Clearwater Elementary School

Principal’s Newsletter

**[Date]**



**Dear Clearwater Elementary Families,**

On behalf of the staff at Clearwater Elementary School, I am happy to welcome you to the 2015-16 school year! We are looking forward to a productive partnership with you to ensure our children can achieve their highest potential. We recognize that in order to be successful in school our children need support from both the home and school. We know a strong partnership with you will make a great difference in your child’s education. As partners, we share the responsibility for our children’s success and want you to know that we will do our very best to carry out our responsibilities. We ask that you guide and support your child’s learning by ensuring that he/she: 1) Attends school daily and arrives on time, ready for the day’s learning experience 2) Completes all homework assignments given by teachers 3) Reads daily to develop a love for reading and to improve literacy skills 4) Shares school experiences with you so that you are aware of his/her school life 5) Informs you if he/she needs additional support in any area or subject 6) Knows that you expect him/her to succeed in school. Together we can make a difference.

Wesley Johnson, Principal

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**[ACADEMICS]**

This year we are doing interventions (extra help) during regular classroom hours. No child will have to miss Social Studies, Science or Special Classes like in the past years. Each grade level has an intervention time where all students are either receiving enrichment or intervention activities to meet their needs. Classroom teachers and our Title 1 team will meet regularly to review progress and make changes as needed. This change will make sure all students’ needs are being addressed.

Third and Fourth Graders will have to take the Missouri Assessment Program test in May of 2016. At the moment we understand that the Missouri Learning Standards will be the basis for the test. The test is taken on the computer and results help to determine our district’s rank among other schools in the state. Our computer lab is up and running and teachers are preparing students for the test by teaching MLS at each grade level.

**(UP COMING EVENTS)**

September 4TH – NO SCHOOL

September 7th - NO SCHOOL

September 8th – First Day of Early Childhood

September 14th- AUTHOR’S VISITOR 5:30-6:30 ELEMENTARY CAFETERIA

September 16th – No School

September 18th- GRANDPARENT’S DAY

1:00-2:00



National Bullying Prevention Program

I am going into each classroom to discuss bullying issues with the help of the National Bullying Prevention Program. My goal is to make Clearwater Elementary a Bully Free Zone. Bullying is when a student is being harassed over and over by someone who intentionally wants to harm them. This program helps students to recognize characteristics of people who bully and the reasons they bully. Most importantly it helps them to know what to do if someone is bullying them. They need to know bullying is not cool and if they see someone who is being bullied, let an adult know! We can put an end to bullying if we work together.

**[**REMINDERS]

**The School Day starts at 7:55**

Dismissal for Car Riders: 3:10

Dismissal for First Round Bus 3:15

Dismissal for Second Round 3:20

Drop-Off and Pick-Up will expand on September 8th with Early Childhood starting. This will add more cars the back at dismissal time. Many parents are finding if they wait until 3:15 to come to the back, there is no traffic and waiting. You may want to consider this option. Traffic will also be an issue once they turn the bridge by Middle and High School into a one lane for three weeks. This will make bus and car pick-up a little bit tougher until construction is complete.

(Students of the Month: September)

We are very pleased to start Student of the Month at Clearwater Elementary this year. Students are chosen for this honor through good citizenship, behavior, and academics. One student from each homeroom will be selected. Students of the Month will receive a certificate, name on the Wall of Fame, picture in the newspaper, and lunch with the principal.

**Kindergarten:** Avery Green, Jessica Barton,

Aiden Young, and Danielle Burgess

**First Grade:** Abbie Gingrey, Waylon Umfleet,

Alana Carter, Kendra Bishop

**Second Grade:** Jordan Patterson, Alexis Alden, and Gracee Deckard

**Third Grade**: Grace Beezley, Michael Poe, and Trevor Miller

**Fourth Grade**: Makia Luke, Jamie Foster, and Lauren Wheelehon

**Congratulations to all Students of the Month**