



CLARK SCHOOL COMMUNICATOR

MARCH 2017



Clark Elementary School
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Principal

FROM THE PRINCIPAL'S DESK

This month we are celebrating Dr. Seuss' birthday. This week long celebration will kick off the month of March by having a week of different dress days that will relate to different Dr. Seuss books. On top of the themed days, the students will be partaking in different Dr. Seuss themed lessons and activities inside the classroom. On Thursday March 2, 2017 we will be celebrating the 20th annual Read Across America Day.

A few reminders of events that are taking place at Clark Elementary in the month of March

- No School Monday March 6, 2017. Just a quick reminder that we will not be in session on Monday because it is Casimir Pulaski Day.
- Spring Pictures. On Tuesday March 7, 2017, we will be taking spring pictures here at Clark Elementary.
- St. Patrick's Day. On Friday March 17, 2017 make sure to send your student to school on that day wearing something green.
- Report Cards. It is hard to believe that the third quarter of this school year is coming to a close but it is. Please be on the lookout for report cards to be sent home on Friday March 17.

Looking Ahead

- Fun Fair. Make sure to clear your calendars from 12 to 3pm on April 8 for the fun fair. This family friendly event will be held at the South Beloit High School.
- Dental Van. The dental van will be coming to Clark Elementary on April 21. Make sure that your student is present on this date if they plan to see the dentist.
- Spring Concert. This year the spring concert will be held on April 25 at 6pm. This event will be held at the High School in the auditorium. We look forward to seeing everyone there.

If you have any questions or concerns please do not hesitate to stop in or call the school. It has been a pleasure working with you and your students so far at Clark.

Eric Mowbray
Principal at Clark Elementary



CALENDAR OF MARCH UPCOMING EVENTS



March 6th

NO SCHOOL – Observance of Casimir Pulaski Day

March 7th

Spring Picture Day

March 17th

Happy St. Patrick's Day! Wear something Green to school ☺

March 17th

Report Cards Home

March 27th – March 31st

NO SCHOOL – SPRING BREAK

April 3rd

SCHOOL RESUMES

Looking ahead ☺ Clark School Spring Concert will be Tuesday, April 25th. More information to follow.

Preschool Happenings

The preschoolers have been hard at work these past few weeks. They are doing amazing! We are continuing to learn about a new letter each week. Students will participate in activities focused on each letter and learn how to write them. We will also celebrate Dr. Seuss' birthday this month by sampling green eggs and ham, participating in spirit week, and reading different Dr. Seuss books. We are still collecting family photos to put together on our "Family Board", so please remember to send a family photo in to your child's teacher. As always, please make sure you check your child's red folder every night for any important information

Mrs. Wells

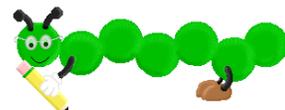
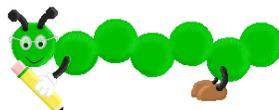
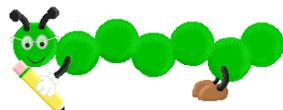
Mrs. Hounshell



Library News

Thank you to all the families who contributed to the Scholastic Book Fair. With your help, we were able to raise almost \$1,000.00 for new books for the library and classrooms. Congratulations to Audrey Doty for winning the "Guess How Many Gummy Worms" contest, and Alexys Encchs for winning the "Guess How Many Goldfish" contest. Just a reminder... Please be sure that your child returns their library book on time. If library books are not returned on the due date, the student will not be allowed to check out a book during their library time. If your student's library book is lost, please send in \$5.00 to replace it. Thank you for your cooperation and support!

Mrs. Fisher
Librarian



Kindergarten Happenings

What an exciting week we have had learning about Dr. Seuss. We have worked on rhyming, reading and made craft projects. Our next theme in reading is entitled Spring is Here. We will be discussing animals and their habitats. The children are also enjoying learning about eagles and watching the Decorah eagle's nest. In math, we will be composing and decomposing numbers 11 through 19, using tens frames. We will continue to practice addition and subtraction skills as well. On St. Patrick's Day we will have various classroom activities. Please mark your calendars for the annual Fun Fair which will be held on Saturday, April 8th.

Please be sure your kids dress appropriately for outdoor recess as the weather conditions change daily.

Sincerely,
The Kindergarten Team

Mrs. Dooley
Mrs. Larson
Mrs. Pride
Ms. Robare



Fabulous First Grade News

Top of the mornin' to ya! Hopefully March finds us observing some green outside! Inside the classroom, we will learn about St. Patrick's Day traditions and Ireland.

In Reading, we will be focusing on non-fiction texts through fun science topics. We will also focus on word endings such as -s, -ed, and -ing. March studies also include reading and learning about amazing human beings through biographies.

In Math, we will be focusing on graphs. We will also "Spring forward" our clocks, and we will continue to learn how to tell time using analog and digital clocks! Please help your child by practicing at home. Fun ways to do this may include making an evening schedule together. This schedule may consist of eating dinner at 5:00, reading books at 7:00 and going to bed at 8:00. Children do great with schedules and they will enjoy practicing telling time! We will end March with two dimensional shapes and fractions.

Please continue to check your child's folder every day! We have a very busy schedule ahead of us!

Fabulous Firsties,
Mrs. Guilbault
Dr. Lak
Mrs. LeCrone
Mrs. O'Brien



SAVE THE DATE !!



Clark & Riverview
Annual Family Fun Fair
Saturday, April 8th
12:00 to 3:00 PM
South Beloit High School

**Preschool/Kindergarten Screening
2017-2018 School Year**

Preschool and Kindergarten screening for the 2017-2018 school year will be held on the dates below at Clark Elementary School.

Tuesday, March 21 st	10:00 am to 5:00 pm
Wednesday, March 22 nd	9:00 am to 4:00 pm

The Preschool screening is for children who will be 3 or 4 years of age by September 1, 2017 and reside in the South Beloit School District. The purpose of the screening is to identify any potential difficulties students may be having. Our preschool program is a grant funded program and is not an open enrollment preschool. A student who may require additional help is placed in the program first, as space is limited.

The Kindergarten screening is required for all children who will be 5 years of age by September 1, 2017, and will be entering Kindergarten in the Fall of 2017.

Please call the school at 815-389-2311 between the hours of 9:00 am 3:00 pm to schedule your appointment.

Students who are currently enrolled in our preschool **do not** need to make an appointment to be screened, as this will be done during their normal classroom time.



Physical Education News from Mrs. Hanfeld

March is National Nutrition Month!!

National Nutrition Month is a nutrition education and information campaign, created annually in March by the Academy of Nutrition and Dietetics. The campaign focusses attention on the importance of making informed food choices and developing sound eating and physical activity habits. Also realizing that how, when, why, and where we eat are just as important as what we eat. Develop mindful eating patterns that include nutritious and flavorful foods.

A special thank you to all the Clark and Riverview Elementary students who participated in this year's Jump for Heart event, and the parent and teacher volunteers. With our combined efforts we were able to raise over \$3,000.00 for the American Heart Association!!!!

