



Clayton Elementary

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Monday Feb. 4	Tuesday Feb. 5	Wednesday Feb. 6	Thursday Feb. 7	Friday Feb. 8
	JumpStart starts 2:30-4:30		Hot Dog day JumpStart 2:30-4:30	
Monday Feb. 11	Tuesday Feb. 12	Wednesday Feb. 13	Thursday Feb. 14	Friday Feb. 15
	Early Dismissal 1:25pm Parent/Teacher interviews	Fruit and Veggie day - Kiwis	Valentine's Day Wear anything Red, Pink, and White	

Parent/Teacher Interviews – Feb. 12th

We are going to try something a little different this time. A notice will be going home today – attached – about the process we are using. We are asking parents to give us a time slot that you are available. The teachers will then create a time table with specific times for each interview. We will attempt to have sibling's interview times close together. A second notice will then go home with your exact interview times. We know that many of you communicate regularly with your child's teacher, but we are still hoping to sit down with as many parents as possible to discuss progress and set goals. The interviews will be about 10 mins in length, and we ask that you be on time and stick to the time slot. If you or the teacher feels that a longer interview is needed, a longer time can be set. There is an option on the form to decline an interview or let us know if Tuesday does not work for you. **Please make sure that at least one form comes back to one of your children's teachers. If a form does not come back, we will slot you into a time that works for the schedule.**

Illness /Student absences

Thank-you to those of you who have been calling in. We did notice an increase in calls since the last newsflash and it has been very helpful. Please continue to call the office (604) 576-6411 to let us know if your child is going to be absent for the day. We do have an answering machine so you can call and leave a message outside of office hours. It is important that we know the reason for the absence so this can be recorded. Also, we have had a lot of students away sick lately. We ask that you keep your children home if they are sick, so we don't spread illness to others. Practicing proper hand washing and getting good rest are both great ways to help prevent the spread of illness.

Valentine's Day:

I know many families want to bring in treats for their child's classmates and this is a wonderful and generous thing. Please be very mindful of allergies (all nuts and gluten/dairy) and the amount of sugar that are in the treat. Treats like pencils, eraser, stickers and other small gift items are a great way to ensure that allergies are cared for, sugar intake is limited so learning can still occur and student's can still give their classmates a treat.

School Initiatives

These days our school is an active and busy place! We have had the following initiatives already this January:

- ◇ **Right to Play/Play your Part** assembly and workshop
 - Students from Grades 3-7 participated in an assembly with a former Olympian to hear how games and play can promote learning around the world and in our own community
 - Leaders chosen from Grades 4-7 then took part in a full day workshop with Roz Groenewoud to learn the games and learn about Play Your Part
 - Going forward, these leaders will be fundraising for Right to Play and organizing a Play Your Part Challenge day for the rest of the school so we can all learn different games to promote learning and playing together
- ◇ **Spirit Days**
 - Wear your family colour day – Jan. 10
 - Crazy hair day – Jan. 18
 - Upcoming we have
 - Red, White and Pink day on Feb 14
 - Twins day – Feb. 21
 - Camo Day on Mar. 1
- ◇ **Martial Arts**
- ◇ Our **community breakfast** sponsored by Independent Foods was a huge success with about 100 families in attendance eating together on Jan. 18th
- ◇ **Basketball** for our Grade 6/7's is in full swing – a shout out to our coaches who are volunteering their time: Mr. Wittal, Mr. Weber, and Mr. Smith
- ◇ **Chess Club** is happening every Friday at lunch with Mr. Smith
- ◇ **The Reading Link Challenge** – Grades 4-7 students with Ms. Brothers and Mr. Weber
- ◇ **Peer Mediators** are coming soon to a recess and lunch near you! The Peer Mediators are Grade 6 & 7 students who will be trained to help the younger children deal with smaller issues and conflicts that happen on the playground. They will be identified with special vests and introduced at an assembly to our students.
- ◇ **Healthy School Initiative** – Tracy Wong is a nurse with Fraser Health who has partnered with our school to help us gather resources and support the great work being done by our Clayton Staff on community building, and mental and physical health. Tracy presented to our PAC last night on her program. Stay tuned for a survey and family education opportunities on mental and physical well-being.

All of these initiatives are part of our school growth plan of building a culture of empathy and care for one another. We want to continue to build on our strengths: the care, and passion we all have for this Clayton community. Our staff are working hard on teaching empathy and resiliency skills in class and we are seeing great success. Our culture of care is now evident as many students have been noticed for showing their new problem-solving and kindness skills. We are really proud.

If you have any ideas for us, please email the PAC at Claytonelementarypac@gmail.com or myself at Fenrick_1@surreyschools.ca We welcome any and all suggestions and always need volunteers!



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Friday, February 1, 2019

Dear Clayton families,

It is time for parent/teacher conferences on February 12th. Good communication between home and school is absolutely vital to student success and having a team meeting where progress and goals are discussed means everyone is on the same page. A sit-down parent/teacher meeting is quite different from the regular chats that are had at drop off and pick up.

Please submit the following form by Wednesday, Feb. 6th to one of your children's teachers. If you do not send back this form, a time will be given to you after the requests have been honoured.

Children(s) name	Teacher	Division	Check off which child/teacher you handed the form to

Please select your preferences (1st, 2nd, 3rd) for a time period in which you wish to have your conferences

1:40 - 2:30	
2:30 - 3:30	
3:30 - 4:30	
4:30 - 5:30	
5:30 - 6:00	

☐ Check here if you are unable to have a conference on that day

☐ Check here if you do not want a conference at this time

We will do our best to accommodate all requests, but other arrangements may need to be made. A form will come home by Friday, Feb. 8th with your conference time slot.

Please note you do NOT need to call the office to book a time, one will be sent home to you based on your above request.



Children's BOOKS about RESILIENCE

Ages 1 - 4

- ☐ 1. Otis by Loren Long
- ☐ 2. The Most Magnificent Thing by Ashley Spires
- ☐ 3. Pete the Cat Books by E. Litwin
- ☐ 4. The Little Engine that Could by W. Piper
- ☐ 5. Gossie: A Gosling on the Go! by Olivier Dunrea

Ages 4 - 8

- ☐ 6. Fifty Cents and a Dream: Young Booker T. Washington by Jabari Asim & Bryan Collier
- ☐ 7. The Girl Who Lost Her Smile by Karim Alrawi
- ☐ 8. Sad, the Dog by Sandy Fussell & Tull Suwannakit
- ☐ 9. Rosie Revere, Engineer by Andrea Beaty & David Roberts
- ☐ 10. She Persisted: 13 American Women Who Changed the World by Chelsea Clinton & Alexandra Boiger
- ☐ 11. Ada Twist by Andrea Beaty & David Roberts
- ☐ 12. A Perfectly Messed-Up Story by Patrick McDonnell
- ☐ 13. The Dot by Peter H. Reynolds
- ☐ 14. Ish (Creatrilogy) by Peter H. Reynolds
- ☐ 15. Sometimes I'm Bombaloo by Rachel Vail & Yumi Heo
- ☐ 16. Buddha at Bedtime by Dharmachari Nagaraja
- ☐ 17. Violet the Pilot by Steve Breen
- ☐ 18. Nothing Stopped Sophie by Cheryl Bardoe & Barbara McClintock
- ☐ 19. Emmanuel's Dream by Laurie Ann Thompson & Sean Qualls
- ☐ 20. Home of the Brave by Katherine Applegate

Ages 9 - 12

- ☐ 21. You Are Awesome by Matthew Syed
- ☐ 22. Harry Potter Paperback Box Set by J. K. Rowling & Mary GrandPré
- ☐ 23. A Long Walk to Water: Based on a True Story by Linda Sue Park & Ginger Knowlton
- ☐ 24. The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind by William Kamkwamba
- ☐ 25. El Deafo by Cece Bell

Ages 12 +

- ☐ 26. Hope in a Ballet Shoe by Michaela DePrince & Elaine DePrince
- ☐ 27. Hatchet by Gary Paulsen
- ☐ 28. Fast Talk on a Slow Track by Rita Williams-Garcia
- ☐ 29. Out of My Mind by Sharon M. Draper
- ☐ 30. Every Falling Star by Sungju Lee & Susan Elizabeth McClelland

