

# CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

## MARCH NEWSLETTER

### Principal's Message

HELLO AMAZING CES FAMILIES AND HAPPY MARCH.

AS MARCH BEGINS, WE WILL CELEBRATE READ ACROSS AMERICA AND THE LOVE OF READING. WE START WITH GUEST READERS JOINING OUR CLASSROOMS TO READ TO OUR STUDENTS. WE WILL CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF READING EACH DAY FOR THE FIRST WEEK OF SCHOOL. IN ADDITION, WE WILL TIE IN OUR LOVE OF READING WITH KINDNESS WEEK. WE ARE SO EXCITED TO CELEBRATE THE LOVE OF READING AND SHOWING RESPECT TO ALL!

MARCH 9<sup>TH</sup> IS THE DISTRICT'S I LOVE SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT DAY. WE ARE VERY EXCITED TO CELEBRATE OUR AMAZING DISTRICT WITH MANY PERFORMANCES BY OUR STUDENTS DISTRICT WIDE. PLEASE COME OUT TO VISIT THE VARIETY OF BUSINESSES AND ORGANIZATIONS AS WELL. MRS. FITZWATER WILL HAVE A WONDERFUL ART DISPLAY IN THE AUDITORIUM ENTRANCE CREATED BY OUR STUDENTS. MRS. CARLSON'S CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL 3<sup>RD</sup> GRADE CHORUS WILL PERFORM AT 9:15A.M. AND THE KINDERGARTENERS WILL PERFORM AT 10:05A.M. IN THE SHS AUDITORIUM. THE CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL TABLE DISPLAY WILL BE IN THE SHS CAFETERIA. WE HOPE TO SEE YOU ALL THERE!

JUST A REMINDER THAT THERE ARE TWO PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT DAYS IN MARCH FOR THE TEACHERS, WHICH MEANS THE STUDENTS DO NOT HAVE SCHOOL. THE PD DAYS ARE FRIDAY, MARCH 8<sup>TH</sup> AND THURSDAY, MARCH 28<sup>TH</sup>.

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](https://www.facebook.com/CLAYTONELEMENTARYSCHOOL)

INSTAGRAM @CLAYTON\_EAGLES

SCHOOL WEBSITE [HTTPS://WWW.SMYRNA.K12.DE.US/CES](https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/CES)

IMPORTANT DATES:

MARCH 1-MARCH 7 - READ ACROSS AMERICA AND RESPECT WEEK

MARCH 8 - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MARCH 9 - I LOVE SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT DAY AT SMYRNA HIGH SCHOOL

MARCH 15 - WEAR GREEN DAY

MARCH 18 - SPRING PICTURES

MARCH 21 - PUMPING UP FOR KN AT NORTH SMYRNA ELEMENTARY 6:00 P.M.

MARCH 28 - PROFESSIONAL LEARNING - NO SCHOOL FOR STUDENTS

MARCH 29-APRIL 5 - SPRING BREAK



## A MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, MR. DAWS

SPRING IS RIGHT AROUND THE CORNER, BUT WE KNOW HOW MOTHER NATURE LIKES TO TRICK US IN MARCH. PLEASE MAKE SURE YOU ARE MONITORING THE WEATHER DAILY AND THAT YOUR CHILD IS DRESSED APPROPRIATELY FOR SCHOOL. THE CONSTANT UPS AND DOWNS IN THE WEATHER CAN THROW US FOR A LOOP AND I DON'T WANT TO SEE ANYONE CAUGHT UNPREPARED. IF YOUR CHILD MISSES SCHOOL, YOU CAN SUBMIT A PARENT NOTE OR DR EXCUSE DIRECTLY TO OUR REGISTRATION ASSISTANT TRACI BROWN AT [TRACI.BROWN@SMYRNA.K12.DE.US](mailto:TRACI.BROWN@SMYRNA.K12.DE.US)

AS THE WEATHER BEGINS TO IMPROVE AND THE DAYS ARE GETTING LONGER AND WARMER, PLEASE REINFORCE WITH YOUR STUDENT THE IMPORTANCE OF MAINTAINING THEIR FOCUS ON THEIR ACADEMICS, SCHOOL BEHAVIOR, AND OUR SMYRNA SCHOOL DISTRICT CORE VALUES OF RESPECT, RESPONSIBILITY, PERSEVERANCE, COMPASSION, AND INTEGRITY

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, WE ARE HERE TO WORK WITH YOU. THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE HOME AND SCHOOL IS CRITICAL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS.



### Greetings CES families

Last month during classroom guidance lessons, I had good discussions with our students about what makes them special, unique, and awesome. This month, we are switching gears to focus on some social skill areas that can be difficult for kids and adults of all ages. It is always good to go back and brush up on some of these important skills. In kindergarten and first grade, we will focus on identifying and expressing our feelings. In second grade, we will focus on the importance of self-esteem and how healthy self-esteem can help us in our day-to-day experiences. In third grade, we will focus on what is in and out of our circle of control and how to manage problems that arise. In fourth grade, we will focus on healthy friendships and the importance of conflict resolution skills. All these essential skills help give our students the tools they will surely need and use daily for many years to come. If you have any 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](mailto:sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us)

**Let's Get Ready to  
Read Across America**



What is Read Across America?

Read Across America is an annual event celebrated on or near March 2<sup>nd</sup>. It is a nationwide reading celebration that was created by the National Education Association (NEA) in 1997 to promote literacy and encourage a love of reading among children.

**REASONS WHY WE LOVE READ ACROSS AMERICA WEEK:**

1. **Reading is awesome!** Whether you're looking for fiction or self-help, knowledge about a certain topic, or just a good time, there is a book for everything. Read Across America promotes reading to young children and helps in developing good habits at an early stage.
2. **Reading is healthy!** Reading improves brain activity, aids sleep readiness, and reduces stress. Reading can lower your blood pressure and heart rate and can even fight symptoms of depression.
3. **Reading makes you smarter!** Reading, of any kind, increases vocabulary and comprehension skills. It drastically increases our knowledge on various topics and makes us more intelligent. Reading stimulates the brain, improves our memory, and even makes us better writers.

***Overall, Read Across America is an important event that helps to promote literacy, encourage a love of reading, and build community among children and families.***

You're never too old, too wacky, too wild,  
To pick up a book and read with a child.  
You're never too busy, too cool, or too hot,  
To pick up a book and share what you've got.  
In schools and communities,  
Let's gather around,  
Let's pick up a book,  
Let's pass it around.  
There are kids all around you,  
Kids who will need  
Someone to hug,  
Someone to read.  
Come join us March 2nd  
Your own special way  
And make this America's  
Read to Kids Day.

# Student OF THE MONTH

| Kindergarten    | First Grade     | Second Grade   | Third Grade     | Fourth Grade   |
|-----------------|-----------------|----------------|-----------------|----------------|
| David Ezeani    | Hailey Dennis   | Carly Haggerty | Daisy Burchett  | Quinn Corderio |
| Samuka Kanneh   | Emily Gaffney   | Keegan Kreer   | Ekemini Effiong | Kaleigh Martin |
| Clay Maloney    | Brooklyn Massey | Julia Mercurio | Kennedy Mears   | Sophia Uhey    |
| Isabella Rhoads | Robert Perry    | Brooklyn Pryor | Emma Venella    | Raelyn Winder  |
|                 | Nash Van Ness   |                | Thomas Weems    |                |

ORDER YOUR  
YEARBOOK  
TODAY!

**REMINDER! YEARBOOK SALES HAVE BEGUN!!!**  
**PRE-ORDERS WILL END APRIL 5<sup>TH</sup>. YEARBOOKS ARE \$20**



## Important information from Nurse Jones

Flu, Fever, Strep, COVID – oh my! Yes, they are all still around.

### Health Reminders:

A healthy school environment requires the cooperation and effort of us all working together. During this time of year, we tend to see a higher incidence of strep throat, respiratory and gastrointestinal illnesses. Some ways to help protect students and their families from many of these airborne illnesses are to wash hands frequently with soap and water, avoid touching eyes, nose, and mouth with hands.

Please, speak with your students about visiting the nurse's office. There is an increase in visits from many students and your children are at risk of contracting an illness during these visits. An example would be asking the nurse for water bottles and shoes for gym. Please, help by sending them with a water bottle to school and have them wear their sneakers on gym day.

*~Remember the 24 Hour Rule of Thumb~*

### **Students may return to school after the following:**

**-24 hours** without a temperature/fever (>100 degrees Fahrenheit) **and without** taking fever reducing medications such as Tylenol or Advil/Motrin.

**-24 hours** without nausea, vomiting, diarrhea (**and** tolerating a normal diet).

**-24 hours** of receiving medication for treatment of illness/infection (such as antibiotics, eye ointments).

If your child still seems tired, pale, with little appetite, not tolerating solid foods, and generally "not him/herself", **PLEASE do not** send him/her to school. Some viral illnesses may take longer before your child is well enough to return to school. If you send your child to school to "see how they feel in a little while", you are potentially exposing him/her to a new virus that he/she may be more susceptible to contract.

## March is National Nutrition Month.

<https://www.nhlbi.nih.gov/health/educational/wecan/> is a national education program to give parents and communities a way to help children learn healthy eating habits and maintain a healthy weight. Involving them in meal preparation and cooking can motivate them to try new foods – and is a good way to spend time together as a family.

It's never too early or too late to eat healthfully! The benefits of healthy eating add up over time, bite by bite and small changes matter.