

A small, dark wooden sign with a chalkboard-like surface, tilted slightly to the right. The text "Principal's Message" is written in white, cursive-style lettering. The sign is set against a background of white cherry blossoms and green leaves on a blue background.

Principal's Message

Mrs. Moyer's Message:

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. Hitchens and Mrs. Brown), the school nurse (Nurse Jones), the amazing cafeteria staff, and all 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 6th 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 2:15 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>

Instagram @clayton_eagles

School website <https://www.smyrna.k12.de.us/ces>

Calendar of Events:

May 3 –	Dress like a Super Hero “Super Hero Day in honor of our Café”
May 6 –	No school for students
May 6-10 –	Teacher Appreciation
May 8 –	School Nurse Day
May 7-13 –	Book Fair
May 9 –	4 th Grade Performance 6:30 p.m. “It’s a Jungle Out There”
May 10 –	May Fair 5:30-7:00
May 13-17 –	Smarter Balance Testing for 3 rd & 4 th Grade
May 27 –	No School
May 31 –	Field Day
June 6 –	KN “Moving Up” Ceremony 9:15 a.m. 4 th Grade “Fly Away” Ceremony 2:15 p.m.
June 7 –	Last Student Day

A MESSAGE FROM ASSOCIATE PRINCIPAL, MR. DAWS:

THIS MONTH, OUR 3RD AND 4TH GRADE CLAYTON EAGLES WILL BEGIN STATE TESTING. PLEASE MAKE SURE THAT THEY ARE CHARGING THEIR CHROMEBOOK EACH NIGHT. IT IS EXTREMELY IMPORTANT THAT OUR STUDENTS REMEMBER TO BRING THEIR CHARGED DEVICE DURING EACH OF THE TESTING DAYS. SOME OTHER HELPFUL THINGS YOU CAN DO TO HELP YOUR CHILD PERFORM AT THEIR BEST ARE AS FOLLOWS:

- MAKE SURE THEY GET A GOOD NIGHT'S SLEEP
- HAVE A HEALTHY BREAKFAST
- ENCOURAGE YOUR CHILD TO TRY HIS/HER BEST EACH MORNING OF TESTING



SPEAKING OF CHROMEBOOKS, AS JUNE QUICKLY APPROACHES AND WE BEGIN TO PLAN OUR CHROMEBOOK COLLECTION, IT IS A GOOD IDEA TO INVENTORY YOUR CHILD'S TECHNOLOGY EQUIPMENT. EACH CHILD GRADES 1-4 SHOULD HAVE A CHROMEBOOK, CHARGER, AND BLACK CARRYING CASE...ALL LABELED WITH THEIR NAME. IF YOU ARE MISSING ANY OF THESE ITEMS, PLEASE CONTACT ME AT

MICHAEL.DAWS@SMYRNA.K12.DE.US

ALSO, IF YOU HAPPEN TO SEE ANY CES LIBRARY BOOKS SITTING AROUND THE HOUSE, PLEASE SEND THEM IN WITH YOUR CHILD SO WE CAN GET THEM RETURNED AND BACK ON THE SHELVES.

AS ALWAYS, IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR CONCERNS, WE ARE HERE TO WORK WITH YOU. THE COMMUNICATION BETWEEN THE HOME AND SCHOOL IS CRITICAL FOR STUDENT SUCCESS.

COUNSELOR'S CORNER

As we begin to wrap up this year, I want to say that I have thoroughly enjoyed building relationships with our students. It has been great being able to go into every class 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 fourth, we will focus on reflecting on our year while also looking forward to the upcoming school year. In third grade, we will continue our unit on the world of work and complete our career research. 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 and I will be available at the start of next year as well. Please feel free to reach out via phone at 302-653-8587 or via email at sarah.yatskevich@smyrna.k12.de.us. I hope everyone has a safe, relaxing, and enjoyable summer and I look forward to returning for the 2023-2024 school year as your Clayton Elementary School Counselor.



I have enjoyed helping to 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 Friday, June 7th. Please come to the front office and give your student's name to the Receptionist. The nurse will bring the meds out to you along with a form to sign. If medication is not picked up from the clinic by 4pm on June 7th, 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 2024-25 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 (ie 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 06/07/2024, 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.

Vaccinations - All students MUST be up to date on their vaccinations to start the 2024-25 school year. All vaccinations MUST be turned in before the 1st day of school September 3rd!

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!




Student OF THE MONTH

KINDERGARTEN	FIRST GRADE	SECOND GRADE	THIRD GRADE	FOURTH GRADE
Maverick Elwood	Sylas Frey	Madison Denn	Riley Bendler	Dahneri Brown
Abel Hunter	Jerrell Johnson	Olivia Gaffney	Quetina Doelue	Abby Montanez
Ellianna Spencer	Lucy Marrero	Lilah Jean-Louis	Jase Hitchens	Charleigh Sacco
Kemal Walker	Skylar Owens	Isabella Lacinski	Mason Peters	Summer Weems
	Tessa Willis		Dae'Miere Watson	

Mrs. Masse's Reading Review

ROCK THE TEST

 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!