



April 2024 Family Newsletter

Clearview Families,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable spring break and Easter holiday. We are nearing the end of the school year and the last weeks of school will bring lots of activities for us. I want to highlight two upcoming events that will happen on Monday, April 8th. As most of you are aware a rare solar eclipse will be happening near us and we are hoping to be able to view this in our area. We are encouraging our students to wear black as part of our “black out day” on Monday as a fun way to celebrate the solar eclipse. We plan on having students go outside during the peak times of the eclipse on Monday afternoon. Students will be provided glasses that will allow them to view the eclipse safely. In addition, students are welcome to bring towels to sit on the grass to watch the eclipse. Our teachers are planning other fun learning activities that students will participate in. Let’s just hope sunny and clear skies are in the forecast for this day!

Later that evening as part of our monthly PTSO meeting we will be having a dedication ceremony for our new playground. We will be holding our regular business meeting first at 6:00 p.m. in the library. This will be followed by the dedication ceremony on the playground. We are inviting all parents and students to come attend this event. If you have never been to a PTSO meeting before this is a great opportunity for you to come see how you can support our school and become involved. We hope to see you there!

Respectfully,

Dr. Matt Busekrus

Clearview Elementary Principal

New Playground Equipment at Clearview !



After years of fundraising our new playground equipment was recently installed. Much thanks to all of our PTSO fundraising efforts over the past several years. Additional thanks goes out to our Buildings and Grounds Department that completed the project ahead of schedule. The students love the new playground!

Clearview Classroom Highlights Section



All Clearview K-6th grade students recently participated in Career Day. We appreciated all of the community members and parent volunteers that came to talk to our students about their careers. In this picture Dr. Marissa Stock talked to 3rd grade students from Mrs. Byrne's class about her job as a pediatrician.

Clearview News and Notes

Boundary Meeting for Clearview/South Point

For any parents that were unable to attend an informational meeting about an proposed attendance boundary change between Clearview and South Point Elementary an April meeting will be held on Tuesday, April 9th at South Point Elementary at 6:00 p.m. This meeting will allow for parents that would be affected by the proposed boundary change to ask questions and provide feedback. Any questions prior to the meeting can be answered by Assistant Superintendent, John McColloch. john.mccolloch@sdownmo.org

MAP Testing for 3-6th Grade Students

For parents that have students in grades 3-6th please note that spring MAP testing will be happening starting on Monday, April 22nd and running through Wednesday, May 1st. Students will be taking tests in reading, math, and science (5th grade only). During this time we stress the importance of students getting plenty of rest the night before testing, eating a good breakfast, and being at school on time. We will primarily be testing in the mornings and if possible we ask parents to avoid making student appointments during these times if possible.

Parent Input Needed

The annual review of the District Title II.A and IV.A programs meeting is approaching quickly. There will be two meetings held in April (one in person and the second via zoom). The in person meeting will be on April 15th at 4pm, located at the Board of Education Office. The second meeting is on April 16th at 10:30am via zoom. A link will be sent to participants prior to the meeting. If you are interested in being a part of one of these meetings please contact Assistant Superintendent Maranda Anderson at maranda.anderson@sdownmo.org. Questions can also be addressed to Joann Spreckelmeyer at joann.spreckelmeyer@sdownmo.org.

Dine to Donate

Clearview Elementary PTSO will be holding a dine to donate at Papa Murphy's on April 17th. Papa Murphy's will be donating 25% of the total online purchase back to Clearview Elementary PTSO with the online code DONATE.

Wings Card Fundraiser

We will be selling wings cards again this year for a fundraiser for the school and WINGS. The sales have started and will continue until April 15th. The cost of each card this year will be \$15. Prizes are awarded to students who sell cards. Please see additional information about the cards and the prizes that was sent home in the information packets.

School District Survey

The 2023-24 SDOW Parent and Family: School and District Climate Survey window is open from April 1st-12th. Your anonymous feedback on this 3-5 minute survey will assist in our growth as a District and provide feedback for the future of the District through our new strategic plan. Please take a few minutes to provide your voice on this important aspect of our continuous learning as a school and District. If you were not provided an email, please check your SPAM folder for the "School District of Washington - Parent and Family Survey" email or contact Dr. Jennifer Kephart at jennifer.kephart@sdowmo.org for additional access.

WMS Cheer Tryouts

We are going to be sending out a flier to 6th grade students regarding cheer tryouts for next school year. If your student is interested they are holding tryouts May 8th-10th from 4:30-5:45 pm. The flier will have a QR code on the flier to sign up to participate.

5th Grade DARE Graduation

Our 5th grade students have been participating in the DARE program with the Franklin County Sheriff's Office during the 2nd semester and will be graduating in a special ceremony that will be held at Clearview on Wednesday, April 17th at 1:45 in the Clearview gym. All 5th grade parents and family members are invited to attend this event.

Counselors Corner with Mrs. Moore

Spring has sprung! Hopefully everyone enjoyed some quality family time outside enjoying the weather. Career Day was a huge success! Thank you to all the family members who presented to our students. In the next couple weeks we will be finishing up classroom counseling for the year. The focus will be mindfulness/self control/ and finishing the year strong.

Information from Nurse Carmen

Happy Spring! Permission slips were sent home on 3/19 for the Big Smiles Dental program that will be held at school April 8th. This will be the second visit from Big Smiles this year and it is a great opportunity to have your child seen by a dentist if they are in need of a cleaning/treatment. Please reach out to me if you have any questions.

carmen.wood@sdownmo.org

New Family Vacation Form

If your family is planning on going on an upcoming vacation that is outside of a planned school break, a family vacation form needs to be completed and turned into the office prior to your vacation. Once we are notified that you will be on vacation, we will send the form home to be completed. Although we certainly value family vacations, the district is responsible for monitoring and reporting student attendance per policy JED. Please be aware that vacations may be marked unexcused in a student's record. Per DESE guidelines students are expected to be in school at least 90% of the time. In addition, parents should be aware that teachers will not always be able to provide multiple days

worth of work prior to leaving and work will need to be completed upon their return. As much as possible we encourage family vacations to be taken during school breaks. Per the student handbook, students will be allowed a minimum of two days per absence to complete make-up work.

ChromeBook Insurance

Additional information regarding the chrome book insurance is available on the school district website at:

https://cdnsm5-ss19.sharpschool.com/UserFiles/Servers/Server_163438/File/Deapartment/7831380487514854132.pdf .

Please visit the **One2OneRisk.com** website to enroll your child(ren) into this program. You will need their LUMEN (lunch) number and can pay with a debit card, credit card or ECheck. Parents are reminded to print out, complete and return the One2One agreement for each child to be able to use a chrome book.

Green Team School Recycling Project

Our student leadership team is collecting several items to be recycled. We would like to involve our entire school community by asking that any of the items in the picture below you use at home be saved and brought into school. There will be 2 decorated trash cans by the cafeteria doors for them to be placed in. There will also be 3 bins placed in the school provided by NexTrex to collect these items. Our goal is to collect 1,000 pounds of these items within a year to win a bench for our school. We are super excited about this project and can't wait for everyone to participate. Thank you in advance for your help with this project!



PTSO (Parent Teacher Student Organization) Information

Please consider becoming a part of our Clearview PTSO. This is a parent organization that assists our Clearview students and staff. There is no charge to join and meetings are held on the 2nd Monday of each month at 6:30 p.m. Various events are planned through the school year that parents can volunteer or donate items for. Our next meeting will be on Monday, April 8th at 6:00 p.m. in the Clearview library.

Student Lunches

Parents can make deposits into student lunch accounts by going to the district website at www.washington.k12.mo.us and using the online payment option under the parent tab or under the quick links. When paying for your child's lunches online, you will need to put an "S" for students in front of your child's LUMEN ID number. You may also send a check or cash in with your child to school but especially if it is cash, please put in an envelope with your child's name and that it is for lunch money.

Elementary breakfast and lunch charges will be as follows: student breakfast is \$1.75 and student lunch is \$2.75. Reduced meal prices are \$0.30 for breakfast and \$0.40 for lunch. If you would like to be considered for meals at a free or reduced cost, a form must be completed. Even if you qualified last year for free or reduced meals, you will need to resubmit an application for this year. Forms may be completed at any time during the school year should something change such as a job loss, etc. Please contact our office if you have any questions.

Bus Information

If you are in need of your child's Security Code for the First View App, please let us know. If at any time you have a bus issue, please contact the First Student office at 636-239-1429. Please remember if you are needing to make any transportation changes

prior to students leaving school for the day, please contact our office. If your child will need to ride a bus other than their regular bus, First Student does ask that a change of transportation form be completed and turned in 24 hours in advance. These forms are available in our office and should be returned to us, and we will submit them to First Student. If for some reason the change is not approved, we will let you know as soon as we are notified.

Attendance:

We ask if your child is going to be out of school for the day, to please contact the office by 8:30 a.m. (at 636-231-2500) to report the absence. We do have voicemail and check emails daily if that is more convenient. Email absences to samantha.roetheli@sdownmo.org and also your child's teacher. If you leave a message or email us, please specify the reason for the absence and if you would like to either have homework sent home with someone or if you would like to pick it up. For those who are not able to pick up homework until after school, just let us know. We have a rack hanging in the front office entry way marked homework, and we will put the work in one of the slots. Homework may be picked up anytime until the door locks at 6:00 p.m.

Student Cell Phones

Per our student handbook, cell phones, electronics, and any other communication devices may not be used by students during school hours. Students that have cell phones must keep these in their backpacks during school hours. If you are needing to contact your child please call the office rather than trying to reach them on their cell phone. Inappropriate use of cell phones may result in disciplinary consequences or confiscation of the device.

Student Water Bottles

We encourage parents to send children to school with a water bottle to drink from throughout the day. We have several bottle filling stations located in the building that can

be used to refill the bottles as needed. Water bottles can be left at school for continued use through the week. It is also helpful to have water bottles labeled with their names (first and last) to help in identifying these.

Student Birthday Treats

For students that want to bring in treats to celebrate a birthday please make sure these are individually wrapped. These could be “Little Debbie” snacks or other pre-packaged treats and snacks. Prior to doing this please check with the child’s teacher to ensure we avoid any issues with potential student allergies.

Lunch and Breakfast Menu April

Visit the following link to find the lunch and breakfast menus for the month.

https://www.washington.k12.mo.us/departments/food_services

April 2024 Calendar of Events

4/1-4/12: District Parent Survey Window

4/8 PTSO meeting and New Playground Dedication Ceremony 6:00 p.m.

4/8-4/15 Wings Card Sales Fundraiser

4/8 Big Smiles Dental Clinic at Clearview

4/9 Last day of 5th Grade Tutoring

4/9 Spring Blood Drive Donor Bus at Clearview from 3:00-7:00 p.m.

4/11 Clearview Spelling Bee 1:15 (4-6th grades)

4/17 Spring Picture Day

4/17 DARE graduation at 1:45 (Clearview Gym)

4/17 Papa Murphy’s Dine to Donate Online Sales

4/19 No School for Students. Staff Professional Development Day

4/22 - 5/8 MAP testing for 3-6th grades

4/22 4th quarter progress reports

4/26 Relay for Life at WHS for 3-6th grade students 3:30-7:00 p.m.
4/28 PTSO family bowling at Oasis Lanes

Save the Date (May 2024)

5/3: 6th Grade Track and Field Day
5/3: PTSO Movie Night at 6:30 p.m.
5/9: Kindergarten Program 6:00 p.m.
5/9: 2nd Grade Field Trip to Earth's Classroom
5/9: 6th Grade Track and Field Rain Date
5/10: Kindergarten Field Day.
5/10: 1st Grade Field Trip to Brookdale Farms
5/10: 4th Grade Field Trip to Historical Society
5/13: PTSO meeting 6:30 p.m.
5/17: PTSO Field Day K-6th
5/20: Modified Day for Students
5/21: Modified Day for Students/Last Day of School

More Information for Clearview Elementary and the School District of Washington can be found by visiting:

School District of Washington Web Page: <http://www.washington.k12.mo.us/>

Clearview Facebook Page: <https://www.facebook.com/ClearviewElementaryUnionMissouri>

