria Grant
	Liam Roth		Tyler Santiago	

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.

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



Mrs. Massey's Reading Review

In order to maintain your child's reading success at home, here are some activities, strategies, and tools that may be helpful to consider as a family.

What can I do at Home, as a Home Coach?

- **Provide Opportunities to Read.** Read **with** your child, read aloud **to** your child, and/or observe him/her reading for 30 minutes. Taking breaks may be necessary. Consider your child's reading needs.
- **Eliminate distractions** (TV, phone, tablet, and computer).
- **Provide Opportunities For Strategy Practice.** Give your child the coaching he/she needs, when he/she needs it. Praise mistakes, such as "I like the way you fixed that on your own." Allow time to practice identifying holding a pattern by "reading" a book (for earliest readers), or to use other reading strategies found in fast, fun, and easy texts.
- **Discuss.** Talk about your day, and the books you are reading! Think and talk about the books afterward.
- **Sign your child's log sheet** and keep books in a central location for routine practice.
- **Love Reading.** Make reading a daily activity your whole family can enjoy!

Some Reading Apps to Consider:

ARC Bookshelf
(K-6)

Endless Alphabet
(PreKn-1)

Bob Books
(PreKn-1)

Epic Books
(PreKn-6)

Read, Read, Read & Love It!

"Research shows that reading aloud is the single most important thing you can do to help a child prepare for reading and learning." ReadAloud.org

