

CLAYTON ELEMENTARY

MAY NEWSLETTER

A message from Mrs. Moyer:

This school year has flown by, and the summer is quickly approaching.

We are fortunate to have the opportunity to recognize many special people in our school – the Administrative Assistants (Mrs. Brown and Ms. Frey), the school nurse (Nurse Jones), the amazing cafeteria staff, and all of our Teachers for Teacher Appreciation Week. We are beyond grateful for our wonderful staff and their dedication to our students.

May and June are full of many important events. Teachers will be communicating with you about these important dates, but I've listed them in this Newsletter as well. June 9th will be the End of Year Ceremonies for our Kindergarten and 4th grade classes. Kindergarten will begin at 9:15 a.m. and 4th grade will begin at 2:00 p.m.

A reminder of a few housekeeping items...

- 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.

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>

A message from Mrs. Buchanan:

Happy May! I hope that everyone had a great spring break and they are ready to finish the year strong! Our 3rd and 4th grade students will begin their state testing next week and they are ready to show what they know! The whole school is ready to show their support by decorating hallways, sharing words of encouragement and putting on a "Glow Party" to help get the students pumped up for testing! They will certainly GLOW on the state test!

Please encourage your student to bring a charged Chromebook each day of state testing, eat a great breakfast and to do their personal best.

It is that time of year where we will soon begin collecting Chromebooks. Each student was issued a Chromebook, a black Chromebook bag and a charger. If your student is missing any of these items please let me know at melissa.buchanan@smyrna.k12.de.us

MAY & JUNE

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI
			1 Mid Trimester 3	2
5 Teacher Appreciation State Testing	6 Teacher Appreciation State Testing	7 Teacher Appreciation State Testing	8 Teacher Appreciation State Testing	9 Teacher Appreciation State Testing
12	13	14 2 nd gr performance 6:30	15	16 May Fair 5:30-7:00
19	20	21 4 th gr Ukelele 6pm 4 th gr chorus 6:30	22	23 3 rd gr Mini Society
26 No School	27	28	29	30 Field Day
June 2	3	4	5	6
9 KN Ceremony 9:15 4 th Gr Ceremony 2pm	10 Last Student Day	11	12	13



As we begin to wrap up this year's classroom guidance lessons, I want to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed building relationships with our students. I have thoroughly enjoyed working with all of our 2nd and 3rd grade students weekly in our SEL related arts and it has been great being able to go into all the K-1 and 4TH grade classes every month to help our students build their knowledge and practice of essential skills such as being responsible, showing kindness and empathy, effective conflict resolution, cooperation, perseverance, and connecting education to the world of work. Our last classroom guidance lesson of the year will focus on summer safety for kindergarten and first grade students. In second and third grade, we will continue to discuss the world of work and how all careers begin here in elementary school. In fourth grade, we will end by reflecting on our time here at Clayton Elementary and look toward the future as students look forward to their next chapter at CIS. As a reminder, please know that I am available to meet with students to help work through any issues or concerns that may come up during the remainder of the school year. Please feel free to reach out via phone at 302-653-8587 or via email at sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us if you have any SEL related questions or concerns.



It is hard to believe that we are coming to the end of the school year. I have enjoyed helping care for the health needs of your children this year! There are many things to think about as we approach the end of school. Here are just a few reminders:

End of School Year Medication Pick up – Please pick up ALL medications from the school clinic by 4pm on Tuesday, June 10th. If medication is not picked up it will be considered abandoned. Abandoned medication will be destroyed in accordance with local, state, and federal laws. We do NOT keep any medications in the clinic over the summer.

New Health Forms/Meds for the 2025-26 School Year - With each new school year, it is necessary to update your child's Health Forms in the school clinic. All students with medical conditions (i.e. Asthma, Allergies, Seizures, etc.) must submit new health care plans each school year. The forms must be completed, signed by both parent and physician, dated after 06/10/2025, and turned into the School Nurse when school resumes in September. Medical forms can be found on the school website: <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/ces> by going to Academics and Programs, scroll down and click on Health Resources, then on Health Forms to reveal the forms you will need for your physician to complete. Usually, the physicians have the action plans for asthma, seizures and food allergies that will work for the office records.

Vaccinations - All students MUST be up to date on their vaccinations to start the 2025-26 school year. All vaccinations MUST be turned in before the 1st day of school!

Just a few tips to have a safe, healthy, happy SUMMER!

1. Apply sunscreen 30 minutes before going outside and reapply every hour.
2. Stay hydrated! Drink lots and lots of water.
3. Stay active! Run, walk, stretch, swim, PLAY!!
4. NEVER swim without an adult present!
5. Read a book.....or several to keep your mind smart!





Mrs. Massey's Reading Review

The Smarter Balance Assessment is right around the corner for our 3rd and 4th grade students. Millions of students across the country will take these tests, designed to assess the Common Core State Standards (CCSS) in Math and English Language Arts (ELA).

Students will be exposed to several types of questions, including the following:

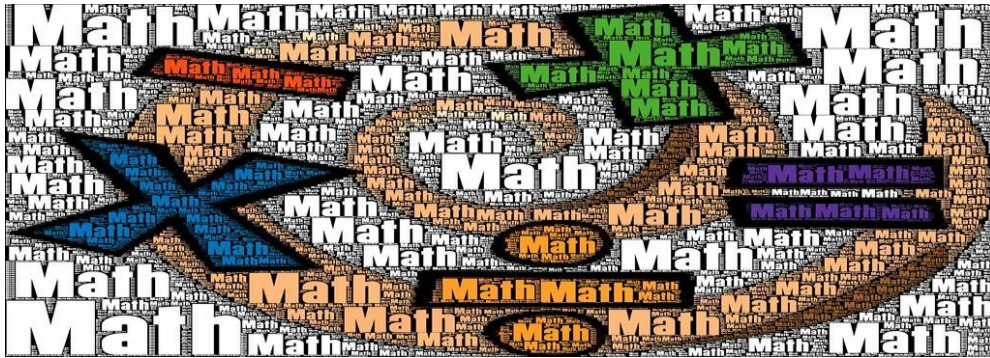
- Selected Response - students select one or more responses from a given set of options; similar to multiple choice questions, but there may be more than one right answer
- Constructed Response- students write brief, open responses to a given question to explain how they solved a math problem or what evidence a text provided for an answer they gave
- Extended Response - students write an extended response to explain their reasoning
- Performance Task - contains multiple parts including conducting research through various forms such as reading or video clips, then completing a task such as writing an essay

When completing any written response on the Smarter Balance Assessment, we encourage students to use the R.A.C.E. strategy!

R.A.C.E. is an acronym for a simple writing strategy that can help your student construct more thoughtful and thorough responses on the SBAC. Here's how to help your student win at writing:

- **R**estate - Students restate the question in the form of a topic sentence.
- **A**nsWER - Students answer ALL parts of the question.
- **C**ite - Students cite examples from the text that support their answer.
- **E**xplain - Students explain how their text evidence supports their answer or connects to another text.
- Remember, basic conventions are also important! Complete sentences should start with a capital letter, end with a punctuation mark, and follow grammatical rules!

Mrs. Kane's Meaningful Math



As our school year begins to wind down, I thought it would be a great idea to take some time to celebrate Math! During the week of May 19th-23rd, our school will hold its first ever Math Week!!!! To celebrate Math in all its glory, we will have spirit days, minute-to-win-it activities during MTSS time, other math related events, and an at-home Math challenge (more to come on the challenge as the time gets closer). Please read below and mark your calendars for details about our Math Spirit Week.

Monday, May 19

Math is Everywhere

Wear a shirt that has numbers on it.

Tuesday, May 20

Wild About Math

Wear animal print or camo.

Wednesday, May 21

Math is Dreamy

It is pajama day!

Thursday, May 22

Math Gives You Superpowers

Dress as your favorite superhero.

Friday, May May 23

Hats Off to Math

Wear your favorite hat.

STUDENT OF THE MONTH



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.

April Student of the Month

Kindergarten	First Grade	Second Grade	Third Grade	Fourth Grade
Levi-Jude Njenga	O'Zaria Livingston	Cole Witt	Clara Petrucci	Jeremy Vass
Delaney Hearne	Abel Hunter	Nash Noval	Zachariah Kavleski	Trent Thomas-McCray
Daniel Maynes	Avery Garcia	Emily Gaffney	Logan Hill	Caimile Ricks
Jordan Millner	Jaxson Gliniak	Jayden Davis	Fatmata Jalloh	Charlie Kemske
	Benjamin Thompson	Connor Carbine	Logan Gosch	



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COME & JOIN US FOR OUR

MAY FAIR

**FRIDAY, MAY 16TH
5:30 - 7:00 PM**

**WRISTBANDS CAN BE PURCHASED IN THE MAIN OFFICE FOR
\$5 UNTIL THURSDAY, MAY 15TH**

(Per Child, Including Siblings, Kids 2 and under free)

CASH ONLY PLEASE

REMAINING WRISTBANDS WILL BE SOLD AT THE EVENT FOR \$6.



Events

**Bounce House, Sand Art, Face Painting,
the May Pole Dance and the Crowning of
the King And Queen at 5:30**

**Pizza, Kona Ice, Candy, and Water will be available for
purchase throughout the event.**