

Clay Hill Elementary Eagle News



Principal's Note:



Greetings Clay Hill Family!! The school year is off to a great start. With the implementation of three different learning models and everyone graciously making the necessary adjustments, I could not be more proud of our students, staff, parents, and community. You all have faced extraordinary times with elegance and poise. Please know that we are trying our best to ensure our students are receiving the best education possible considering the circumstances. As we continue to move forward through the year, we will strive to promote a healthy and safe environment for everyone. As time progress, we remain hopeful that we will soon overcome this hurdle and embark upon what will be our new normal.

April Sanders, CHES Principal

Curriculum Corner:

Hello All,
Happy New School Year! This has been an interesting year for students, faculty and staff. Even though students are being taught using a different modality, we will proceed with high expectations for students at Clay Hill Elementary School and academic growth is still expected. All students have taken the STAR test in reading and math for the school year. MAP testing for students in grades K-2 will be given in the same format. Please be on the lookout for information about MAP testing. Also, if your child(ren) is/are in Pre-Kindergarten; Mrs. Simmons has reached out to you about our MYIGDI's assessment. MYIGDI's is an assessment that is mandated by the South Carolina State Department of Education. It is given 3 times per year. It has to be given face to face so please adhere to the directions of Mrs. Simmons for bringing your children in. Also, It is time to begin with the Kindergarten Readiness Assessment (KRA). This assessment is for Kindergarten students and it is mandated by the South Carolina Department of Education. It is only given once per year. If your child is in kindergarten please adhere to the directions given by Mrs. Mitchell about bringing your child in for this assessment.

We look forward to having a great year where learning is taking place and growth is expected. Thanks for all you do to help us support your children!

- Nicole Bryant, Instructional Coach

Guidance Corner:

Happy fall you all!...October is the month to reinforce the character word "**Responsible**". Responsible means making good choices at home and at school to help you have a stress free life. I have been in the classrooms reinforcing students to share compliments with one another as much as possible. Students have role played ways to identify appropriate and inappropriate behavior to show respect. This is an exciting month with activities such as bully prevention, bus safety and drug awareness. Stay safe and know that I am here for you anytime!

Note of Encouragement: We must demonstrate a positive attitude toward work and the ability to work together.



Nurses Corner:



Welcome to a new school year! We are heading into a new year like none we have had before. Things will be different for sure. We will look a bit different with face masks but we will get through this together! Hand Hygiene will be our best friend this year in keeping everyone safe! Face coverings, hand hygiene, and physical distancing are the best way to prevent COVID-19. Students should practice social distancing when they are out of the house and this includes while at school. CHES is working to carefully monitor the health status of our school and community in relation to COVID-19.

Here are a few reminders as we begin our new school year. Every child and parent entering the building must wear a face mask. I am in the process of reviewing all emergency information and immunization records. Parents will be contacted if records are not in compliance with state guidelines. If your student has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform the school nurse. No medications can be administered without ALL the correct documents in place. Written permission is required from the parent and the doctor prescribing the medication. Please remember that all medication needs to be in its original packing and brought to the school, by a parent/guardian. I strongly encourage anyone that uses an inhaler or epinephrine pen to complete forms and have one kept in the nurse's office.

I look forward to a great school year and always remember we are in this together.

Tech Tips: How families can support students at home during distance learning.

- Treat media as you would any other environment in your student's life. The same guidelines apply at school and at home. Set limits; children need and expect them. Know what learning and gaming platforms, software, and apps your students are using, what sites they are visiting on the web, and what they are doing online.
- Make sure that you check your students learning applications such as Seesaw, and Google Classroom for assignments and additional learning opportunities.
- Create a family media agreement with tech free zones such as cars, bedrooms, and meals.

If you have any technology issues, please don't hesitate to call the school and ask for Dr. Ferguson, School Media Specialist!