



CLAY LAMBERTSON ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER | JANUARY 2023

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRINCIPAL

Dear Families,
One of my favorite things about the Winter Break is that it provides time to slow down, take stock of the last year, and start dreaming and planning for the next year. I will be the first to admit that I'm not good at slowing down. I get restless and uncomfortable if there isn't a project to work on or something to do. I have to be highly intentional and thoughtful about slowing down, and when I do, I'm so thankful for the time and space to tap into other parts of who I am.

This Winter Break, I've enjoyed playing board games, watching movies, drawing, reading, and reflecting. My husband and I watched a new holiday movie, *Spirited*, starring Will Farrell and Ryan Reynolds. It's an entertaining musical rendition of Charles Dickson, *A Christmas Carol*. I am a huge fan of musicals and get sucked into any musical number with a large ensemble singing group; as they say, it gives me all the feels! What stuck out to me when reflecting on this particular adaptation is making life changes is so incredibly hard.

PRINCIPAL'S MESSAGE CONT'D

We can look back on our past, analyze the present, and see glimpses of a possible future, but to make some of the changes in our lives that we want in the New Year, we have to approach it as a marathon - an everyday decision.

In the final ensemble song, *Do A Little Good*, there is a part that goes:

"You thought change could only
work one way
It had to happen in one night
But now you know, oh, now you
know
The line of good and bad is not
so clean
And what we are is something in-
between
It's an everyday decision
Two steps forward, one step
back
But if you try to do what's right
You're on the right track
So try to do a little good
Maybe give a little more
Work a little harder than you did
the day before
It only take a little good
And some doing what you can
Taking every chance to make the
choice to help your fellow man"

This song is a good reminder to approach the goals we set as an "everyday decision." Taking a few steps forward and a few steps back is part of progress towards "a little more good." So, here is to trying to do a little more good, give a little more, and work just a little harder than the day before.

I hope you have a wonderful
and peaceful 2023!
Best Wishes,

Mrs. Nolan

Jena Nolan



*Happy
New
Year*





A NOTE FROM MR. RAY

Dear Clay Lamberton Families,

I hope this email finds you well and bringing in the new year energized to take on whatever may lie ahead for you. With the new year comes a wonderful opportunity to set new goals for ourselves and develop a path in meeting our new year's resolutions. I like to take this time with my wife and kids to discuss what we would like to each achieve personally and as a family going into this upcoming year that is sure to be filled with many more memories.

When you have a moment while hanging out as a family after playing a board game or sitting around the dinner table, I challenge you to share one goal that either as a family or individually you would like to achieve in the upcoming months. Although a lot of ideas may come to mind for you and your child(ren), try to hone in on one particular idea. For example, following directions the first time, getting all chores done daily, completing all class work in school, or getting better grades in math. Once you each have shared a goal then write out that goal and place it on your fridge to hold each other accountable. For your children, develop an accountability chart, where each day they can earn a positive mark (i.e. sticker) for working towards their goal. Once they achieve their goal, maybe you can go out and get a sundae at McDonald's to celebrate this accomplishment. For that matter, maybe after you achieve your goal as an adult, you can treat yourself to a tasty treat, as it sure would help motivate me :)

No matter how your new year's resolutions as a family may look, it ultimately is a good time to hit the reset button and start fresh. My hope is that you were able to take some time with your family to rejuvenate over the holiday break. I am eager to see all of the students back in our building, January 3rd!

Kind regards,

Mr. Ray

Joshua Ray
Assistant Principal



A NOTE FROM MR. DEX

Dear Clay Families,

Happy New Year! I'm hoping everyone was able to find time to relax and rejuvenate over the holidays.

With the freshness of a new year, I wanted to remind families of our attendance policies at school. As an instructional leader, one of my many responsibilities is ensuring that all students are learning to their full potential. One of the biggest predictors of a successful education is attendance. If students aren't at school, they are not learning the expected curriculum. Here are a couple of things to remember...

- Please call your child in if they will miss for any reason. Students are allowed by state law to be excused by a parent for up to ten days.
- Get a doctor's note if at all possible.
- We understand that children don't go to the doctor for reasons such as insurance, the flu or any other illness that will clear on its own, this is why 10 days are allowed.
- If your child is over 30 minutes late, please check them in at the office.

I'm excited for the thought of a new year and new possibilities. Let's make 2023 the best year yet!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dex

Michael Dexheimer
Assistant Principal





MONTHLY FOCUS

Each month, our school focus on a theme across setting in and out of the classrooms. The goal of these monthly themes is to come together as a school to enhance all students' social, emotional, and academic learning. At the beginning of each month, our two school counselors introduce the theme and concept to students through a classroom-taught lesson. In the following three weeks, the classroom teachers build on the theme and concept by teaching complementary lessons designed by our school counselors. Staff encourage and recognize students throughout the month for demonstrating the characteristics of the monthly focus. At the end of each month, one student from each classroom is nominated to be celebrated for the month's theme and is recognized at an all-school assembly.

January's theme of the month is Empathy and Compassion. Empathy is the ability to identify with and understand people's emotions—to feel what they feel. To show empathy and compassion for someone's feelings, students must be able to consider their own and others' feelings and determine which actions or responses would be helpful in a given situation.

Building the bridge between school and home with these important concepts will help our students make connections in various situations. We can't wait to celebrate our students and moments when they show empathy and compassion to a peer, staff member, or family member. Thank you for all you do to support your student(s) and our community!



Get ready Cougar families for the Road to Spring Break Challenge!! Students will earn tickets and positive feedback from their teachers for demonstrating positive behaviors related to the monthly theme and school-wide expectations at Clay Lambertson. Good luck Cougars and show us your Cougar Spirit!

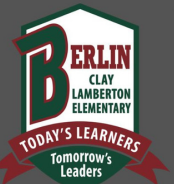
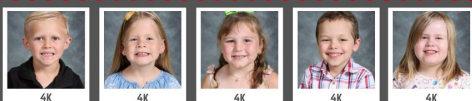
- 50 tickets (per class) - Class Certificate
- School-wide Ticket Goals-
- 200 tickets - All school PJ Party
- 400 tickets - All school popcorn party
- 600 tickets - Grade level vs. Adults Dodgeball
- 800 tickets - Duct tape a Principal
- 1000 tickets - Pie/Head shave an adult
- 1200 - All school pizza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





CELEBRATIONS

Congratulations CLAY LAMBERTON STUDENTS OF THE MONTH



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UPCOMING EVENTS

WE HOPE YOU CAN JOIN US!

JANUARY CONCERT

WHO: GRADES 1 & 4 STUDENTS AND FAMILIES
WHEN: 5:00 PM, JANUARY 17, 2023
WHERE: CLAY LAMBERTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL



JANUARY CONCERT INFORMATION

5:00 pm - Musical Performance
Grades 1 & 4 (Gym)

5:20 pm - Intermission

5:30 - 6:30 pm - Clay at Play
Physical Education Activities
(Families should wear athletic shoes to participate)



Important Dates:

January 2nd
No School - Professional Dev

January 13th
End of First Semester

January 16th
No School - Professional Dev

January 17th
1st & 4th Grade Concert & Family PE Night

January 20th
Report Cards Sent Home



NURSE UPDATE

I hope everyone enjoyed their time away from school and had a wonderful time with their families! It is that time of year, unfortunately, where people are becoming ill. There are colds, flu, COVID, strep throat, RSV and many other illnesses out there. Please remind your children of the importance of washing their hands to decrease their risk of becoming ill. Remind them not to share food and drinks with friends and try to encourage them to keep their hands away from their faces as that is one of the most common ways viruses enter our bodies. Please do your best to follow the “stay-at-home” health guidelines to keep others at school from becoming ill. If you have questions please feel free to contact me via email or phone at 920-361-2442 ext 2129 and I will get back to you as soon as I can.

BASD “Stay-at-Home” Health Guidelines

Your child should stay home when they:

1. Have an Oral temperature that is higher than 100.3° F. They must be fever free for 24 hours before returning to school. If fever reducing medications have been used, like Acetaminophen (Tylenol) or Ibuprofen (Motrin), this does not count as being fever free.
2. Have a fever or other symptoms caused by COVID-19 without a negative test. Your child must stay home for 5 days from the first day COVID symptoms appeared. Your child must be fever free for 24 hours without the use of fever reducing medications and symptoms improving before you can return to school.
3. Are positive for COVID-19 and have no symptoms, then you must stay home for 5 days from the day the test was done.
4. Have diarrhea or vomiting. You should be vomit and/or diarrhea free with a normal temperature for 24 hours before returning to school.
5. Have coughing and/or wheezing that are not related to COVID-19 but are causing difficulty breathing or moderate chest pain.
6. Have an undiagnosed rash or open sores with drainage.
7. Have abdominal pain that is accompanied by fever, diarrhea, and/or vomiting
8. Have a sore throat serious enough to interfere with swallowing or is accompanied by a fever or rash.
9. Have “pink eye” and drainage is present and/or have discomfort/itching that interferes with activities. You may return after 24 hours of antibiotics if they are ordered by a physician.
10. Have any infectious bacterial infection. You may return once fever free, symptoms are improving, and you have been on antibiotics for 24 hours.

Sincerely,

Sara Miller, BASD Director of Health Services

TRAVELING CLOSET

The Traveling Closet is bringing clothes to the Berlin community on Wednesday, January 25th from 3:30 pm to 5:30 pm. This is a completely free event that offers weather-appropriate clothing to those in the Berlin community. The Traveling Closet will visit the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area every 60 days with a big truck full of new or gently used clothes for individuals and families showing financial need.

To participate, families need to sign up for the program through the following link provided by the Boys & Girls Club of the Tri-County Area. Registration is required in order to participate in the event. At the time of registration, we will have you pick a shopping time to help us better serve you.

By pre-registering, we can ensure that we have enough items as well as limit waiting times. We are excited to be in your community, we know when you look good, you feel good! If you have questions or additional information is needed please reach out to us at 920.731.7834, or send us an email at

info@communityclothescloset.org

PASS SURVEY

With a continued commitment to addressing social and emotional barriers to learning, we are asking all students enrolled in the Berlin Area School District to complete the Pupil Attitudes to Self and School (PASS) survey. The PASS Survey was developed by a team of educational psychologists from multiple universities to provide highly reliable and valid information into how students feel about themselves as learners and how they feel about school. Available in twenty languages, PASS allows schools to detect possible barriers to student learning, including issues around confidence, resilience, motivation, and concentration. The PASS survey will allow our district to proactively address non-academic barriers to learning, which can compromise our students' well-being and academic success.

The survey will be administered in late January, to OPT OUT of the survey, please email Ann Schnyder, Director of Pupil Services and Special Education.

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)

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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.**