

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL APRIL NEWSLETTER



A message from Mrs. Moyer:

Hello amazing CES Families...welcome to April!

On March 31st, the district held a "Pumping Up For Kindergarten" event at North Smyrna Elementary School. If you have a child entering kindergarten, please register with our secretary, Ashley Frey.

A few housekeeping reminders for parents...

- Our lost and found has accumulated many items including coats, sweatshirts, etc. Encourage your child to check the lost and found if they are missing any items.
- Make sure you send a water bottle with your child each day, especially as the days become warmer.
- Be sure to check your child's lunch account for funds. Money can be deposited into accounts in person or online.
- Check your child's book bag every day for completed work, important notes, reminders for upcoming events, etc.

Mark your calendars for important end of year events:

- April 2 – Autism Awareness (wear blue)
- April 3-10 – Spring Break
- April 17 – Professional Learning (no school for students)
- April 22 – Admin Assistant Day – Mrs. Brown and Ms. Frey
- April 20-24 – Bus Driver Appreciation
- April 28 – Superhero Day
- May 4-8 – Teacher Appreciation
- May 11-15 – State Testing for 3rd & 4th Grade
- May 21 – Field Day
- May 22 – Professional Learning (no school for students)
- May 25 – Memorial Day (no school)
- May 29 – May Fair
- June 10 – KN Moving Up Ceremony 9:15
4th Grade Fly Away Ceremony 1:15
- June 11 – Last student Day

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 Mrs. Buchanan:

Dear Families,

Happy April! It's wonderful to see the signs of spring and feel the renewed energy throughout our school. With warmer weather here, we are excited to spend more time outdoors enjoying fresh air, play, and connection with one another. This month also includes Spring Break—a perfect opportunity for students and families to rest, recharge, and spend meaningful time together. Whether your plans are big or small, we hope this break brings you joy and special moments with your children.

We are so proud of the dedication our students showed to reading this past month. The students made our first CES Read-a-Thon a success! Their excitement for reading was incredible, and many students earned wonderful prizes for their hard work—including extra recess, lunch with a friend and lunch with the principal. I really enjoyed the opportunity to get to know a few of our students a little better during our lunches. Thank you so much to all our families for supporting our Read-A-Thon. Building strong reading habits at home continues to be one of the best ways to support your child's learning. Even a few minutes each day can make a big difference, and we encourage you to keep that reading momentum going. Thank you for your continued support and partnership—we are so grateful to work together to help our students grow and succeed each day.

Sincerely,

Mrs. Buchanan



March Student of the Month- Compassion

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

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
Brayden Kirk	Dennis Amoako	Julia Hall	Tessa Willis	Gabriel Velazquez
Carter McLain	Drake Nash	Layla Bell	Sara Witherite	Trinity Robertson
Josie Ulibarri	Morrigan McMullen	Mickayla Warner	Riley Adamczyk	Kayla Richard
Carter Parks	Ellie Mears	Rhyann Swain-Moore	Chase Riley	Mata Thiam
Leila Long	Sophia Durham		Aubree Shutter	



MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
		1 3 rd grade field trip Board Meeting	2 Autism Awareness	3 SPRING BREAK
6 SPRING BREAK	7 SPRING BREAK	8 SPRING BREAK	9 SPRING BREAK	10 SPRING BREAK
13	14	15	16	17 Professional Learning No school for students
20 Bus driver appreciation week	21	22 Admin Assistant Day	23	24
27 1 st grade field trip (Campbell, Dortch, Peal)	28 1 st grade field trip (Bowser & Seibert) <u>Super Hero Day</u>	29	30	
Notes: Students should be at 484 <u>IRLA STEPS</u> by the end of April.				

A message from Nurse Jones:

Allergy & Asthma Season Is Here!

Spring brings increased allergens like pollen, dust mites, mold, pet dander, and smoke. These can trigger allergy symptoms (sneezing, itchy eyes, runny nose) and even asthma attacks.

Asthma causes narrowed airways, leading to wheezing, shortness of breath, chest tightness, and coughing. While it can't be cured, it can be managed. Common triggers include pollen, infections, pollution, exercise, and cold air.

Tips to Manage Allergies & Asthma

- Avoid or reduce exposure to triggers
- Shower and change after being outdoors
- Keep windows closed; use AC or HEPA filters
- Monitor weather for high pollen days
- Talk to your doctor about medications
- Track your child's triggers with a diary
- Wear a medical alert bracelet for severe allergies
- Have an updated emergency action plan on file (school & home)
- Call 911 immediately for severe reactions



Spring Cleaning Safety

- Change smoke detector batteries
- Clean out medicine cabinets
- Check product recalls and remove broken toys

Medication Safety

Do **not** flush old medications. Dispose of them safely at designated collection sites.

Atlantic apothecary will take all types of medications

Smyrna Police Department will take solids: no liquid, needles or aerosolized medications

