



January 2024 Family Newsletter

Clearview Families,

2024 is upon us and I hope the new year has started off well for you. As we begin the 2nd semester I would like to take this opportunity to share some of the academic progress that our students made from the first semester. At the beginning of December all of our students completed their winter Fastbridge testing. These are computerized tests that students complete in both reading and math. We test at the beginning, middle, and end of the year to help us to determine how students have grown academically. This information also ties into our district and building goals of increasing student achievement, engagement, and support. The information below shows the progress our students have made from fall to winter.

We are well within our building goal of having 80% of our students at grade level proficiency in reading and math by May. We still have work to do but we are pleased to see that students are making progress in these areas thanks to the hard work of our teachers. It is also important to note that our teachers work diligently to support students in need of intervention through targeted intervention instruction. Although students in need of intervention may continue to need this support they are also making steady progress from our close analysis. We closely monitor all levels of progress to best support each student's individual needs.

Please note that all families will be able to see student results from these assessments when we send home their Fastbridge Family Report that will be included in their 2nd quarter report card (be looking for these that will be sent home on Wednesday, January 10th). Please feel free to reach out to your child's teacher with any questions related to these results. We appreciate your ongoing support of your child's education.

Respectfully,

Dr. Matt Busekrus

Clearview Elementary Principal

aReading Test % of students at 30th percentile or above.

(30-85% is considered at grade level)

Fall	Winter
78% students at 30th percentile or above.	77% students at 30th percentile or above.
22% Students in need of intervention.	23% Students in need of intervention

aMath Test (% of students at 30th percentile or above.

(30-85% is considered at grade level)

Fall	Winter
87% students at 30th percentile or above.	89% students at 30th percentile or above.
13% Students in need of intervention	11% Students in need of intervention

For additional information on Fastbridge testing and reporting check out these helpful resources:

- [***MTSS Kephart Communication Podcast LINK***](#)
- ***How to read a FastBridge Report: [***FastBridge_Understanding-the-Family-Report_English.pdf***](#) - Google Drive***

Clearview Classroom Highlights Section



Our Clearview Outreach Leadership Team organized a can food drive that was donated to Loving Hearts. Pictured from left are Mrs. Snider (teacher sponsor), Poppy Viola, Quinn Seigfred, John Weirich, Caysen Straatmann, Noah Jacquin, and Josh Fournier. We collected a total of 1501 items and the class winner that brought in the most canned food items was Mrs. Kroeter's 4th grade class. They have earned a hot cocoa party for their class contest. Thank you to all of our Clearview families that helped to donate items for this event!

Clearview News and Notes

Blue Notes After School Choir Practices

There will be no Blue Notes practices during the month of January. Blue notes practices will resume in February, and Mrs. Bounds will send a notification out to the families sometime in January with the date practices will resume. If you have not already done so, Mrs. Bounds communicates through the Remind app. If your student is in Blue Notes and you are in need of assistance to set this up you can reach Mrs. Bounds by email at emily.bounds@sdownmo.org.

Blue Notes to Perform at Cardinals Game

Our Clearview Blue Notes student choir has been chosen to perform “The Star Spangled Banner” before the Cardinals baseball game on Tuesday, July 30th. The game time is at 6:45 p.m. as the Cardinals play the Texas Rangers. We are inviting all of our Clearview families to come out and enjoy the game. Tickets will be \$22.00 each and will provide seating on the 1st level field box. Tickets will be on sale soon so be on the lookout for when they will be made available.

New Family Vacation Form

If your family is planning on going on an upcoming vacation that is outside of a planned school break, a family vacation form needs to be completed and turned into the office prior to your vacation. Once we are notified that you will be on vacation, we will send the form home to be completed. Although we certainly value family vacations, the district is responsible for monitoring and reporting student attendance per policy JED. Please be aware that vacations may be marked unexcused in a student's record. Per DESE guidelines students are expected to be in school at least 90% of the time. In addition, parents should be aware that teachers will not always be able to provide multiple days

worth of work prior to leaving and work will need to be completed upon their return. As much as possible we encourage family vacations to be taken during school breaks. Per the student handbook, students will be allowed a minimum of two days per absence to complete make-up work.

ChromeBook Insurance

Additional information regarding the chrome book insurance is available on the school district website at:

https://cdnsm5-ss19.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_163438/File/Deapartment/7831380487514854132.pdf .

Please visit the One2OneRisk.com website to enroll your child(ren) into this program. You will need their LUMEN (lunch) number and can pay with a debit card, credit card or ECheck. Parents are reminded to print out, complete and return the One2One agreement for each child to be able to use a chrome book.

Blue Fridays

Please join us in participating and promoting Washington community pride by wearing blue every Friday. Through Blue Friday, we hope to create a sense of community and encourage positive school spirit that resonates throughout the community.

Counselors Corner with Mrs. Moore

Happy New Year, goal setting is in the air! During whole group counseling we will continue to talk about SMART goals and how making a plan and being organized will help reach the goals we set for ourselves. We will start exploring careers in the upcoming months. Please watch for information coming home soon regarding our school wide Career Day.

Information from Nurse Carmen

Happy New Year! I hope everyone had a wonderful Christmas break! Please remember to monitor your children for fever or illness prior to sending them to school. They need to be fever free for 24 hours without use of medication and vomit free for 24 hours as well. Thank you for your cooperation. Next month we will begin the American Heart Association Heart Challenge so be on the lookout for more information about that! Thanks!

PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) Information

Please consider becoming a part of our Clearview PTSO. This is a parent organization that assists our Clearview students and staff. There is no charge to join and meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Various events are planned through the school year that parents can volunteer or donate items for. Our next meeting will be on Monday, January 8th at 6:30 p.m. in the Clearview library.

Student Lunches

Parents can make deposits into student lunch accounts by going to the district website at www.washington.k12.mo.us and using the online payment option under the parent tab or under the quick links. When paying for your child's lunches online, you will need to put an "S" for students in front of your child's LUMEN ID number. You may also send a check or cash in with your child to school but especially if it is cash, please put in an envelope with your child's name and that it is for lunch money.

Elementary breakfast and lunch charges will be as follows: student breakfast is \$1.75 and student lunch is \$2.75. Reduced meal prices are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. If you would like to be considered for meals at a free or reduced cost, a form must be completed. Even if you qualified last year for free or reduced meals, you will need to resubmit an application for this year. Forms may be completed at any time during the

school year should something change such as a job loss, etc. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Bus Information

If you are in need of your child's Security Code for the First View App, please let us know. If at any time you have a bus issue, please contact the First Student office at 636-239-1429. Please remember if you are needing to make any transportation changes prior to students leaving school for the day, please contact our office. If your child will need to ride a bus other than their regular bus, First Student does ask that a change of transportation form be completed and turned in 24 hours in advance. These forms are available in our office and should be returned to us, and we will submit them to First Student. If for some reason the change is not approved, we will let you know as soon as we are notified.

AM and PM Drop Off and Pick Up Procedures

Please familiarize yourself with these procedures if you are going to be dropping off your students in the mornings and picking them up in the afternoon.

AM Parent Drop Off

- **Parents will be able to drop off students beginning at 7:20 a.m. Student drop off will occur between 7:20-7:45 a.m.**
- **Parents may pull into any of the numbered spots (1-6) along the front sidewalk. Please have your student ready to exit your vehicle on the right hand side of your car.**
- **Parents should not assist students out of vehicles. This causes back ups in the flow of traffic. Parents should not drive around other vehicles as they are**

stopped for drop offs. If you are needing to assist your student please park in any of the visitor parking spots located at the front of the building.

- **Students should walk on the sidewalk toward the front doors where they will be greeted by staff.**
- **Students dropped off at 7:45 a.m. or later are considered tardy and a parent will need to sign them in at the office.**

PM Parent Pick Up

- **Parents may enter the side parking lot off of Clearview Road and get in one of four lines that form in the parking lot at dismissal time.**
- **Once the end of the day bell rings at 2:45 p.m. Teachers will begin to bring students down to the gym for dismissal.**
- **Staff members will go out to waiting vehicles in the parking lot and get yellow cards (which will be provided by our school) from parents/guardians. These cards have your student's name on them that we use to call for them to be released. It is important for parents to have this card to ensure a smooth pick up. Please keep the card in your vehicle.**
- **Once staff have obtained the cards, student names will be called for dismissal. Students will be given their cards and escorted by a staff member to their vehicle.**
- **Once parents/guardians have their child safely in their vehicle they may exit the parking lot onto Clearview Road (this will be the middle exit in the lower parking lot).**
- **If your child sits in a car seat please consider parking in any of the open parking spaces in our lower parking lot to allow adequate time to safely buckle students in. Taking long periods of time to buckle students in while trying to move cars through the traffic lines can cause back ups.**

Attendance:

We ask if your child is going to be out of school for the day, to please contact the office by 8:30 a.m. (at 636-231-2500) to report the absence. We do have voicemail and check emails daily if that is more convenient. Email absences to Michelle.Rice@sdownmo.org and samantha.roetheli@sdownmo.org . If you leave a message or email us, please specify the reason for the absence and if you would like to either have homework sent home with someone or if you would like to pick it up. For those who are not able to pick up homework until after school, just let us know. We have a rack hanging in the front office entry way marked homework, and we will put the work in one of the slots. Homework may be picked up anytime until the door locks at 6:00 p.m.

Student Cell Phones

Per our student handbook, cell phones, electronics, and any other communication devices may not be used by students during school hours. Students that have cell phones must keep these in their backpacks during school hours. If you are needing to contact your child please call the office rather than trying to reach them on their cell phone. Inappropriate use of cell phones may result in disciplinary consequences or confiscation of the device.

Student Water Bottles

We encourage parents to send children to school with a water bottle to drink from throughout the day. We have several bottle filling stations located in the building that can be used to refill the bottles as needed. Water bottles can be left at school for continued use through the week. It is also helpful to have water bottles labeled with their names (first and last) to help in identifying these.

Student Birthday Treats

For students that want to bring in treats to celebrate a birthday please make sure these are individually wrapped. These could be “Little Debbie” snacks or other pre-packaged

treats and snacks. Prior to doing this please check with the child's teacher to ensure we avoid any issues with potential student allergies.

Lunch and Breakfast Menu for January

Visit the following link to find the lunch and breakfast menus for the month of December.

https://www.washington.k12.mo.us/departments/food_services

January 2024 Calendar of Events

1/08 PTSO Meeting @ 6:30 pm

1/10 2nd Quarter Report Cards Sent Home and Emailed

1/15 No School (Martin Luther King Jr Holiday).

Save the Date

2/09 PTSO Kids Painting Party (More information will be sent home soon!)

2/12 PTSO Meeting @ 6:30 pm

2/16 No School for Students (Staff Professional Development Day)

2/19 No School (Presidents Day)

More Information for Clearview Elementary and the School District of Washington can be found by visiting:

School District of Washington Web Page: <http://www.washington.k12.mo.us/>

Clearview Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ClearviewElementaryUnionMissouri>

