

## **CLAY LAMBERTON** ELEMENTARY

NEWSLETTER I **MARCH 2023** 

#### **QUICK LINKS**



Clay Website



<u>Calendar</u>



Lunch Menu



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#### **IMPORTANT DATES**

#### March 2nd

Parent Teacher Conf 4-8 pm

#### March 8th

4K Registration & Child Dev Days

#### March 9th

4K Registration & Child Dev Days

#### March 10th

No School - Staff Development

#### March 14th

Clay PTO Meeting 3:30 pm

#### March 15th

6th Grade Band Demo for 5th Grade

#### March 17th

Carnival Day

#### March 20th - 24th

No School - Spring Break

#### **April 7th**

No School

#### **April 10th**

No School

#### STATE **TESTING**

Can you believe it's March already? March brings the hope of spring, warmer weather, and the anticipation of spring break. On the school front, it also brings the beginning of the Wisconsin State Forward Assessment for all 3rd, 4th, and 5th-grade students.

The Wisconsin Forward Assessment is used to gauge how well students are doing in relation to the Wisconsin academic standards compared to all other students across the state. Students in 3rd. 4th. and 5th grade take reading, writing, language, speaking and listening, and math assessments. 4thgrade students also take a science and social studies assessment. Our testing window at Clay Lamberton will begin Monday, April 3rd, and go through the end of April. Our school team works very hard to ensure students are not overwhelmed, and we carefully plan out our assessment calendar, so tests are spaced out. More details and information will be shared as we get closer to those dates.

#### A MESSAGE FROM THE **PRINCIPAL**

Dear Families.

The Clay Lamberton Road to Spring Break Challenge is moving along, and we have two goals left before the all-school carnival. Next. students are working to earn certificates, so Mr. Ray has to shave his head, and Mr. Dex and I get pies in our faces. After that, we are working for an all-school pizza party! As we gear up for the allschool carnival, we seek your help. If you are interested in volunteering to help at the carnival, please fill out the online sign up. We greatly appreciate your support of our students and school!

Mrs. Nolan





## A NOTE FROM MR. RAY

Dear Clay Lamberton Families,

I hope this newsletter finds you and your family well. March provides the perfect transitional time of the year when typically winter comes winding down, days are getting longer and warmer, and the songbirds start chirping a little bit louder as they come back into town. March is also national developmental disabilities awareness month where in part we continue to develop an awareness regarding barriers and the inclusion of individuals with a disability in our school-community.

At Clay Lamberton, our compassionate, determined, and dedicated special education teachers, Mrs. Kouba, Mrs. Lindahl, Ms. Hooyman, Mrs. Pinno-Davis, Mrs. Erickson, and Mr. McConnell continues to help ensure the success of students with a disability through the development of an individualized education program (IEP). Inclusionary practices allow all students access to the curriculum, social-emotional learning (SEL) with grade-level peers, differentiated instruction from both the special education and general education teacher, and promotes an all means all mentality to list a few. Our special education teachers work tirelessly on meeting a child's individualized goals that not only set them up for success currently, but as they transition through their educational pathway. Clay Lamberton and the Berlin area community is stronger with such a caring group of special education teachers.

Lastly, as we spring forward on March 12th and meteorological spring beginning on March 20th, this is a time of the year when I start reimagining myself mowing the lawn, the tulips coming up, and opening day for the Milwaukee Brewers. As often as it has seemed that we still have snow going into the end of April, the thought is at least something to look forward to. My family has enjoyed reading the book "Goodbye Winter, Hello Spring," by Kenard Pak. This book does a wonderful job representing the seasons changing over as the boy in the story walks through the forest. Nothing feels better than a warm(er) and brighter spring evening with the birds chirping and the trees beginning to bud. I am curious, what are your favorite family springtime books that get you in the spirit for longer days and warmer weather?

Kind regards,

Mr. Ray

Joshua Ray Assistant Principal





#### A NOTE FROM MR. DEX

Dear Clay Families,

With a snowy February coming to an end, I look forward to the warmer weather of March and Spring Break! This month, I wanted to highlight our literacy and math coaches as well as our behavioral specialist. Being a former literacy coach I feel a bond with each of these specialists.

Coaches often support teachers through reading, writing, math and behavior. This support can be in class but can also be helping teachers plan during a prep time, before school or after school. Coaches also teach alongside teachers by modeling procedures and lessons. Coaches roles go beyond helping teachers. They are an important part of our Student Support Teams, in which they offer ideas of how to help struggling students. Another aspect of a coach's job is to provide support for students who struggle in a particular area by providing intervention lessons. I cannot say enough about how important our coaches are at Clay. Our coaches are always willing to fill in for an absent teacher as a substitute, offer a helping hand to a 4K student at the busses or just assist with a lunch or recess duty. This month, a huge shoutout to our Math coaches; Mrs. Bruce and Mrs. Senkbeil. Literacy coaches: Mrs. Stellmacher, Mrs. Bastain and Mrs. Draves. Behavioral Specialist; Mrs. Vogelsang.

Sincerely,

Mr. Dex

Michael Dexheimer Assistant Principal





# 4K REGISTRATION & CHILD DEVELOPMENT DAYS



Click on the QR Code to Schedule an Appointment Online

Will your child be four years old by September 1st, 2023? If so, Clay Lamberton 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.



Clay Lamberton 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!



The Sharing Table is a place where students can place unopened food and drinks that they choose not to eat or drink. This provides an opportunity for other students to take additional helpings of food or beverages from the Sharing Table if they are still hungry after completing their meal. For more information about the Share Table Program, please visit our website.



#### 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

Pie in the Face/Head Shave!!!!!!

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 and All School Popcorn Party. Next stop is Pie in the Face and Head Shave an adult!

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

800 tickets - Duct tape a Principal
1000 tickets - Pie/Head shave an
adult

1200 - All school pizza snack 1300 - All school Carnival

Congratulations to Ms. Kleman's Class on receiving the attendance award for February!





## CELEBRATIONS













## 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)
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Conferences 10am-7pm (10/27)
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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)

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