Clay Hill Elementary Eagle News February 2021



Principal's Note:

February is a time to show love and appreciation to those closest to us. CHES Family, you are appreciated. With Valentine's Day around the corner, I wanted to remind you that homemade goodies are not allowed due to COVID-19. However, pre-packed items are fine.

Thus far, students have really put forth great effort to actively learn. However, I wanted to share a few reminders. Students who are face-to-face, please make sure you bring and wear a face mask daily. Hybrid students, make sure you log-in and actively participate in class. Virtual students, make sure you continuously submit work for review.

Upcoming Dates

- February 9th Reports Cards will be sent home.
- February 12th- Virtual Awards Program at 10:00 AM.
- February 15th- Presidents' Day- No School

My door is always open! Let me know if you need anything CHES!

April Sanders, CHES Principal

Curriculum Corner:

Greetings from the curriculum team! We would like to thank all parents for ensuring a successful middle of the year STAR assessments. Please contact your child's teacher to talk about his or her growth. We also thank parents and students for hanging in there during this virtual learning experience. We understand that this platform has not been easy for everyone, but we would like to make sure that students are getting the best experience that Clay Hill Elementary School can provide them with and obtain academic growth. Here are a few things you can do to help your child's teacher support their growth and development during the pandemic:

- 1. Ask the teacher questions about your child's behaviors and academic development during class times.
- 2. If you need any materials please feel free to contact the school if you are not able to access them.
- 3. If you are experiencing technical difficulties please contact your child's teacher/or the school.
- 4. Please talk with your child about their virtual learning and explain the importance of being attentive in the environment.
- 5. Last but not least, remember we are all in this together. If you have any questions or need any help please reach out to the support staff here at Clay Hill Elementary School.
- Nicole Bryant, Instructional Coach

Guidance Corner:

February's Character Word is Tolerance! Controlling your feelings and politely withstanding circumstances beyond your control. Helping others is the best gift! So help your child by telling them

they are "being helpful". Express disappointment in the action rather than the person, explaining why the action was wrong and how it affected others.

Laura Knight Schipmann, Counselor



Nurses Corner:

February is National Dental Health Month! Lifelong habits begin at home. Make dental health part of your daily routine and share these reminders with your whole family:

- Brush your teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially after breakfast and before bedtime. Drinking water after eating also helps to clear your teeth of food particles.
- 2. Floss every day. An adult should help children under the age of eight to floss. Older children should be ready to floss on their own.
- 3. Limit the number of times you eat snacks, especially the sticky ones and long lasting ones.
- 4. Visit a dentist regularly for a routine checkup and a cleaning.
- 5. Don't forget to change your tooth brush regularly, and after an illness.

Please remember to let us know if you have any changes in your home, work or cell numbers. Please do not hesitate to call your school nurse about any concerns regarding your child's health.

~Nurse Weathers



Tech Tips: Hello Parents

Notification from the Dorchester School District Four Technology Department

All district-issued student devices and email accounts are being monitored. We have reports indicating that some students are creating personal Zoom meetings and using their email accounts for non-academic purposes.

District-issued devices and accounts should be used for <u>ACADEMIC PURPOSES ONLY.</u> No device or email account should be used for personal communication with other individuals.

Parents of students who continue to misuse their privileges will be notified of their child's actions. Additionally, students risk the chance of having their Google account suspended and will have to return their Chromebook and/or mobile hotspot device to their school. If a Google account is suspended the student will not have access to various virtual classroom programs.

Dr. Ferguson, School Media Specialist