



CLAY LAMBERTSON ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER | FEBRUARY 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Early learning opportunities give children a jump start and foundation for success in and out of school. At Clay Lambertson, our Four-Year-Old Kindergarten (4K) and Kindergarten program provides essential opportunities to learn, play, grow, and develop at such a critical age. Early childhood education can help your child make friends, develop independence and learn new routines. It also supports their transition to the expectations of the school.

The 2022-2023 school year brought new opportunities for our 4K students by opening additional sections at Clay Lambertson. We are excited to add another option for our community for the 2023-2024 school year. Next year, families will choose between a full-day 4K option or a half-day option for their child(ren). The early learning experience looks different for each child, and this option will allow various play-based activities and experiences for students. The first year of this option will be an opportunity for school leaders to learn about the needs of our students and community. We will offer one full-day section and cap the number of students. A lottery system with a waiting list will be used to ensure opportunities for all students.

Our young people are our future, and providing them with appropriate experiences will lead to lifelong learning and success!

Mrs. Nolan

SOCIAL EMOTIONAL LEARNING

In February, the schoolwide SEL learning theme is about building friendships and good working relationships with classmates. As adults, we sometimes tell students that “to make a friend, you must first be a good friend.” Sometimes students are then left wondering how they can “be a good friend.” This month we will focus on skills like reaching out to others, listening to others and working together in positive and productive ways. We will strive to help all students feel like they belong here at Clay Lambertson Elementary.

Kindergarteners and 1st Graders will learn about asking others to play and including all classmates by reading *Strictly No Elephants*, doing Character Tree activities and playing the old game “musical chairs,” but in a new and inclusive way where they must see that everyone gets a chair.

2nd graders will be making puzzle portraits with a partner and doing team building activities like group juggling and hula hoop cooperative relays.

3rd-5th graders will develop an awareness of qualities in a friend that are valued by their peers and themselves.

Students will then learn and explore the benefits of having a supportive classroom environment by helping one another out. This means students will experience hands-on small and large group activities, so that they can practice cooperation (working together and helping their teammates accomplish a goal).

For questions about the social emotional learning theme, please contact our school counselors [Gwen Finley](#) (4K-2) or [Sarah Horton](#) (3-5).





A NOTE FROM MR. RAY

Dear Clay Lamberton Families,

I hope you and your family have taken some time to get outside and enjoy the winter weather that we have more recently had. I have enjoyed sledding and ice fishing with my wife and kids since winter break.

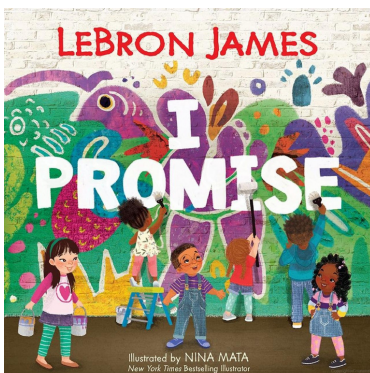
As we look ahead to the upcoming month(s) it can be tough to stay true to the goals we set for ourselves as we rang in the new year. The dreariness and cloudiness of what may seem like these long winter months can make it difficult to pick ourselves up at times. Modeling and continuing your conversations surrounding personal goals within your own family hold each other accountable in achieving greatness.

I recently read a book to my own kids titled "I Promise," by Lebron James and illustrated by Nina Mata. This book does a wonderful job discussing all of life's situations that a child may have to work through and the internal promises that we commit ourselves to each day. It can also be translated to fit even us adults. The big message is to show up being our best selves each and every day, even when times are more difficult. This uplifting and inspiring book can help further discussions around what it means to be a model student and leader within the school community. After reading the book with your child(ren), develop your own list of promises alongside them to hold yourself accountable for the good that you can achieve in life. Review these promises each morning prior to walking out the front door to help set yourself up for success.

Kind regards,

Mr. Ray

Joshua Ray
Assistant Principal



A NOTE FROM MR. DEX

Dear Clay Families,

I would like to take this opportunity to highlight our school counselors. Mrs. Finley and Ms. Horton are two amazing humans. They are very important people in our school family. Not only do they support students in class by giving them ways to resolve conflict, they meet with students individually and in small groups to support them with their social emotional needs. Mrs. Finley has candlelit lunches with our K-2 students while Ms. Horton meets student requests when they are struggling with a wide range of emotions in grades 3-5. Our counselors are patient, kind and approachable. Students feel safe to express their big emotions to them and both counselors take it on with a caring approach. The counselors have implemented a SEL (Social Emotional Learning) curriculum that they worked hard on last summer. Through the SEL curriculum they have set the themes for our student of the month assemblies and go into classrooms weekly to teach about the month's theme. Our counselors definitely make Clay Lamberton a great place to learn!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dex

Michael Dexheimer
Assistant Principal





4K REGISTRATION & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS



**WEDNESDAY,
MARCH 8
12-7:00 PM**

Clay Lambertton Elementary

**THURSDAY,
MARCH 9
8 AM-4 PM**

Clay Lambertton Elementary



Click on the QR Code to Schedule an Appointment Online

Will your child be four years old by September 1st, 2023? If so, Clay Lambertton will once again be hosting 4K registration on Wednesday, March 8th from noon to 7 pm and on Thursday, March 9th from 8 am - 4 pm. To register, simply scan the code above or go to the [SignUp Genius link](#). All children entering 4K for the 2023-24 school year must be screened as part of the registration process. Families must also bring the following in order to register a child for 4K

1. Child's Birth Certificate
2. Proof of Residency (Water bill, lease, etc..)
3. Child's Immunization Records

Is your child 2.5 to 5 years old? We invite you to Child Development Days. Child Development Days provides free screening with BASD professional staff in order to assess your child's overall development and school readiness. All young children ages 2.5 to 5 years old who are residents of the Berlin Area School District are welcome to attend, regardless of daycare or preschool affiliation. The Berlin Area School District wants to ensure that all children have the support they need to grow, learn, and thrive. If developmental delays are identified during this screening, BASD staff will work with families to connect them with available services. We hope you'll join us to further understand your child's strengths, learn your child's developmental milestones, and receive helpful parenting information. To register, simply scan the code above or go to the [SignUp Genius link](#).

New! ALL-DAY 4K at CLAY!

Limited Space Available

4K Screenings this March

In-Person Lottery in May

Clay Lambertton Elementary School is excited to announce that it will be adding a 4K full-day option for the 2023-24 school year. Please review the registration information in the left hand column of this page.

Once registration closes, an in-person lottery will be held in May if there is a greater number of families selecting the all-day option than there are seats available.

If your child is not selected for the full-day option, families can still opt for our 1/2 day AM (7:50 am - 10:35 am) or 1/2 day PM (12:30 pm - 3:15 pm) options.

We hope you'll join us for 4K at Clay!

Important Dates:

February 6th

Referendum Public Meeting - Clay PLC
6:00 pm

February 17th

No School - Professional Dev

February 20th

No School

February 21st

Parent Teacher Conference Sign Up
Opens at 9 am

March 2nd

Parent Teacher Conferences
4-8 pm

March 8th

4K Registration
Child Development Days

March 9th

4K Registration
Child Development Days





**PARENT
TEACHER
CONFERENCES**
MARCH 10
4 PM - 8 PM

PARENT TEACHER CONFERENCES

BASD will once again be using PowerPTC to schedule Parent Teacher Conferences FOR GRADES 4K - 4th GRADES throughout the district on March 2nd 4 - 8 pm. 5th Grade families please check your email for scheduling information.

Beginning February 21st at 9 am, parents can login to <https://www.powerptc.net/powerptc/c/472/> and enter their PowerSchool Parent login credentials to login to the scheduler. Once logged in, select "Conference Schedule" and choose a beginning time and teachers you want to see for conferences. You can repeat this process for all students in your family by selecting "Change Student" on the left side of the page. Parents will be able to choose to attend conferences in-person or virtually directly within the scheduler.

If you need assistance, please see our video instructions for login as well as for using the scheduler. After completing the process you can choose to have your conference schedule emailed to you, downloaded to a calendar app, or printed at the bottom of the Conference Schedule Page. An email of your schedule, including virtual Google Meet links, will automatically be emailed to you next Wednesday. If you have additional questions or need further assistance, please contact your child's school.

If you are unable to find a time that works for you during our conference night, please reach out to your child's teacher to schedule an alternative time that works best for you. You can find your child's schedule and current grades by logging into PowerSchool or by using the PowerSchool app.

Congratulations!

Road to Spring Break Challenge

School-wide Popcorn Party!!!!!!



Our Cougars have been hard at work showing off their amazing skills for the Road to Spring Break Challenge! So far the school has earned an All-Day PJ Party and an All School Popcorn Party. Next stop is GRADE LEVEL vs. ADULT DODGEBALL!!! Keep up the great work Cougars!

- 50 tickets (per class) - Class Certificate
-School-wide Ticket Goals-
- 200 tickets - All school PJ Party**
- 400 tickets - All school popcorn party**
- 600 tickets - Grade level vs. Adults Dodgeball
- 800 tickets - Duct tape a Principal
- 1000 tickets - Pie/Head shave an adult
- 1200 - All school pizza snack
- 1300 - All school Carnival

Congratulations to Mr. Engels Class on receiving the attendance award for December!





CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations CLAY LAMBERTON STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



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Thank You

Cougar families for turning out for our January Concert and family activity night. Your participation in these fun events is critical to supporting the home/school connection. We hope to see you at our next concert and family night in May!



Berlin Area School District

2022-2023 ACADEMIC CALENDAR

Freshmen Orientation (8/9)
 New Teacher Inservice (8/15-8/19)
 Packet Pick Up and Pictures
 (8/16-8/18) 3-6pm
 Teacher Inservice (22-26)
 Teacher Inservice (29-31)
 Middle School Open House (8/29)
 Clay Meet and Greet (8/30)

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Staff Development
 (2/17 & 2/20)
 Winterfest (2/4)

First Day of School for Grades K-9 and
 new students (9/1)
 First Day of School Grades 10-12 (9/2)
 Holiday Labor Day (9/5)
 Picture Retakes Clay (9/13)
 Picture Retakes MS/HS (9/14)
 Homecoming (9/30)

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Parent Teacher Conferences
 (3/2) 4-8pm
 ACT - (3/7)
 Staff Development (3/10)
 Spring Break (3/20-3/24)

Staff Development (10/3 & 10/4)
 Parent Teacher
 Conferences 10am-7pm (10/27)
 No School (10/28)

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No School (4/7)
 Staff Development (4/10)
 Prom (4/29)

Staff Development (11/23)
 Thanksgiving Holiday (11/24)
 No School (11/25)

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Staff Development (5/12)
 BHS Graduation (5/26) 6 pm
 Memorial Day Holiday (5/29)

Staff Development (12/12)
 Winter Break (12/23-1/2)

DECEMBER 2022						
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8th Grade Promotion (6/1)
 Last Day of School - Student ½ day &
 Staff Development (6/2)

Staff Development (1/2)
 First Semester Ends (1/13)
 Staff Development (1/16)

JANUARY 2023						
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**Today's Learners.
 Tomorrow's Leaders.**