

# Clay Hill Elementary

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Happy November!!  
April Sanders, Ed.D



### Nurse's Nook

November is National Diabetes Awareness Month. Talk to your health care provider about the risk factors in your family, take precautions, and support the people you know with Diabetes! Fall is in full swing and we are seeing a higher incidence of the flu, strep throat, and gastrointestinal illnesses. A healthy school environment requires the cooperation and effort of us all working together. The basics will help keep you healthy. Make sure you wash your hands frequently. Cover your nose and mouth when coughing and or sneezing. Getting a good night sleep and eating healthy foods will provide your body with the stamina it needs to get through the day and fight off viruses. Remember to review school health policies for guidance regarding when it's best to keep your child home and when it's the right time for your child to return. If you have any questions, I am always happy to speak with you!

-Nurse Weathers

### Literacy Lane

Sight words are one of the essential skills that you can help with at home. Practicing with your child will make a big difference! It is important for our younger students to know their letters and the corresponding sounds. Please make sure you have met with the teacher to find out what they need extra help in. We are going into the second semester. I would be very happy to meet with you during the day to show you some skills and strategies to help your student. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help you.

~ Mrs. Guenther

### Guidance Corner

November's character word is honest!! We should all be truthful in words and actions. This year has really been full of ups and downs but we are such a great community, so we must all continue to work hard to be the best we can be. We had a great "Red Ribbon Week" which encourages students to "just say no to drugs" and I would like to thank everyone that made it such a great success!

Note of encouragement: Living life without drugs can keep you happier, wealthier and healthier than any drug and without any side effects. Spend more time with your children and it will pay off in big dividends.

Laura Knight Schipmann, Counselor

### Curriculum Corner

Hello CHES family,

We've had a great start to the school year and we are proud of what's happening at CHES. Our teachers are providing targeted instruction geared at helping our students learn and excel within and outside of the classroom. We are asking for your support to extend their learning at home. We would like for our students to read for a minimum of 20 minutes per day to help build their stamina and vocabulary. If you do not have internet access and need access to books, please let your teacher know and we will be happy to provide books based on your child's reading level and grade level. Every month, I will highlight an additional resource students can utilize outside of the classroom to extend their learning.

This month's resource is "Khan Academy". Khan Academy provides free personalized learning opportunities to K - 12 students. Their standards-aligned lessons assess the student's current level and increase with difficulty as the student progresses. Please visit [www.khanacademy.org](http://www.khanacademy.org) to sign up and get started. If you have any questions or need assistance, we are here to help. We appreciate your support in making this a successful school year.

Ms. Delice

### Media Center

November Monthly Reading Challenge

In an effort to help students continue to build and expand their reading skills, Clay Hill Elementary will be kicking off our monthly reading challenge in November. A minimum of 20 minutes of reading daily is all it takes to increase a child's reading skills.

In addition to all the wonderful benefits students will receive from reading, students will receive prizes as a bonus. Students should complete at least 20 items each month, and they will receive 40 points that can be redeemed in the media center's Eagle Store for various prizes. Students will receive an extra 15 points for completing all the activities and an extra 10 points if they complete the monthly super challenge on the reading log.

Participating is as easy as ABC. Simply have your child check off the reading log each time they complete one of the reading activities, sign the reading log and have your child return it to their teacher at the end of each month.

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As Thanksgiving approaches we pause to think about all we are thankful for. We are thankful to work with the wonderful students and staff here at the Clay Hill Elementary and we wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving!

-Nurse Weathers

### Literacy Lane

Your child is working in a small group on the basic skills needed to learn to read. Sight words are one of the essential skills that you can help with at home. I have provided you with the list of sight words that we will be practicing in class. These words are found in many of the books your child will read. However, these are words that do not follow any decoding rules, so they must be memorized. Students should be able to read the words within 5 seconds. Practicing with your child will make a big difference! Here is a quick link to online sight word practice. [Sight Words web site...](#) Sight word list : Fry Start with the first list and move on. If you need a physical copy of the Fry list I would be happy to send this home with your student.

If you need a list of sight words please do not hesitate to contact your child's teacher. They will provide you a list of Sight Words, Tricky Words, Content words etc. It is important for our younger students to know their letters and the corresponding sounds. Please make sure you have met with the teacher to find out what they need extra help in. We are going into the second semester. I would be very happy to meet with you during the day to show you some skills and strategies to help your student. Please do not hesitate to contact me. I am here to help you.

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