

# Clay Hill Elementary

## Home of the Extraordinary

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### Principal

Greetings CHES Family! The days are really flying by. Let's continue to maintain our drive to be extraordinary as we progress throughout the year. Just a few items to discuss.....

\* A few weeks ago, we were featured as a News 2 Cool School! You can find the videos on YouTube. I am so proud of CHES!

\* Please try to have your child on time at school everyday. Students are able to obtain the necessary information needed to be successful when they are in attendance.

Thankful for all that you do! Let's make Quarter 3 EXTRAORDINARY!

Dr. April Sanders, Principal

### Media Center

January was a busy month of projects and preparation for upcoming events. This month we will be celebrating reading in honor of Dr. Seuss by celebrating the diversity in books. February 27-March 3 is Read Across America Week.

According to author Bali Rai "Reading for pleasure is the single biggest factor in success later in life, outside of an education. Study after study has shown that those children who read for pleasure are the ones who are most likely to fulfil their ambitions. If your child reads, they will succeed – it's that simple."



### Guidance Corner

February's Character Word is Tolerance! Controlling your feelings and politely withstanding circumstances beyond your control. Classroom guidance this month will discuss the sixteen career clusters, focusing on learning to work. From kindergarten to fifth grade the students will be introduced to various types of careers. Students will take the career interest inventory assessment on their computers to find a variety of careers that meet their interest. Please reinforce the importance of planning now for a few different careers that your child may enjoy one day.

Note of encouragement: Helping others is the best gift! So help your child by telling them they are "being helpful". Express disappointment in the action rather than the person, explaining why the action was wrong and how it affected others.

~Laura Knight Schipmann, Counselor

### Curriculum Corner

Hello CHES family,

The school year is moving along and we are excited about all the great things happening at CHES. As we continue to celebrate life on "The Hill", we remain committed to meeting the needs of the whole child as stated in our school's mission statement. We will be placing an emphasis on our WIN (What I Need) time to ensure our students are getting the additional support they need in addition to classroom instruction. Our Pre-K students completed their myIGDIs Winter assessments and our 3rd, 4th and 5th grade students completed their TE21 benchmark assessments. As a reminder, students have access to multiple at-home online resources such as MobyMax, Raz Kids and Khan Academy. We also have a large collection of printed materials and books that can be sent home. This month's resource is [www.governorsfoundation.org](http://www.governorsfoundation.org).

Parents are able to sign up to receive free books from birth to 5 years old to build a home library. The program also provides reading resources for additional grades. Please encourage your student to read for a minimum of 20 minutes per day. Reading every day improves their overall success academically and socially. Let's be intentional about learning as we go through the second half of the school year. As usual, we are here if you need us.

Ms. Delice  
Instructional Coach

### Nurse's Nook

February is National Dental Health Month! Lifelong habits begin at home. Make dental health part of your daily routine and share these reminders with your whole family:

1. Brush your teeth at least twice a day with fluoride toothpaste, especially after breakfast and before bedtime.
2. Floss every day.
3. Visit a dentist regularly for a routine checkup and a cleaning.
4. Don't forget to change your toothbrush regularly, and after an illness. 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.

### Literacy Lane

#### Literacy Accomplishments Per Grade Level

Have you ever wondered where should my student be with his reading? What should I be looking for when they are reading to me. How can I tell if my student is on target? In the article link provided are some suggestions from Reading Rockets. The link includes grades K-5. Please take a moment and see where your student is within the large scheme of reading. Please make sure that you have had conferences with your teacher about your students reading assessments. Let us know how we can assist you. If you are unsure of how to do something or you need something at home to help please do not hesitate to contact me or your students teacher.

