

# Clayton Elementary

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Message from Mrs. Fenrick

Welcome back! I hope you all had a restful and joyful winter break with your families. It was great to see all the students back with smiling faces and ready to learn!

## Weather:

We are now back to the rainy season. Students will be outside most days, even when it is raining (unless it is torrential rain) and will need appropriate outdoor clothing for those days such as waterproof jackets and boots. Please note the weather each morning and send your child with appropriate rain gear. We suggest children in all grades have extra clothes at school, especially pants, underwear, and socks. We are supporting outdoor play as a healthy part of each student's day. Thank you for your support.




## LST Update:

I just wanted to inform everyone that Ms. Dheenshaw is now on full medical leave until the end of the year. We have not yet found a replacement but hopefully will soon. We continue to have support from Ms. Tionsen (Thurs) and Ms. Sandhu (Fri) who will remain until the end of the year. We wish Ms. Dheenshaw well.

## What's happening in our classrooms?

**Here are some the big ideas, skills, and content that our students our learning right now:**

### Division 1

-  Integers and changing fractions to decimals to percents
-  Gravity, electricity and Newton's Laws
-  How to discuss their ideas, opinions, and facts about their novel White Jade Tiger in Literature Circles



## Upcoming Events

### Beginning Monday, Jan. 15

Kindergarten Registration is open – please come to the office to register your child if they are born in 2013

### Jan 15

Pink Shirt Orders due – forms are in the office or go to [schoolcashionline.com](http://schoolcashionline.com) to order

### Wednesdays Jan 17 – Mar 7 2:30-3:30

Mad Science — Rm 1

### Jan 17 6:30 pm

PAC meeting – Room 1\* – all welcome!

\*note change from library

### Tuesdays and Thursdays Jan 29 – May 2 2:30-4:30pm

Jumpstart – Round 2  
Grades 2-4




Registration forms coming home soon

### Feb 2 9am




Ground Hog Day assembly – parents always welcome

## Modern and Ancient China




### Division 2

-  Coding using the Ozobots
-  Ancient China
-  How short stories follow a plot sequence




### Division 3

-  How the human body systems work together especially in the circulatory and respiratory systems
-  Coding skills using Scratch
-  Persuasive writing




### Division 4

-  Paragraph writing
-  First Contact between the First Nations and Europeans
-  Long division



### Division 5 & 6

-  First nations of the Great Lakes and residential schools
-  Graphing
-  Biomes (Gr. 4's) and Types of Energy (Gr. 3's)




### Division 7

-  How objects move – force and motion
-  Art in the style of Van Gogh
-  Making connections before, during and after reading

### Division 8 & 9

-  The lifecycle of meal worms – what they like better: apples or carrots – the best type of homes – how they grow and change
-  Story writing

### Division 10

-  All about winter animals
-  Geometry
-  Our Families and our community

### Division 11

-  The letter J
-  Sequencing of sentences

## Division 12

- ✚ Guided reading
- ✚ Syllables of words
- ✚ All about bears

**Isn't that amazing? When I went to each class to talk to the students, they were all excited to tell me about what they were learning. Great job, everyone!**

## More Important Items

### Students missing school and being late

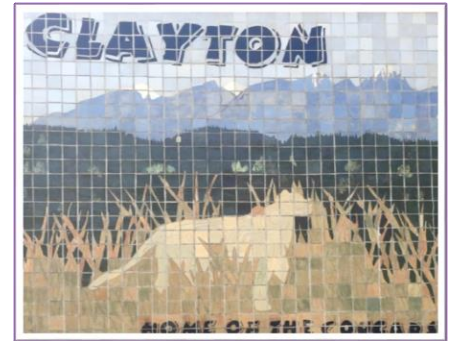
It is very important that students come to school on time and consistently. Research is very clear that students who miss 10% or more of school in any given year can have increased learning challenges and gaps in their skills. So far, if your child has missed 7 or more days of school, they fall in that 10% category.

Being late also makes your child miss important settling in and readiness time. Most teachers begin the day with a check in and then move into important learning like reading, writing, and math. When your child is late, he or she misses important connection time, content and skill development.

Family vacations that take students out of their community provide many learning opportunities for students outside of the classroom and can be a valuable source of learning. While it is better that these happen during the break times, it is understandable that it cannot always be planned that way.

If you are struggling for any reason to get your child to school, please feel free to come and talk to me or your child's teacher. The learning done here at Clayton is tremendous and it is so important for each and every child to be here. We are very happy to help and provide support at any time and for any reason.

Please seriously consider how much school your child is attending. Students only learn by being present and ready for the day. Thank-you for your attention on this important matter and remember, we are here to help at any time.



### Other reminders:

Unless you are just staying at the office, please remember to **sign in and wear a visitor badge** if you are going to be in the school for any reason, even for a few minutes. This is a safety measure for all our students.

I know that **parking and the pull** through continues to be an issue. I urge everyone to follow the traffic rules and be kind, courteous and patient when dropping off or picking up your child. Also, the staff parking lot is off-limits at all times to parents.

### A big THANK-YOU!

I just wanted to send a big thank-you to all the family and friends who attended our Christmas Concert before the break. We had an amazing turn-out and hope that everyone enjoyed it.