



Mustang News!



For Claymont Elementary Parents

Thank you for being your child's most important teacher!

From The Principal...

"It takes a village." We've heard this phrase over and over when family and friends talk about raising our kids. The same holds true for your child's education. And while the teacher might know more about learning strategies and what to teach when, you know your child best, in every other way. You are your child's most important teacher!

Your school "village" isn't just the homeroom teacher. Every student has MANY adults around them to support their daily learning including: Arts' teachers (PE, tech, library, art, music), instructional aides, small group teachers, nurses, secretary, other teachers, social worker, cafeteria staff, the principal and more. We are all here to help you and your child(ren).

Your school village is available by phone, email, DOJO, and our online staff directory. Do not hesitate to contact us if you have questions or need support. Please know we will always get back to you, but it may take up to a whole work day, depending on the day and other circumstances.

This coming week, we are holding our Fall Parent-Teacher Conferences. Teachers are scheduling conferences on Wednesday 11/6 4-7:30PM and Thursday 11/7 Noon-7:30PM. Our goal and expectation is to meet with every student's family, face-to-face to share students' growth, success, challenges, and concerns. We also want to make sure our side of the "village" gets to actually meet your side of the "village." Working together, we'll help each other help our students.

~ Mrs. Heather Whipkey
Principal

November 2024

Important Dates!

November:

- 4 October Celebration 9:00AM
Mighty Mustangs & Deputy Sheriffs
- 4 PTO Texas Roadhouse Gift Cards Sale starts (ends 11/22)
- 6th-8th – **Students - No School**
- 4th & 5th Book Fair – Student
Previews – No Sales Yet
- 6th & 7th Book Fair Sales
(during Conferences)
- 6 Conferences 4PM-7:30PM
- 7 Conferences Noon-7:30PM
- 8 Daylight Savings "Fall Back"
- 11 Veterans' Day
- 22 PTO Texas Roadhouse Gift
Cards Sale ends
- 22 PTO Popcorn Friday
- 25 November Celebration
- 26 1st Grade Thanksgiving Meal
- 27th-2nd Happy Thanksgiving
No School

December:

- 3 School Resumes
- 5 Cookies with Santa
- 16 December Celebration 9AM
(Assembly only)
- 17 Grinch Day
- 19 End of 2nd Nine-Weeks
- 20th-5th Winter Break

January:

- 6 School Resumes

September's Deputy Sheriffs

1st Grade Deputy Sheriff Elliott Collins	2nd Grade Deputy Sheriff Greyson Meyer
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September's 1st Grade Mighty Mustangs	September's 2nd Grade Mighty Mustangs
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Mrs. Sulzener's Class
Athena Crumpton

Mrs. Grewell's Class
Harper Dorland

Mrs. Haney's Class
Acelyn Hobart

Ms. Host's Class
Lilliana Mizer

Mrs. Doane's Class
Harper Grandison

Mr. Rice's Class
Damon Fulton

Mrs. Rummell's Class
Cambria Moore

Mrs. Plotts' Class
Drew Brown

Mrs. Carpenter's Class
Kenlee Rennicker

Mrs. Miller's Class
Tinley Grimm

Mrs. Wright's Class
Layla Cox

Mrs. O'Connor's Class
Everley Greenwalt

PTO

We have a combined PTO with Claymont Primary and Elementary. We would like to welcome all of our families. Our PTO meets every 2nd Monday of the month at 4:30PM.

November PTO Meeting:
Grades: K-2

Location: Primary Bldg
Date: Mon. Nov. 11th
Time: 4:30PM

PLEASE JOIN US!

November Fundraiser
Texas Roadhouse
Gift Cards
Nov. 4th-22nd

WHEN YOUR CHILD IS ABSENT....

Make sure to please call the school office **before** 9:00am EVERY morning, when your child is sick. We are required to contact you if you don't call us.
Call Us: (740) 922-5641

Suggestions for Helping Your Child Talk about School

Our kids need to know that school is important. School is the key to our kids' future, success, and independence. As parents, you are your child's most important teacher. At school, we have students for about 6 ½ hours. As parents/guardians, you have so much more time than we do to help children learn. There are two things you can do every day/night at home to help your child learn the importance of school.

1st – Have your child(ren) READ! Studies have shown 20 minutes of reading daily not only helps to develop students' brains, it also helps students remember/retain information better. At 1st & 2nd Grade, Reading can look very different. It depends where your child falls in his/her reading development:

- * Learning Letters – flashcards
- * Learning Letters – finding known letters in a text – book, recipe, magazine, onscreen
- * Learning Sounds of Letters – not always the same as learning letter names (ex: letter t is called “t” but it sounds like “ti”)
- * Learning CVC words – short vowel words, 3 letters, consonant, vowel, consonant

And more....at conferences – ask your child's teacher where he/she is and learn what come next to continue help growing your child's reading.

2nd – Ask your child questions about school –every day. This will reinforce what your child has learned, possibly helping the learning move from short-term to long-term memory. Don't ask did you learn anything? They may not realize what they learned and you most often will get “no” or “I don't know.” Instead consider more specific questions to help the conversation start:

1. What was the coolest thing that happened today? What made it cool? What wasn't so cool?
2. Pretend you are your teacher – how would you describe the day?
3. How were you kind or helpful today?
4. Did anyone help you - either with a problem or were they extra kind?

Dress for the Weather!!!

The weatherman says it's going to be 60 degrees today! What they forgot to mention is that it's 35 degrees right now - out the door!

Please, please remember to have children dress for the coldest condition predicted for the day. Fall and Spring days can have a range of 15-20 degrees difference throughout the day. For recess, students will be outside during play times unless it is severely cold, wet, or icy. In the morning, the building is not open for students until 7:50 am. Please have your kids layer their clothes as needed and wear warm clothes, hats, and mittens as needed.

Absences & Truancy

The State of Ohio has developed policies on truancy, and mandate schools to intervene when students have excessive and/or habitual absences. Ohio has defined **habitual truancy** as follows [Ohio Revised Code 2151.001 (B)(18)]:

- 30 or more consecutive hours** (5 consecutive days)
- 42 or more hours in a month** (7 days in a month)
- 72 or more hours in the school year** (12 days)

Once the above numbers of unauthorized/unexcused hours have occurred, we are required by law to make an Absence Intervention Plan (also called an AIP) for your child.

Parents must call in before 9:00AM to report your off of school (740)922-5641.

Call-Offs & Parents notes, up to 65 hours (10 days) are excepted as authorized/excused absences. After a student has earned 65+ hours of absences, future absences are unauthorized/unexcused unless the school is given official documents (doctor slip, obituary, court document...). Parent notes are not authorized after 65+ hours.



GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER

**CLAYMONT ELEMENTARY PTO
IS BRINGING THE YEE HAW THIS HOLIDAY SEASON BY
HOLDING A GIFT CARD FUNDRAISER!**

**PLEASE RETURN THE ATTACHED ORDER FORM AND MONEY BY FRIDAY, 11/22
CASH OR CHECKS MADE PAYABLE TO: CLAYMONT ELEMENTARY PTO**

**GIFT CARDS WILL BE
DELIVERED BEFORE
WINTER BREAK!**



**PRIZES WILL BE AWARDED TO THE TOP
3 INDIVIDUAL SELLERS FOR EACH
GRADE AND THE TOP PERFORMING
CLASSROOM FOR EACH GRADE!**

**THE MONEY EARNED FROM THIS FUNDRAISER BENEFITS ALL
STUDENTS AND STAFF AT CLAYMONT ELEMENTARY!
THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT!**

**QUESTIONS? CONTACT US AT
CLAYMONTELEMENTARYPTO@OUTLOOK.COM**



CLAYMONT ELEMENTARY PTO

10/31/2024

Dear Parents/Guardians:

We feel that it is a good time to review our procedures in regards to children who are sick, both at home and at school.

If your child gets sick, it is often most appropriate to keep him/her home from school. A child who is sick will not be able to perform well in school and is likely to spread the illness to other children and staff.

You should not send your child to school if he/she has:

1. Fever in past 24 hours 100 degrees or higher
2. Vomiting in the past 24 hours
3. Diarrhea in the past 24 hours
4. Strep Throat (Must have been taking antibiotic for at least 24 hours before returning & note from doctor)
5. Head lice - live bugs or nits (lice eggs)
6. Rash
7. Pinkeye (Must be on antibiotic eye drops for 24 hours (4 doses) & note from doctor)


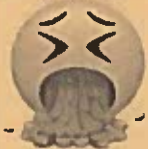





If your child becomes ill at school and the teacher or school nurse feel the child is too sick to benefit from school or is contagious to others, you will be called to come and take him/her from school. It is essential that we have updated contact information for you and all emergency contacts. If your daytime or emergency contact phone numbers change at any time during the year, please notify the school immediately.

If your child is home sick and you would like a medical evaluation, these school resources are available:

Aultman Now - 330-627-8396 or Claymont H.S. Aultman Orrville Clinic (Open M & W) 740-673-7183

These guidelines are meant to serve the best interests of all the children and staff in our school. Please keep the chart below to use as a reminder. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact the school.

I NEED TO STAY HOME IF...

I HAVE A FEVER	I AM VOMITING	I HAVE DIARRHEA	I HAVE A RASH	I HAVE HEAD LICE	I HAVE AN EYE INFECTION	I HAVE BEEN IN THE HOSPITAL
						
Temperature of 100.4 or higher	Within the past 24 hours	Within the past 24 hours.	Body rash with itching or fever.	Itchy head, active head lice.	Redness, itching, and/or crusty drainage from eye.	Hospital stay and/or ER Visit

I AM READY TO GO BACK TO SCHOOL WHEN I AM....

Fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medication Ex: Tylenol, Motrin	Free from vomiting for at least 2 solid meals	Free from diarrhea for at least 24 hours	Free from rash itching, or or fever. I have been evaluated by my doctor if needed.	Treated with appropriate lice treatment at home and proof is provided to nurse.	Evaluated by my doctor and have note to return to school	Released by my medical provider to return to school.
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