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CLAY LAMBERTSON ELEMENTARY


NEWSLETTER | APRIL 2023


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IMPORTANT DATES

April 7th

No School

April 10th

No School - Professional Dev

April 3rd - 28th

Forward Testing Grades 3-5

May 9th

3/5 Concert/STEM Night

May 12th

No School - Staff Development

May 29th

No School - Memorial Day

Dear families,
Some of my favorite memories as an elementary school student were the days my classmates and I got out of the building and experienced new places and ideas from the various field trips we went on. Fast-forward to recent years, and COVID restrictions made field trips a less desirable experience. At Clay, we made it through the field trip drought by supplementing with virtual field trips; however, they were just not the same. On the other side of COVID, students and staff are excited to reengage in field trip experiences.

Research, Carylann Assante broke down the idea of field trips beautifully when she said, "Today's students are visual learners, and a field trip lets them touch, feel, and listen to what they're learning about. This helps them build on classroom instruction, better understand topics, build cultural understanding and tolerance, and expose them to worlds outside their own." We know that children are curious learners, and these opportunities outside their school and community can positively contribute to these curious moments. Exploring opens children's eyes to a world outside their neighborhood and can spark confidence to go and see beyond boundaries. Some of the field trips students at Clay have experienced have been the Madison Zoo,

live performances at the Grand Theater in Oshkosh and the Performing Arts Center in Appleton, and Wisconsin Dells, to name a few. There is always a bustle of excitement on days leading up to field trips, and our teachers and staff put in hours of planning and organizing to ensure the safety and success of all students attending.

Field trips can also occur at home with families and caretakers. Small half-day or full-day trips are fantastic opportunities to explore outside our community, and Wisconsin has terrific things to offer! My family's favorites include hiking at Peninsula State Park in Door County, visiting the State Capital, beach time at Kohler-Andre State Park, adventures at Bookworm Gardens, and exploring Cave of the Mounds. We love to pack a lunch and snacks and make a day of exploring. There are so many wonderful free places in our very own state!

We are grateful for the Berlin Alumni Association and the grant money they have awarded several grade levels to help offset the cost of events and transportation for student field trips. Additionally, we are eternally grateful to the parents, guardians, and caretakers who have contributed money to pay for field trips and have volunteered time to chaperone our children on the field trips.

Best Wishes,
Jena Nolan





A NOTE FROM MR. RAY

Dear Clay Lamberton Families,

I hope you were able to get outside and enjoy some of the nicer weather over spring break. The month of April recognizes many different awareness days, but the one that holds near and dear to my heart is Autism awareness. Autism awareness month provides an opportunity each year to better understand, become more knowledgeable, advocate, and continue to promote the acceptance of all no matter if a child has a disability or not.

At Clay Lamberton Elementary School we believe in an inclusive learning environment for all and develop learning environments that not only support their academic abilities but more importantly students' ability to connect and have a sense of belonging with their peers. Our staff at Clay Lamberton do an amazing job analyzing each student's learning style(s) and differentiating the curriculum and instructional format to meet these needs head-on, allowing all students to be highly successful. As a building, we have developed systems and supports to meet an individual's needs with or without a disability. This includes our tiered system of support, student support teams, check-in/check-out (CICO), where students have the opportunity multiple times a day to connect with a trusted adult, and the Cougar Cave, to name a few. The Cougar Cave is one option that provides a therapeutic environment for students to cope with their current needs, thus allowing them to be highly successful while working in the general education setting.

On a quick note, I am sure you have already heard the fun that was had on the last Friday before spring break as all students earned the opportunity to have some fun in our carnival. Students earned this opportunity by following the cougar way (Being respectful, responsible, and safe) consistently over the course of the last few months. If you have been in our building lately you most likely noticed all of the cougar certificates lining our hallways. Students earned time to play on the jump houses, obstacle course in our big gym, and many other fun activities in our music/art room area. Delicious pizza was also provided by the Country Inn for all students and staff to enjoy. We are so proud of the continued effort the students at Clay exhibit on a daily basis to develop the positive and welcoming school community we continue to promote. I also want to take this time to thank our amazing PTO for sponsoring the jump houses and our guardian volunteers for helping supervise all of this fun.

If you ever would like to further connect the administrative team and/or staff at Clay Lamberton please do not hesitate to contact us. We are always willing to partner and strive to develop relationships with our community in best meeting the needs of all students.

Here's to hopefully warmer weather and baseball season. Go, Brewers!

Kind Regards,

Mr. Ray

Joshua Ray
Assistant Principal



A NOTE FROM MR. DEX

Dear Clay Families,

I am really excited about our Clay summer school program! Not only will students be given academic instruction in literacy and math but they will be offered a wide range of non-academic activities!

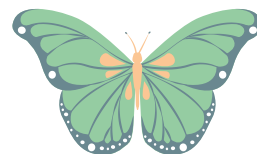
Outside of core academics, students will be able to choose two classes from the following list; Physical education, outdoor sports, cooking, art, survivor, fun and games, and sign language. Coupled with the amazing classes that are being offered at Clay, students will also be able to get bussed to the Boys and Girls Club for free afternoon activities.

Finally, bussing as well as breakfast and lunch will all be offered through our summer school programming free of charge! I'm so excited to see all of our Clay students' smiling faces this June from the 12-29th. Please [register online](#) today, we hope your child will join us for the summer school fun!

Sincerely,

Mr. Dex

Michael Dexheimer
Assistant Principal





CURRENTLY IN 4K - 4TH GRADE

SUMMER SCHOOL

JUNE 12 - JUNE 29, 2023

[REGISTER NOW >](#)

This summer, Clay Lambertton will once again be holding summer school for students currently in grades 4K through 4th. Summer school will run from June 12 - June 29, Monday through Thursday from 8-11:30. Breakfast and lunch will be included with this program. BASD is partnering with the Boys & Girls Club to provide wraparound care immediately following summer school, transportation will be provided to the Club each day. Registration is NOW OPEN for Club activities, [check out their website](#) to learn more. Fees may apply; scholarships are always available.

In addition to typical academic activities such as reading and math, students will also be able to choose from two of the following activities.

- Survivor - students will learn how to make a shelter, learn basic first aid, and find out what to do if they get lost among many other important survival skills.
- Cooking - A discovery-based hands-on course that will provide students with the opportunity to learn about cooking! Students will make snacks and desserts that require little to no baking.
- Art Adventures - Students will learn about different artists from around the world of the past and present all while creating projects using the elements of art and design.
- American Sign Language - Students will learn some basic sign language while playing games, learning songs, and engaging in fun activities.
- Fun and Games - Students will start off learning and playing traditional games such as Jenga and Sorry and move onto more complicated games such as UNO and War and even have the opportunity to create their own games.
- Outdoor Sports - Students will participate in team sports in the (hopefully) beautiful summer weather. Games will include soccer, kickball, football, and baseball/softball.
- Physical Education - Summer PE will be an extension and further practice of the physical skills students learned during the year.

To register for summer school, please complete the online form in [English](#) or [en Espanol](#). For additional questions, please contact the Clay office 920-361-2442.

ALL DAY 4K AT CLAY

LOTTERY SELECTION HELD IN MAY
REGISTER BY APRIL 21, 2023

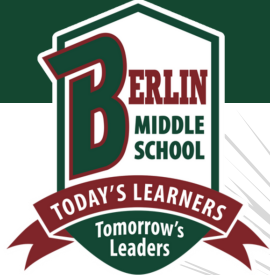
We're still enrolling students for 4K at Clay. If you would like your child to be entered into the all-day 4K lottery, you must register your child no later than **April 21st at 4 pm** in the Clay office. To be considered for the full-day lottery, a completed registration is required, which includes your child's birth certificate, proof of residency, and immunization records.

The lottery will be held on **May 1st** and parents will be notified of their child's placement shortly thereafter. If you have any questions, please contact the Clay office at 920-361-2442.

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

Share Tables Now Available

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](#).



CELEBRATIONS

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Clay at Play



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)

SEPTEMBER 2022						
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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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