



Clifton Elementary Stars

NEWSLETTER

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October / November 2018 Newsletter

End of Quarter: Friday, October 12
No School, Teacher Work Day: Monday, October 15
5th Grade Music Program: Thursday, October 18, 6:30 p.m.
Preschool Family Outing: Friday, October 19, Pumpkin Patch, 9:30 a.m. to 11:30 a.m.
No School, Conferences: Monday, October 22
No School, Conferences: Tuesday, October 23
No School, In-Service Day: Monday, October 29
4th Grade Music Program: Thursday, November 8, 6:30 p.m.
No School, Thanksgiving Break: Monday, November 19 to Friday, November 23
One Author, One School: Friday, November 30, 5:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.

FROM THE OFFICE

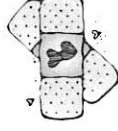
- ❖ We welcome all visitors and volunteers at Clifton Elementary. In order to provide a safe environment, all visitors need to sign in and get a visitor's pass at the front office.
- ❖ Please call the office at 254-4760 if your child will be absent for any reason. You can also e-mail Jan at: Janna.Passchier@d51schools.org
- ❖ **Our school hours have changed.** The tardy bell now rings at 8:45 and our release bell rings at 3:45 Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays and Fridays and 1:45 p.m. on Wednesdays. Please do not send your child to school before 8:15 a.m. Please pick your child up by 3:50 p.m. after school each day and 1:50 p.m. on Wednesdays (early release day).
- ❖ If you know in advance that your child will be leaving school early, please let us know. In case of testing or other programs, we may be able to have your child at the office instead of interrupting the program.
- ❖ **An ID will be required to pick all children during school hours.**



FROM THE HEALTH OFFICE

With cold and flu season in our midst we wanted to let you all know that the best and easiest way to prevent illness and decrease the spread of germs is by hand washing. When should a person wash their hands? Here are a few examples:

- Before eating food.
- After using the toilet.
- After blowing your nose, coughing, or sneezing.
- After touching garbage.
- Before, during, and after preparing food.
- After being around someone who is sick.
- After touching money.
- After touching an animal or picking up animal waste.



Washing hands with soap and water is the best way to remove germs from your hands. Here is the correct way to wash your hands:

- Wet your hands with clean running water (warm or cold is ok) and apply soap.
- Rub your hands together to make a lather; friction is key and focus on fingers; scrub the fingers, cuticles, under fingernails, between your fingers and thumbs, back of your hands, and palm of your hands.
- Continue rubbing your hands together for at least 20 seconds. Helpful ways to time your handwashing include: humming the "Happy Birthday" song from beginning to end twice, or singing the ABCs one time. Ask your child what they do at school.
- Rinse your hands well under running water.
- Dry your hands with a clean towel, turn the faucet off and the open the door with that towel.

Unfortunately not everyone will wash their hands after they have used the restroom. Using the towel prevents you from getting dirty hands before you even leave the bathroom!

Please contact the health office at **254-4760 Ext # 3** if you have any questions.

Thank you,
Lorena Perez, Health Assistant &
Sheila Polhamus, R.N.



FROM THE PRINCIPAL

We are off to a great start here at Clifton Elementary and I wanted to thank you for supporting Clifton Elementary and entrusting us with your child's education. Our teacher's and staff are looking forward to partnering with you this school year. I am also writing to remind families that our school hours are as follows:

Mondays, Tuesdays, Thursdays & Fridays - 8:15 to 3:45
Wednesdays (Early Release) - 8:15 to 1:45

Students will be allowed to enter the building at 8:15, so please make plans to drop off your child no earlier than 8:15. Also, if you are walking to school be at the crosswalk at 8:15.

Thank you and feel free to call if you have questions, 970-254-4760.



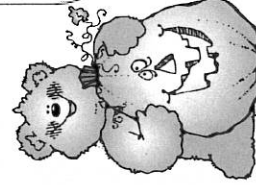
MUSIC PROGRAMS

Here is a list of the upcoming music programs. Please mark your calendars.

- 5th Grade: Thursday, October 18, @ 6:30 p.m.
- 4th Grade: Thursday, November 8, @ 6:30 p.m.
- 2nd Grade: Thursday, December 6 @ 6:30 p.m.
- 1st Grade: Thursday, February 7, @ 6:30 p.m.
- 3rd Grade: Tuesday, March 5, @ 6:30 p.m.
- Kindergarten: Tuesday, April 16, @ 6:30 p.m.

All the music programs will be held at Clifton Elementary in the gym. Your children can't wait to perform for you.

Mrs. Djokic & Miss Bryan, Music Teachers



FROM NUTRITION SERVICES

FREE breakfast starting at 8:15 a.m.!

Don't forget to fill out your Free & Reduced Application at www.myschoolapps.com. These applications have to be filled out every year and not only help your family save money – if you qualify – but also help our school earn additional funding for academic and extracurricular activities.

We look forward to another great year of serving your family!