

# Clay Hill Elementary

## Home of the Extraordinary

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### Principal's Note:

Greetings! We are almost at the halfway point of the academic school year! In just a short few months, we have implemented several new initiatives/activities to include Hero Day, Safety Patrol, National Hispanic Month Celebration, National Native American Month Celebration, Secret Society of Readers, and so much more. As we enter into the new year, I wanted to remind everyone of our vision. (Please see below)

**Vision:** Our hope is to develop a community of 21st century students and citizens who are self-directed learners and excel in a competitive, progressive, and interconnected global society.

As always, my door is open.

Dr. Sanders, Principal



### Literacy Lane

It is time to get those reading spots cleaned and organized.

Most adults spend January taking some important me-time, setting up some New Year's resolutions around things in their lives they'd like to change for the better. But while we're rocking our workouts and trying harder to eat right or meditate, it's important to remember that our kids are only halfway through the school year, and they too could benefit from a bit of a reset. Most grade slippage happens in the third quarter of the school year, and it's no wonder — with all those fresh holiday toys at home and summer so far away it can be hard to stay motivated and on track with schoolwork. And hectic family schedules combined with shorter daylight hours can make it tricky to find time together for important conversations. Here are four simple things parents can do to make sure your kids start the New Year off on the right foot.

- Get our book selections organized.
- Determine how much time we should spend reading each day with our students.
- Set obtainable goals for yourself and your reader this year. Remember to monitor and adjust as the year progresses.
- Make sure to find a quiet place to enjoy your time reading.

Have a great year reading, learning, exploring and sharing the love of reading with family and friends.

Mrs. Guenther, Literacy Coach

### Guidance Corner:

January is a great time to set new goals that will help your family! Perseverance is the character word for the month, with classroom guidance lessons focusing on setting educational goals for the New Year! We are

Collaborating to  
Help  
Every Eagle  
Soar

Happy New Year !!

Mrs. L. K. Schipmann



### Curriculum Corner:

Happy New Year CHES family,

We are excited to have everyone back in the building and ready to begin another fabulous year at Clay Hill. It was great to see so many parents and students at our Winter Data Night. Our parents were able to take a deeper look at their students' data while students created some holiday crafts.

As information, our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students will be taking the winter TE21 benchmark assessment during the last full week of January and our Pre-K students will be assessed via My IGDIS throughout the month. This month's resource provides access to a large assortment of books that are read aloud. The site can be accessed via the following link <https://yhoo.it/3P2CW19>. If you do not have access to online resources, please reach out to your student's teacher to request printed materials or books. As always, if you need assistance, we are here to help.

Thanks for all you do to support CHES!

Ms. Delice, Instructional Coach



### Nurse's Nook



I hope everyone had a wonderful holiday. Hearing screenings will be done during the month of January. If your child does not pass the screening, a referral form will be sent home and parents will be contacted. Dental Health Specialists will be at our school on January 12th, if you registered your child to receive dental services please make sure they attend school that day. If your child needs dental services, forms will be available in the nurses' office. Please remember to let us know if you have any changes in your home, work or cell numbers. Please do not hesitate to call your school nurse about any concerns regarding your child's health.



### Media Center

Happy New Year!

The Media Center is bustling with projects to finish and new activities to start. First grade will be completing their animal research report while second grade will be completing their biography research project. Kindergarten will be reviewing story elements and will work on a STEAM activity in the Media Center later this month to support their science lessons.



Third grade will be learning about animal habitats and researching how animal habitats help animals survive. Fourth and fifth grade will continue working on their history research projects and learn how to evaluate websites for validity. Each student performing research will write a book to share their findings. More information will be coming on how you can get a copy of your child's book. It will be another busy month in the Media Center!

-Ms. Ervin, Media Specialist