



March 2024 Family Newsletter

Clearview Families,

The 3rd quarter of our school year is nearly over and spring is in the air. As we begin the month of March we have some upcoming events that are opportunities for your whole family to participate in that I wanted to highlight.

Today, Friday March 1st is the annual Family Reading Night at Washington Middle School from 5:30-8:30 p.m. If you have not attended this event before, I highly recommend checking it out. Families will have a chance to participate in several activities that promote reading. There will be special guest readers from our community that will read books, craft stations sponsored by our school parent groups, and the big event will be meeting author Marc Coligovanni and illustrator Peter Reynolds as they highlight their book, “The Reflection in Me.” This will be a great event for the whole family and we hope you can plan on attending.

Please also save the date of Thursday, March 7th as we host our annual spring curriculum night at Clearview from 5:00-7:00 p.m. We will have a variety of activities for families to visit that include our spring book fair in the library, a famous Missourians exhibit put on by our 3rd grade classes, and math games in the cafeteria that will be fun and challenging hosted by our older grade levels. Several teachers will be having parent teacher conferences so if you have a scheduled conference please plan on coming at your scheduled conference time.

We hope to see you at these events this month. Please let us know if you have any questions.

Respectfully,

Dr. Matt Busekrus

Clearview Elementary Principal

NEW PLAYGROUND COMING SOON !!



Taking advantage of the recent good weather our Buildings and Grounds Department has been hard at work in removing our old playground equipment. The lower field is being prepped for installation of the new equipment that will begin the first week of March. Be looking for updates on our social media sites as progression is made.

Clearview Classroom Highlights Section



5th grade students from Ms. Jacquin's class recently wrote and published a book on St. Louis area attractions. Students have been going around to share their book with the other classes. From left Nate Hagedorn, Ross Obermark, and Matthew Gerling read a portion of the book to 2nd grade students.

Clearview News and Notes

Relay for Life

Reminder to parents that the Relay for Life sign up is due March 8th. If you would like your 3rd-6th grade student participate, do not forget to sign them up online. We have extra fliers in the office if you are interested. This event will take place at WHS and the students would be transported by bus after school from Clearview.

Skating

All students will be participating in a skating unit in PE class that will take place March 3rd through 22nd. There was a permission slip sent home last month. Skates cannot be brought from home due to insurance reasons, but the student may bring their helmet to use during the skating unit.

Curriculum Review Committee

The School District of Washington curriculum department would love your input! Please consider joining our curriculum review committee. This committee would meet once or twice this spring, based on need. We will review our curriculum process, seek feedback on changes to curriculum that is going to the Board for approval and offer valuable input. These meetings will take place in the evening. Meetings will begin in April. Please fill out this survey if you would like to join this committee. (Please submit by March 15, 2024)

Survey Link

Blue Notes After School Choir Practices

For students that participate in Blue Notes Choir please note that practices will resume on Wednesday, February 28th from 3:00-4:00 p.m. 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@sdowmo.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. Every student has been given a form for an opportunity to attend the Cardinal game. If your student did not bring this home to you, reach out and we can email or send another copy home.

Counselors Corner with Mrs. Moore

Spring is in the air! In the classrooms for counseling the focus has shifted to “what interests me, and what do I want to be when I grow up?” For the month of March our focus is careers. Students will begin to explore career paths and clusters that match their interests and make a plan for the future. “Oh, the Places you’ll Go!” is our theme for this year’s Career Day. There is still time to sign up to present for this great opportunity to guide our students.

Information from Nurse Carmen

Hello! Happy March! March is National Nutrition Month. This is a great opportunity to have healthy conversations with your children about the importance of a healthy diet. Nutrients are vital to the growth and development in children. Helping them choose nutrient dense foods like fruits, vegetables, non fried meats and whole grains will aid in their health and wellness now as kids and build habits for when they are adults. Providing supplemental vitamins are also a great addition to their daily routine to ensure they are getting the right

amount of vitamins and minerals. A local resource for getting vitamins at a very affordable cost is available at Mercy Pharmacy (851 E Fifth Street, Suite 104 Washington, MO 63090) for just \$3.50/100 vitamins. I was given a coupon to make it just \$3.00, if interested call the school office and I will send one home with your student.

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://cdns5-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.

Green Team School Recycling Project

Our student leadership team is collecting several items to be recycled. We would like to involve our entire school community by asking that any of the items in the picture below you use at home be saved and brought into school. There will be 2 decorated trash cans by the cafeteria doors for them to be placed in. There will also be 3 bins placed in the school provided by NexTrex to collect these items. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of these items within a year to win a bench for our school. We are super excited about this project and can't wait for everyone to participate. Thank you in advance for your help with this project!



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.

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, March 11th 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.

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 samantha.roetheli@sdownmo.org and also your child's teacher. 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 March

Visit the following link to find the lunch and breakfast menus for the month.
https://www.washington.k12.mo.us/departments/food_services

March 2024 Calendar of Events

- 3/1 Family Reading Night 5:30-8:30 at WMS***
- 3/4 Skating unit begins in PE***
- 3/7 Spring Curriculum Night 5:00-7:00 p.m.***
- 3/8 No School (Staff Professional Development Day)***
- 3/11 PTSO meeting 6:30 p.m.***
- 3/15 3rd Quarter Report Cards emailed and sent home***
- 3/22 Spring Pictures***
- 3/22 Career Day at Clearview***
- 3/25-3/29 No School (Spring Break)***

Save the Date (April 2024)

4/1 No School (Spring Break)

4/8 PTSO meeting 6:30

4/9 Spring Blood Drive Donor Bus at Clearview from 3:00-7:00

4/13 Honor Choir competition at Union HS

4/22 - 5/3 MAP testing for 3-6th grades

4/22 4th quarter progress reports

4/26 Relay for Life at WHS for 3-6th grade students

4/28 PTSO family bowling at Oasis Lanes

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>

