



# School District of Clear Lake

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## Clear Lake Elementary Notes – February 2019

From Principal Chris Petersen:

February: short month; short newsletter. Check out all of the calendar reminders in the newsletter, as we have a lot of special days coming up. We will also finish off the month celebrating Read Across America Week, which is always a fun time.

I wanted to share some suggestions from a mental health workshop attended by a staff member regarding ways that parents can help their child experience greater behavioral and academic success at school. We thought we would pass them along to you:

- Eat some protein with breakfast (peanut butter, eggs, cheese, or yogurt).
- Get lots of sleep (recommended 10-12 hours for elementary children).
- Drink lots of water throughout each day.
- Exercise enough (30 minutes a day in addition to school).

### Inclement Weather School Cancellations

With our unusual run of school cancellations due to inclement weather, our school district will discuss the options to ensure that we meet our yearly requirements for instructional minutes in Clear Lake. Once those plans are created, they will be shared with all members of our school community.

### Jr. Kindergarten and Early Childhood Screening Feb. 7-8th

Registration for Jr. Kindergarten and screening for identification of Early Childhood needs will be held at the elementary school on Thursday and Friday, February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>. **If you or someone you know has a child who will be four years old by Sept. 1, 2019**, or a child (age birth to three) you would like to have screened for possible special needs or developmental delays, plan to attend. Information and pre-registration can be obtained by contacting Mrs. Jessica Pickard via email at [jpickard@clwarriors.org](mailto:jpickard@clwarriors.org) or phone at 715-263-2117 ext. 2112. **If someone misses the screening, they should still contact the school or Mrs. Pickard for registration information.**

**Reminder: Due to the screening, there will be no classes for current Kindergarten and Jr. Kindergarten students on February 7<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup>.**

### Read Across America Week (aka “Dr. Seuss Week”) is Coming

The week of February 25 – March 1 is Read Across America Week. Look for a flyer in the upcoming weeks. This is an annual celebration of reading that is recognized by schools all across America. We are planning multiple activities to encourage kids to develop a love of reading and to recognize its importance, including a visit from an author on Monday morning. We'll finish the week with our annual student variety show in the gym on Friday afternoon, March 1<sup>st</sup>.

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## **Student Illnesses**

Flu season is upon us. We want to encourage good attendance, but when colds or illnesses hit, it is important to take steps to allow for recovery and prevent the spread of sickness to others. School guidelines are found on page 26 of the Parent-Student Handbook.

Please do not send your children to school when they are ill:

- A child should be fever free **for 24 hours** (without the aid of medicine) before returning to school.
- A child should be free from vomiting/diarrhea **for 24 hours** before returning to school.
- A child with thick or constant nasal discharge should not attend school.
- A child diagnosed with strep throat should remain home for the first 24-48 hours of antibiotics.
- A child diagnosed with conjunctivitis (pink eye) should remain at home for the first 24-48 hours of antibiotics or until the redness is gone and there is no more drainage.

## **Before School Drop-Off**

**Students may arrive at school any time between 8:00 and 8:17 a.m. Classes officially start at 8:20 a.m.** We do not provide supervision of students on playgrounds or parking lots before or after the school day. Please **DO NOT DROP YOUR CHILD OFF OR SEND THEM TO ARRIVE AT SCHOOL BEFORE 8:00 a.m.** We do offer a before-and-after school care program (Jr. Warriors) for families who may need child care before 8:00 a.m.

## **Important Date Reminders**

Feb. 6-8	Vision Screening by CL Lions Club volunteers (Grades K, 2, 4, 6)
Feb. 7-8	Jr. Kindergarten Screening – NO SCHOOL for current Kindergarten and Jr. K students
Feb. 15	No School – Teacher Inservice day
Feb. 18	No School – Vacation day
Feb. 19	PTO meeting, 5:30 p.m. Elementary Library
Feb. 25-Mar.1	Read Across America Week
Mar. 1	Talent Show in Gym, 1:00
Mar. 10	Daylight Savings Time begins
Mar. 18	PTO meeting, 5:30 p.m. Elementary Library
Mar. 28	End of 3 <sup>rd</sup> Quarter
Mar. 29	No School – Teacher Inservice

**The 2019-20 School District Calendar has been approved and is available on our website.**

## **PTO Updates**

The Parent-Teacher Organization typically meets every month on the third Monday or Tuesday at 5:30 p.m. in the Elementary Library. All parents are welcome and encouraged to attend.

In the coming weeks, we will be having a contest to collect “Milk Moola” coupons as a PTO fundraiser. Kwik Trip is ending this program, so this will be the last chance to turn in and redeem “Milk Moola” money. A note with more specifics will be sent home when the time comes.

Our Parent Teacher Organization is again planning to do a spring carnival this school year. The date for the carnival is Friday, April 12, 2019.

We want to thank you for your support for the carnival last year and the overwhelming amount of prizes donated by families. We want to send this reminder to keep your eyes peeled for items that would make great prizes for our next carnival.

Items can be sent to Mrs. Meyer at school for storage if that is an issue. Please keep an eye out for things like temporary hair color, tattoos, face paint, small and large prizes for various games and reading incentives. Thank you for your support!

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