

# Clay Hill Elementary

## Home of the Extraordinary

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### Principal's Note:

CHES Family, school is now in session! This year our theme is Home of the Extraordinary!! With confidence, I believe we have extraordinary students, extraordinary faculty and staff members, and an extraordinary community! Below I have highlighted two important announcements.

~Transportation changes should be put in writing to either the child's teacher or Mrs. Hughes prior to 2:00 PM.

~Effective September 6, 2022, students may only be picked up by parents, guardians, or persons listed on their emergency contact list. If there is an emergency, you will need to email the change or talk directly to me.

The Hill is a great place to be! As always, feel free to give me a buzz or call!!! It takes a village and we are in this together!

April Sanders, Ed.D, CHES Principal

### Guidance Corner:

Happy New School Year!! I missed everyone so much over the summer.

It is great to see all my favorite people back for a new school year. Being in school every day means your child won't miss out on learning. Everyone needs to make plans for all situations such as being prepared the night before with clothes they can wear to school the next day and all assignments packed in book bags. As we start the New Year make a list of strategies that can help when your child gets stuck on an assignment. Like an actor rehearsing his/her lines or an athlete working on their swing in baseball.

Note of Encouragement: Behaving well and working hard will pay off!! Step into a New Year with these two skills!!

Laura Knight Schipmann, Counselor

### Nurse's Corner:

Welcome back everyone! Here are a few reminders as we begin a new school year. I am in the process of reviewing all emergency information and immunization records. Parents will be contacted if records are not in compliance with state guidelines. Each student was sent home an emergency information packet for parents/ guardians to sign. Please sign forms and return to school nurse as soon as possible.

-If your child test positive for COVID-19, please notify the school nurse. Nurse Weathers will provide instructions as to what you need to do and provide a date to return to school.

If your child has a health condition or needs special care during the school day such as medication, treatments, or monitoring, please inform Nurse Weathers. The permission for medication form is available online at the district's website and the school nurse's office. No medications can be administered without ALL the correct documents in place.. I look forward to a great school year!

~Nurse Weathers

### Curriculum Corner:

Hello CHES Family,

I am excited and honored to serve as the new Instructional Coach here at Clay Hill. I started my educational journey 10 years ago with Charleston County School District and transferred to CHES during the 2021- 2022 school year. My undergraduate degree was earned at the College of Charleston and I will complete my M.Ed with an emphasis in Literacy Education this December from The Citadel.

As we start another year, we are focused on growth through solid instruction, consistent support and engaging opportunities to help our students succeed within and outside of the classroom.

The curricula being used this year are Amplify CKLA for ELA, "Big Ideas" for Math, "SC Inspire Science" for Science and "Social Studies Alive", "South Carolina My World" and "Social Studies Weekly" for Social Studies. Students will also have on-going opportunities to extend their classroom instruction through programs such as MobyMax, Learning A - Z (Raz Kids), EPIC and Dreambox. We appreciate all you do to support CHES!

Ms. Delice, Instructional Coach

### Literacy Lane

#### BUILDING A HOME ENVIRONMENT THAT FOSTERS A LOVE OF READING

Making reading part of the routine at home is important in developing a child's love of reading. Providing access to many types of print materials is important. This includes magazines, books, and newspapers.

We are starting off a new year which includes new reading journeys. Please make sure to visit your local library. If you need assistance please do not hesitate to contact me at school.

What can you do as a parent? How can you, as a family member, help your child read and write more often outside of school? There are some simple things you can do to help develop a lifelong love of reading and writing:

- Get caught reading and writing. Let your child see you engaging in everyday literacy activities, like reading the newspaper or making a grocery list, and talk about what you do. Have an EXTRAORDINARY school year reading.

Phyllis Guenther, Literacy Coach

### Media Center

Welcome to CHES media center. I am very excited to work with your child this school year. Each year I strive to create a library program that challenges student academically so that they can reach their full potential. To help students become productive and successful 21st century citizens I offer weekly library classes, opportunities for students to write and publish their own book, fall and spring book fairs, reading programs, and many other wonderful opportunities to enrich their education. Each week during library class your child will check out books. Please remind your students to take care of and return their library books on a weekly basis.

Ms. Ervin