

CITYVIEW HAPPENINGS

January 2025

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School Hours: 8:05am-2:45pm
Cityview Main Office Hours: 7:00am-3:30pm
Main Office: (612) 668-2270

Principal's Message

Dear Cityview Families,

This past weekend, we celebrated STEM learning with presentations from our GEMS and GISE program students. We are so proud of all of their hard work! Students did an excellent job explaining their projects, and our staff members did a wonderful job supporting and preparing students. Thank you to our families for supporting participation in this program!!

During January, our Kindergarten through fifth grade students have been completing their winter assessments, the FastBridge screeners. The screeners help us to monitor student progress in reading and math. We use the information from the assessments to determine enrichment and support needs. Your child's teacher will share more at conferences on February 14th. Please reach out to your child's teacher to schedule your conference.

This year, we have a new foundational literacy skills curriculum called UFLI. The program provides students with daily instruction to develop their reading and spelling skills, and it is based on research on how we learn to read. The daily instruction is focused on phonemic awareness, alphabet knowledge, decoding and encoding skills, and oral reading fluency. The topics become more complex over time as students advance in grade levels. I would like to encourage you to ask your child about what they learn about each day, and to find time within your evening schedule for your child to read (or be read to aloud). Reading for 20 minutes each day has a dramatic impact on reading development. Your local library, or the Libby App from the library, are great resources for finding new and interesting books.

In addition to literacy, this year we have some new science kits from FOSS. The science kits are aligned to the science standards and support students in learning about and solving real-world problems. Students in Kindergarten through fifth grade are participating in these hands-on science lessons weekly during Science specialist class. With topics from animals to landforms, energy to motion and matter, students are learning content to prepare them for middle school, high school, and college and their future careers.

~ Renee Montague, Principal

Attendance/Absences:

On time arrival to school is essential for a successful year. Classroom instruction begins at 8:05am, and every minute is important! Students will be marked tardy after 8:15am. When your child is absent or tardy, please inform the front office at 612-668-2270.

Outdoor Recess during the Winter Months:

Students participate in recess daily, so please send your child prepared for outdoor recess, including a warm jacket, gloves, hats, snow pants, and boots.

Important Dates

February is I Love to Read Month!

Keep an eye out for announcements in backpacks, on our website, and on Facebook of opportunities to get involved in I Love to Read Month at Cityview!

- **February 10:** National African American Parent Involvement Day/Family Day at Cityview. 8:15-8:45 Curriculum Information/Budget; 9:00 2nd Grade Presentation; 1:30-2:15pm Money Smarts Assembly K-5. All families are invited to attend!
- **February 14:** Family/Teacher Conferences 8:00am-3:00pm (No School for Students)
- **February 17:** No School for Students (President's Day)
- **February 29:** No School for Students (teacher training day)
- **March 28:** No School for Students (grading day)
- **March 31-April 4:** No School for Students (Spring Break)
- **May:** Science Night (to be scheduled)
- **May 26:** No School for Students (Memorial Day)
- **June 6:** Last Day of School

Cityview- Things to Know:

Volunteer Opportunities: Please contact your child's teacher or the main office if you would like to volunteer at Cityview.

School Breakfast and Lunch: These are provided daily and are free for all students.

Preparing for Conferences: Winter conferences are a great time to learn about how your child is progressing. Please contact your child's teacher to schedule your conference.

Learn about the Culinary and Wellness services in Minneapolis at this [link](#) (or search the MPSchools.org website for the Whole Carrot Newsletter.)